

ANOTHER SPRING by Mladen Kovačević

(Serbia, Qatar, 2022, 88')

Logline

In one of the biggest medical achievements of our civilization - eradication of smallpox, the 1972 epidemic in Yugoslavia remains one of its most inspiring chapters.

Short Synopsis

Smallpox is the deadliest disease in human history that killed almost 500 million people in the 20th century alone, and it is the only deadly virus eradicated by humans, which is regarded as the biggest achievement of our civilization. In the story that united the entire world, the 1972 epidemic in Yugoslavia, the final outbreak of smallpox in Europe, is still remembered as one of its most horrifying and inspiring chapters.

Long Synopsis

Another Spring is a medical thriller reconstructed from the 50 years old archive footage, taking place in the spring of 1972, when the deadly smallpox virus was brought into Yugoslavia from the bazaar in Iraq. The disease was spreading for a whole month before it was discovered in Kosovo, while in Belgrade it remained undetected even when the first patients started dying. Smallpox is the deadliest disease in human history that killed almost 500 million people in the 20th century alone. It is also the only deadly virus eradicated by humans, which is regarded as one of the biggest achievements of our civilization. In the story that united the entire world, the Yugoslavian epidemic is still remembered as one of the most horrifying and inspiring chapters. It was the final outbreak of smallpox in Europe.

BIOGRAPHY AND FILMOGRAPHY

Mladen Kovačević's poetic approach is rooted in simplicity of realism; his films explore various styles with idiosyncratic dramatic structures and the unconventional approach to naturalistic esthetics.

Mladen Kovačević's films have been screened at festivals around the world, including Rotterdam, Visions du Réel, IDFA, Hot Docs, DOK Leipzig, CPH:DOX, FIDMarseille, awarded and broadcasted internationally. In the last several years, he has directed four films UNPLUGGED (2013), WALL OF DEATH AND ALL THAT (2016), 4 YEARS IN 10 MINUTES (2018), and MERRY CHRISTMAS, YIWU (2020). ANOTHER SPRING is his fourth feature documentary.

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY

festivals & awards

ANOTHER SPRING (2022, 88min)

KVIFF (World premiere)

World sales: Taskovski Films Ltd

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, YIWU (2020, 94min)

Rotterdam IFF (world premiere), Hot Docs, Sarajevo FF (Heart of Sarajevo for Best Documentary),
DocLisboa, Ji.hlava IDf, RIDM, Flahertiana IDFF (FIPRESCI Award & Special Mention), Fipadoc
Broadcasters: ARTE / NDR, RTBF, RTS, RSI, YLE, Current Time TV, ORF
World Sales: Horopter Film Production, Sisyfos Film Production

4 YEARS IN 10 MINUTES (2018, 63min)

Visions du Réel (world premiere & Special Mention), Beldocs (Grand Prix), ZagrebDox (Special Mention),
Ibiza Cinefest (Best Documentary), Hot Docs, RIDM, IDFA (Best of Fests)
World Sales: Kino Rebelde

WALL OF DEATH AND ALL THAT (2016, 62min)

Visions du Réel (world premiere), Beldocs (Grand Prix & Best Camera), Sarajevo Film Festival
Martovski Festival (Best Music & Best Sound Design), ZagrebDox
World Sales: Restart Distribution

UNPLUGGED (2013, 51min)

Visions du Réel (world premiere), Beldocs (Grand Prix), Hot Docs, CPH:DOX, FIDMarseille, Acampa Doc
(Best Documentary, Best Directing), Brooklyn Film Festival (Spirit Award), DokLeipzig
World Sales: Taskovski Films