Vážení přátelé,

rádi bychom Vás pozvali ke sledování českých filmů promítaných v rámci úspěšného filmového festivalu Czech That Film, který pokračuje i letos v poněkud pozměněné podobě. Filmy můžete zhlédnout online za menší poplatek.

Pokud máte zájem se na filmy podívat z pohodlí Vašeho domova, níže najdete informaci, která je také zveřejněna v češtině na našich oficiálních webových stránkách <u>www.mzv.cz/ottawa</u> spolu s programem a anotací k jednotlivým filmům.

Přejeme Vám všem příjemný zážitek.

Dear friends,

we would like to let you know that this year the film festival Czech That Film is exceptionally screened for a small fee online due to COVID-19. You can also find the complete program and information on our official website <a href="https://www.mzv.cz/ottawa">www.mzv.cz/ottawa</a>

We wish you a pleasant experience watching Czech films from the comfort of your home.

Embassy of the Czech Republic in Ottawa

## **Czech That Film Festival ONLINE**

29.04.2020

We are pleased to announce that this year, the festival of contemporary Czech cinema Czech That Film will be screened online. Due to measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the festival is moving to the virtual world. The festival is organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with Czech centres.

Each week you will find one Czech movie online on the website of <u>Czech That Film</u>. The schedule is as following:

- 1) Old-Timers (Staříci) from April 27 till May 3
- 2) Karel, Me and You (Karel, já a ty) from May 4 till May 10
- 3) The Cage (Klec) from May 11 till May 17
- 4) On the Roof (Na střeše) from May 18 till May 24
- 5) Overfingers (Přes prsty) from May 25 till May 31
- 6) The Play (Hra) from June 1 till June 7

You can watch the first film Old-Timers on this website from April 27.

Screening conditions: The price for watching the film is 4 USD (approx. 5.50 CAD). Payment is made through the payment gateway directly on the website of <a href="Czech That Film">Czech That Film</a> and immediately after the payment, the film is available for launch.

You can find the Czech That Film festival on social media: Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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Film program:

# **OLD-TIMERS | STAŘÍCI**

Directed by Martin Dušek and Ondřej Provazník, 2019, 85 min.

Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDPL300GEvY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDPL300GEvY</a>

"Old-Timers is a realistic depiction of what an assassination by two seniors would look like." "Martin Kudláč, ScreenAnarchy

Vlasta (Jiří Schmitzer) and Tonda (Ladislav Mrkvička) have one goal in mind: to find and kill the communist prosecutor who sent them to prison in the 1950s. Inspired by actual events, the two former political prisoners head out on the road to accomplish their mission, brandishing two guns, driving a van reminiscent of their own age, and developing their plan for revenge. The octogenarians, one with an ailing heart and the other confined to a wheelchair, though, are not one's everyday assassins. Dashed with a bit of humor, their real aches and pains can be felt as they journey to set the wrongs done to them right. With little time left to live, justice is the endgame.

Old-Timers is based on a true story from the late 1990s of two men's plot to kill communist prosecutor Karel Vaš, who four decades earlier had secured prison terms for them and the death sentence for several of their friends.

The film won 2019 Czech Film Critics' Awards for Best Film, Best Actor (Jiří Schmitzer), and Best Director. The film garnered ten Czech Lion nominations in such categories as Best Film, Best Screenplay, and Best Director, including nominations for the two starring actors.

## KAREL, JÁ A TY | KAREL, ME AND YOU

Directed by Bohdan Karásek, 2019, 111 min.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YefpcEHxcqE

Saša feels that her marriage to Karel has come to a dead end, so she decides to move out for a while, finding refuge with Dušan. Both are trying to work out their relationships and provide support for each other as uncertainty gets the better of them.

#### THE CAGE | KLEC

Directed by Jiří Strach, 2019, 87 min.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0MH-H3ppNs

"Jiřina Bohdalová and Kryštof Hádek star in this unpredictable psychological thriller as two people who end up imprisoned in a ground-floor flat." ~Jan Škoda, *Karlovy Vary International Film Festival*.

Eighty-year-old, widowed-pensioner Květa Galová (Jiřina Bohdalová) lives alone in a first floor flat. She learns that her parish priest will be transferred to another church to her great disappointment. Just when it seems no one needs her anymore, she meets a mysterious young man (Kryštof Hádek) who claims to be her distant relative. She soon realizes her mistake after welcoming him into her home. Trapped in her own apartment, can she outwit this stranger before it is too late, or will she remain his captive in a cage?

The film was, among others, screened at the renowned Karlovy Vary International Film Festival.

# ON THE ROOF | NA STŘEŠE

Directed by Jiří Mádl, 2019, 100 min.

Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ovlfz267Bls">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ovlfz267Bls</a>

Retired teacher Mr. Rypar (Alois Švehlík) discovers a 20-year-old Vietnamese man named Song (Duy Anh Tran) on the roof of his Prague apartment building. The man is on the brink of jumping after he narrowly escapes a police raid on an illegal drug trade. Rypar does not know if he should trust Song but decides to offer him a job of cleaning his apartment. Rypar helps Song to improve his Czech and gives him advice on love, while Song offers him some friendly competition at chess, insight into the digital age and present-day perspective. They come from

polarizing worlds, but they just might be what the other needs. Through the film, actor-turned-director Jiří Mádl presents an unassuming story of a friendship developing against all odds.

On the Roof received seven nominations for the prestigious Czech Lion award in such categories as Best Film, Best Screenplay, Best Director, and Best Actor in a Leading Role (Alois Švehlík), among others. The film was also nominated for the Audience Award at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. Director Jiří Mádl received the Grand Newcomer Award at the Mannheim-Heidelberg International Film Festival for the film.

# **PŘES PRESTY | OVERFINGERS**

Directed by Petr Kolečko, 2019, 101 min.

Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvdiRG7syRo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvdiRG7syRo</a>

Linda and Pavla, beach volleyball players, are willing to give up everything for their sports goals. Younger Pavla, however, has lately another goal too - to start a family with her boyfriend Hynek. The older, single and childless Linda doesn't have much understanding for Pavla's desires since they finally managed to qualify for European championship.

## **HRA | THE PLAY**

Directed by Alejandro Fernández Almendras, 2019, 93 min.

Trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q</a> CW PeHLE

The world of the young theatre director Petr in a small Czech town crumbles after he decides to realize his dream: to adapt an overly ambitious play based on Euripides' classic Phaedra. Petr falls for young actress Karolína, who plays the lead. Shortly before the premiere both women leave him. Petr attempts to save his masterpiece, but the play is a fiasco.