

CZECH MOVIES

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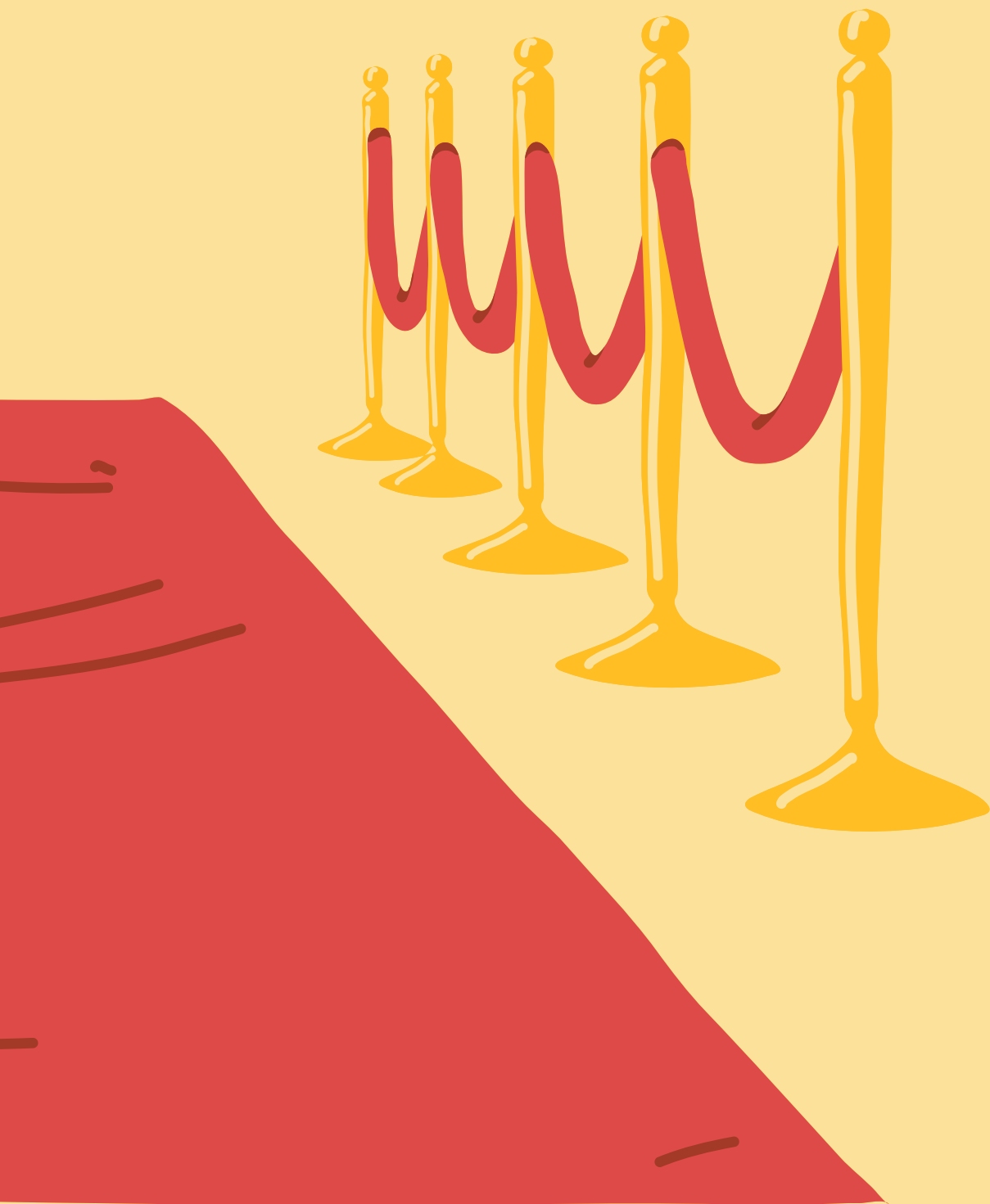


INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the Czech Republic! In this document you will find a list of movies which I find captivating. They offer a glimpse into Czech culture, historical events and the art of cinematography.

Most of the films can be found on Netflix or HBO Max.

So, grab some popcorn, settle in and enjoy your movie time!

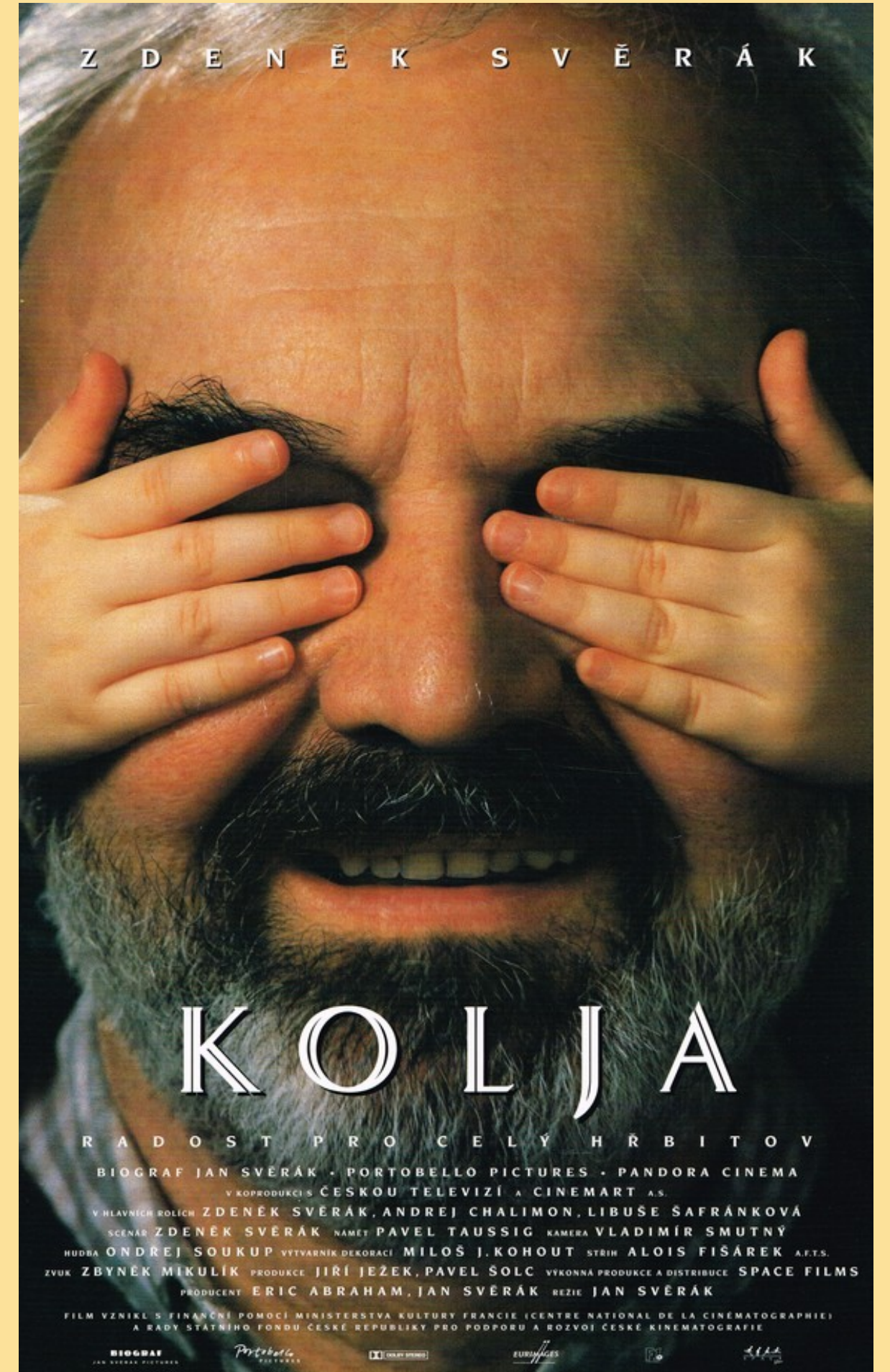
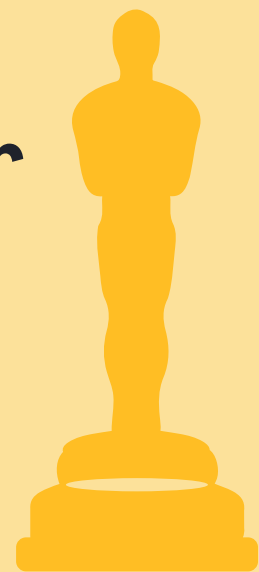


KOLYA

Kolja, 1996

A heartwarming story about a Czech musician who forms unlikely bond with a Russian kid during the political upheaval in Czechoslovakia . The film explores topics of friendship, love and cultural differences.

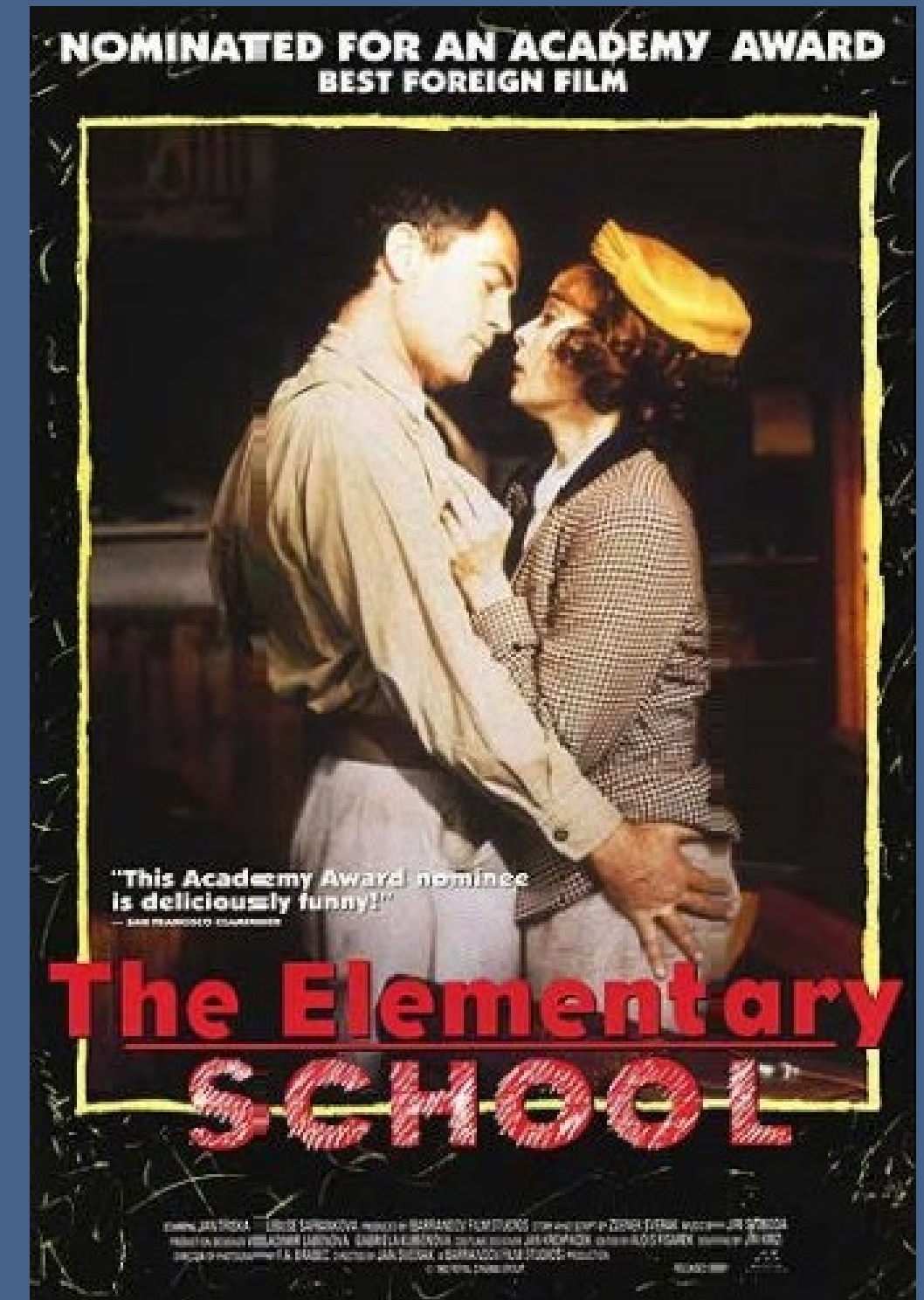
This movie has won an Oscar for the Best Foreign Language Film.



THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Obecná škola, 1991

It is 1945. 10 year old Eda and his friend Tonda live in a Prague's suburban area. In school, their class is so wild and indisciplined that their teacher quits and is replaced by the militant Igor Hnídzo. He is very strict - but also very just. His weakness is his interest in young women.



COSY DENŠ

Pelíšky, 1999

Set in 1968 Prague Spring. Humorously portraits the lives of two families: one pro-communist and the other pro-Western, living in the same building. The film explores political tensions and human relationships in a witty and satirical manner.

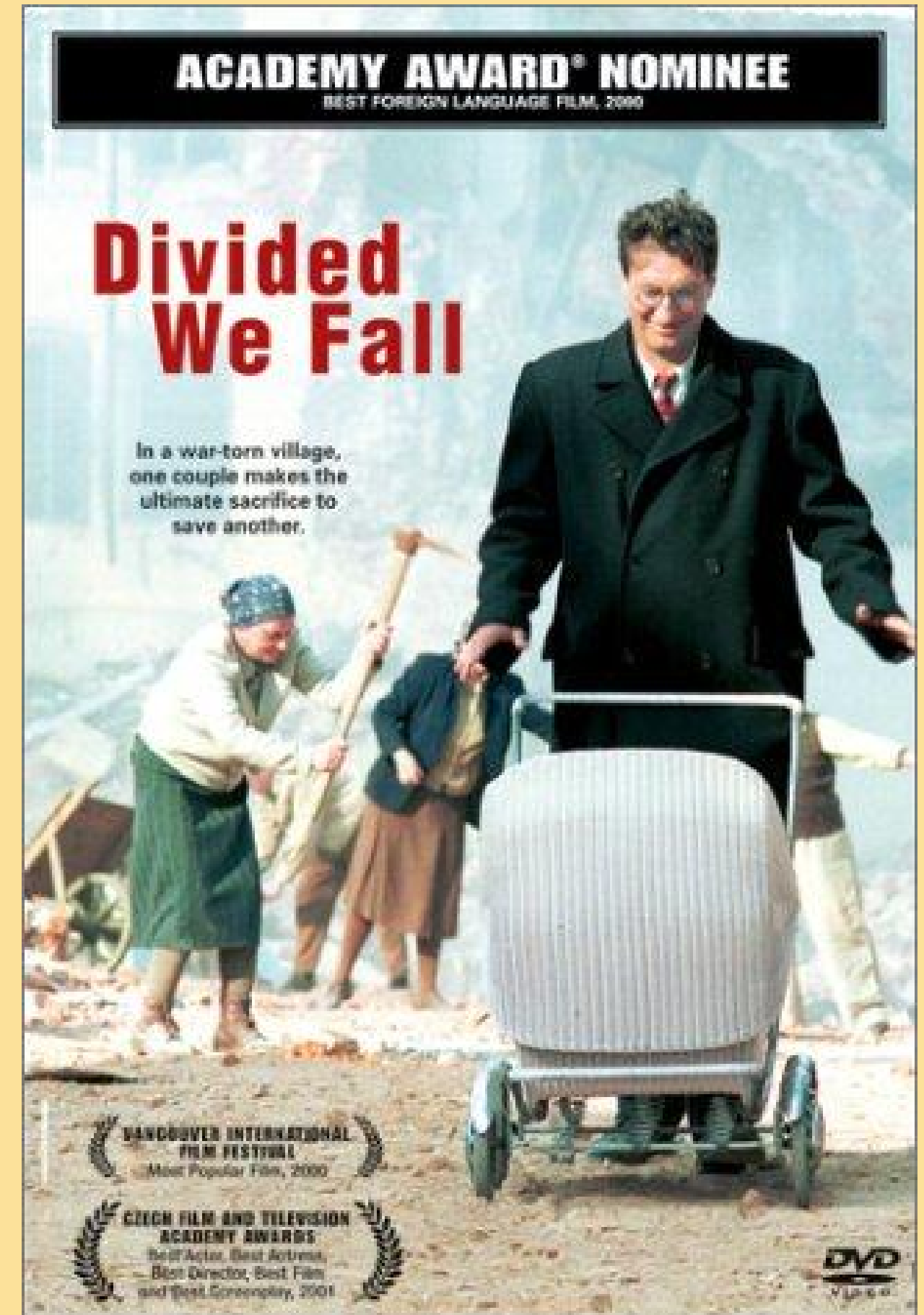
This movie is aired every year on Christmas Eve (right after Three Wishes for Cinderella), it is a tradition to watch it that night. It is a very popular film, everyone can quote many scenes.



DIVIDED WE FALL

Musíme si pomáhat, 2000

In Nazi occupied Czechia (then Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia), a childless couple agree to hide a Jewish friend at great personal risk of discovery and execution. Filled with tension and moral dilemmas the film explores bravery, sacrifice and humanity.

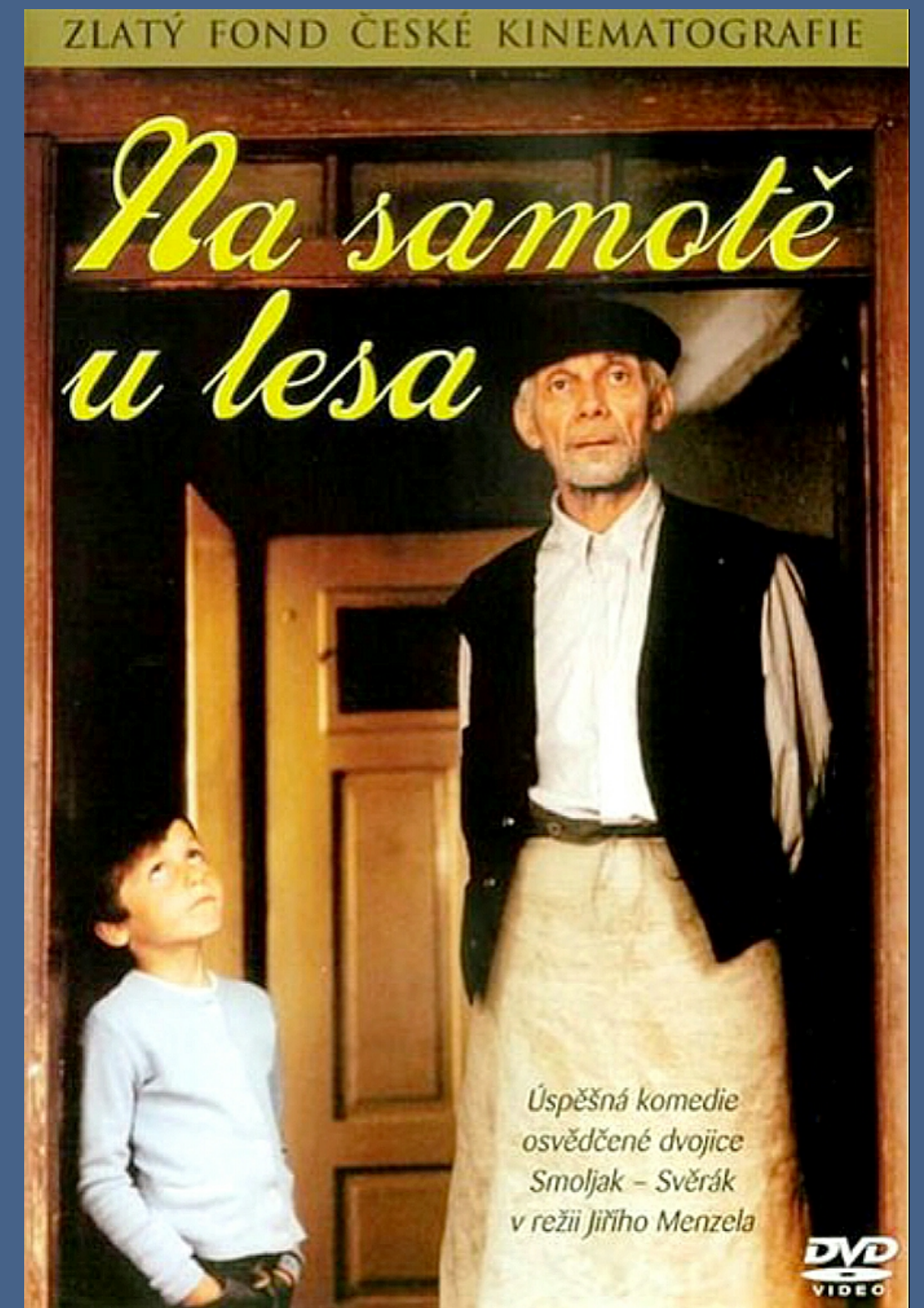


SECLUDED, NEAR WOODS

Na samotě u lesa, 1976

popular comedy

The Lavička's, a Czech family from the city, rents a house in the country with the option to buy. However, old Mr Komarek seems reluctant to sell the house as they agreed.



ANTHROPOID

**2016, starring Jamie Dornan,
Cillian Murphy**

Movie about Czech national heroes based on the true story of Operation Anthropoid during WWII. It follows the mission of assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, a key architect of the Holocaust. The film delves into planning and execution of the heroic act, depicting the bravery and sacrifices of those involved.



BAREFOOT

Po strništi bos, 2017

The film follows the young boy Eda and his extended family during World War II. The family has to move to the countryside because of political reasons. Eda makes new friends and meets his uncle who doesn't get along with rest of the family. The young family needs to get used to a new life and uncover a family secret.

Prequel of The Elementary School

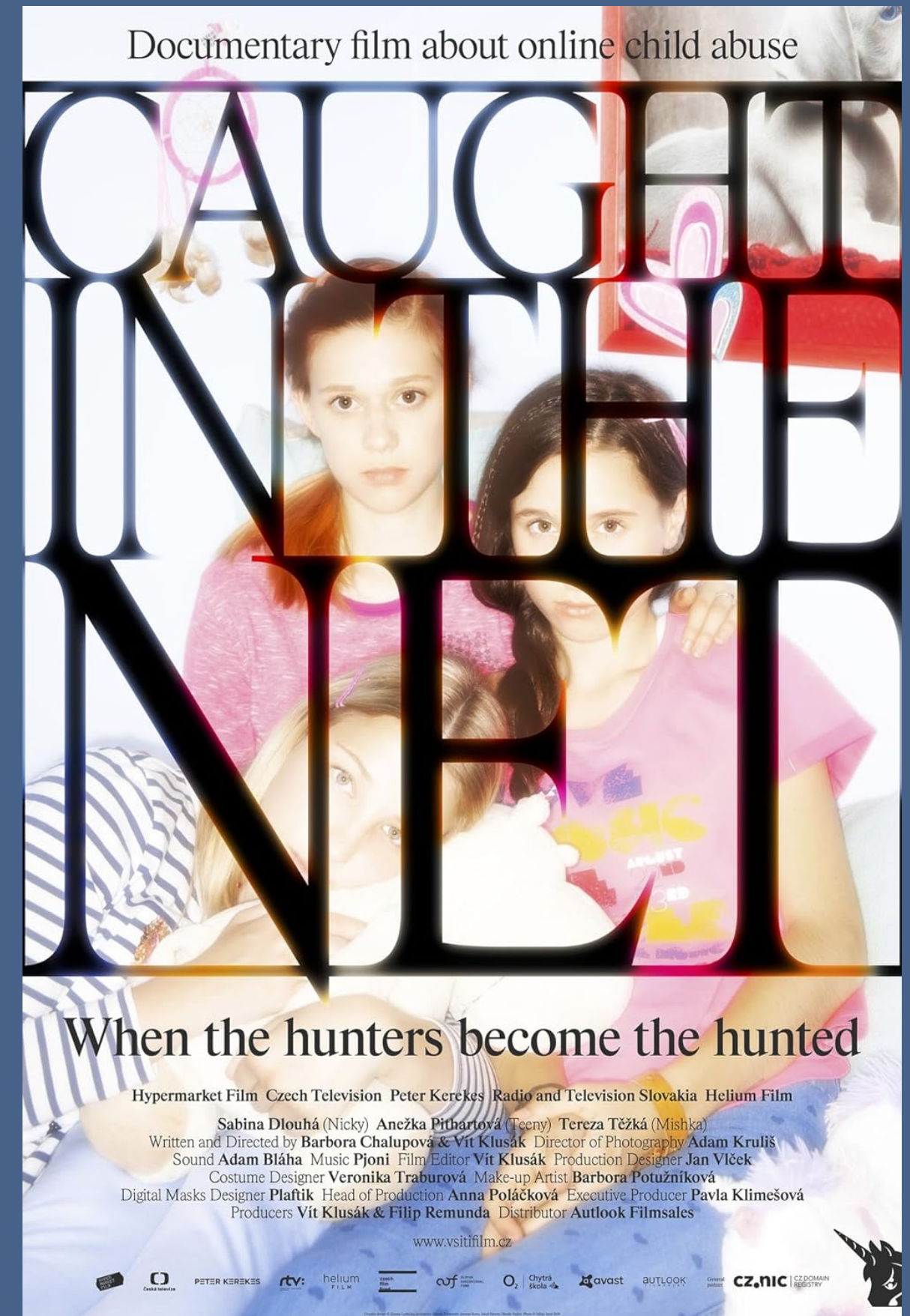


CAUGHT IN THE NET

V síti, 2020

✨shaked the whole society✨

Documentary film about sexual predators on the internet. The film documents three actresses pretending to be adolescent girls on social media who are contacted by sexual predators that try to seduce them and start sending them photos of their genitalia. Sexual predators appearing in the film attracted focus of police after the release of the film and at least one of them was convicted at the court.



CZECH DREAM

Český sen, 2004

A documentary film that satirically explores consumerism and advertising. Directed by two students from the Czech Film Academy, Vít Klusák and Filip Remunda, the film follows their creation of a massive advertising campaign for a fictional hypermarket called "Czech Dream." Will people believe in it and show up for the grand opening?



OWNERS

Vlastníci, 2019

comedy

Owners of flats in an apartment building meet at a regular house meeting to resolve the necessary sale of attic space to deal with the emergency state of the house. But the seemingly simple vote is complicated by the fact that everyone has their own ideas and agenda.



THE CREMATATOR

Spalovač mrtvol, 1969

Based on a classic Czech book

The movie follows the story of Karel Kopfrkingl, a cremator in Prague during the 1930s, who becomes increasingly obsessed with the idea of purifying the world. As political and social turmoil engulfs Czechoslovakia, Kopfrkingl's delusions intensify, leading him down a dark path of madness and manipulation. The film is a chilling exploration of totalitarianism, the human psyche, and the dangers of ideological extremism.



EMERGENCY SITUATION

Mimořádná událost, 2022

chamber tragicomedy

The plot takes place over the course of one day, and the initial idea of the author Havelka was brought about by a real event, when in February 2019, a train with passengers ran several kilometers without a driver on the Křižanov–Studenec railway line.



FALL OF THE INNOCENT

Lidice, 2011

Movie based on the burning of the village of Lidice by Nazi Germany. The film tells three interconnected stories that all have to do with burning down and the destruction of Lidice in 1942.

Warning: contains a lot of disturbing footage. However it covers an important events of the Czech history which still resonate...



OUT OF THE CITY

Cesta z města, 2000

Honza, a programmer, initially heads to the countryside for a weekend trip with his son, loaded with gadgets. However, he ends up staying for weeks, forming deep connections with locals, including a rebellious girl named Markéta. Honza finds joy in the simplicity of rural life, bonding with the villagers, and experiencing the allure of homemade liqueurs. When business obligations force him back to the city, he returns transformed, and can't forget the time in the village - or Markéta.

This movie also have 2 sequels - To the Woods (Cesta do lesa) and The Way Home (Cesta domů)

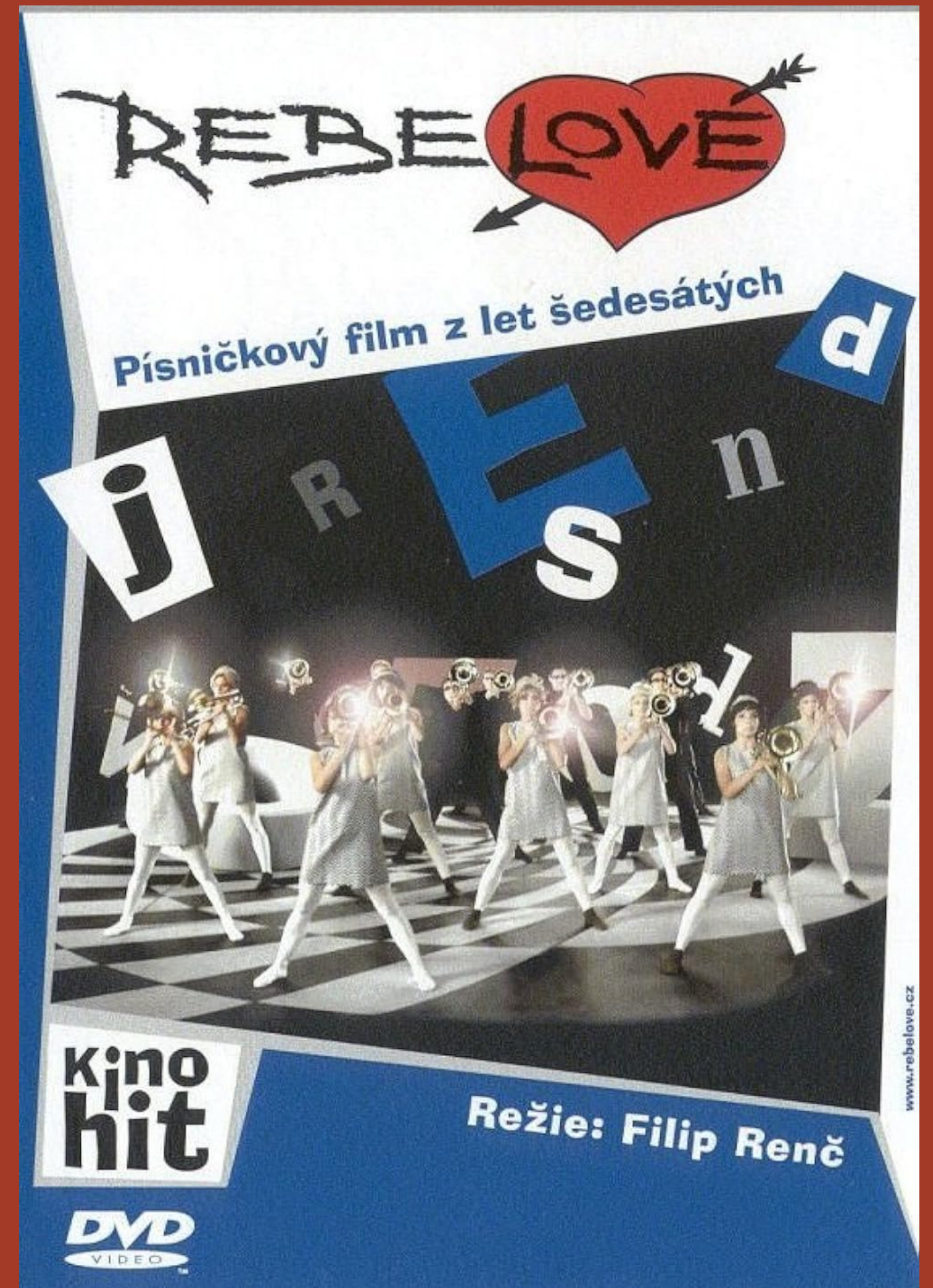


REBELS

Rebelové, 2001

Musical retromovie from the 60's in Czechoslovakia. Story about star-crossed lovers – student Tereza and a boy who deserted from the army.

The songs weren't written for this musical. They are all popular songs from 60's so you can feel the atmosphere of the decade.



NICKY'S FAMILY

2011

This docudrama tells the story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. He did not speak about these events with anyone for more than half a century, until his wife found old documents in the attic. Today the story of this rescue is known all over the world. Dozens of Winton's "children" have been found and to this day his family has grown to around 6,000 people, many of whom have gone on to achieve great things themselves.



from the EMMY-AWARD-winning producers Matej Mináč and Patrik Pašš



Nicky's Family



ONE ACT
OF KINDNESS
OF ONE
ENGLISHMAN
CHANGED
THE WORLD

SCREENPLAY MATEJ MINÁČ, PATRIK PAŠŠ CHIEF EDITOR PATRIK PAŠŠ DIRECTED BY MATEJ MINÁČ
WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SIR NICHOLAS WINTON, HIS HOLINESS DALAI LAMA, ELIE WIESEL CAST MICHAL SLANÝ, KLÁRA ISSOVÁ, MARTA RICHTEROVÁ, ANETA FAITOVÁ
NARRATED BY JOE SCHLESINGER MUSIC BY JANUSZ STOKŁOSA CAMERA DODO ŠIMONČIČ, PETER ZUBAL, ANTONÍN DAŇHEL, MARTIN KUBALA SOUND PETER NÉMETH, IGOR VRABEC
EDITED BY ALENA SPUSTOVÁ, RÓBERT CUPRÍK PRODUCTION MANAGERS JANA GOSPIČOVÁ, MARIAN DALKOVIČ PRODUCED BY PATRIK PAŠŠ, MATEJ MINÁČ

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THE SNAKE BROTHERS

Kobry a užovky, 2015

Brothers Užovka (Grass snake) and Kobra (Cobra Snake) feel unable to build up a life to be satisfied with. Užovka, unemployed and still without a girl, does not know how to escape from the shadow of his druggie and troublemaker brother Kobra.

Filmed in my hometown :)
The actors are actual brothers.

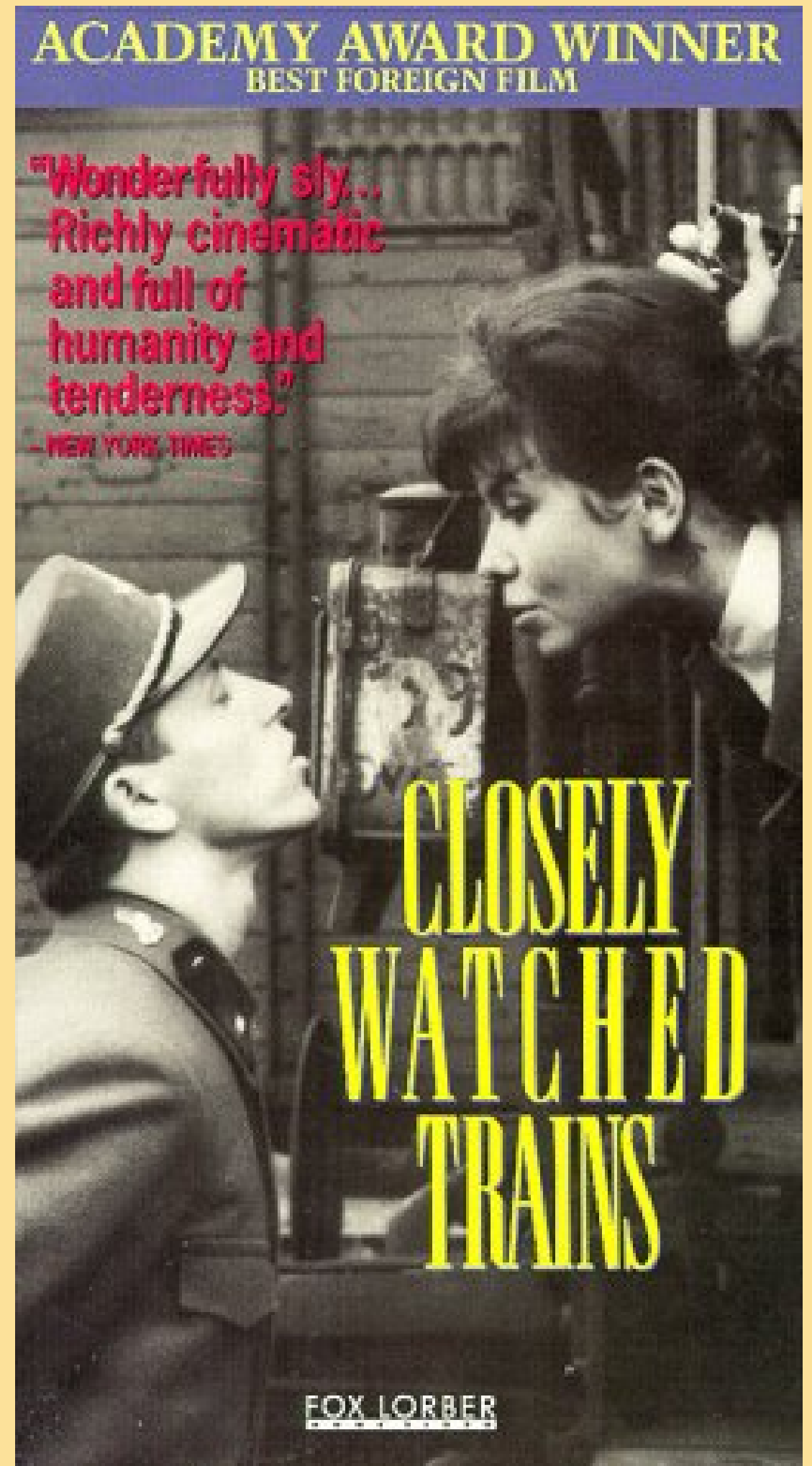


CLOSELY WATCHED TRAINS

Ostře sledované vlaky, 1966

It is a coming-of-age story about a young man working at a train station in German-occupied Czechoslovakia during World War II. The film is based on a 1965 novel by Bohumil Hrabal. It was produced by Barrandov Studios and filmed on location in Central Bohemia.

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LONERS

Samotáři, 2000

A travel agency worker plays matchmaker for a group of his 20-something friends as they drift in and out of emotional attachments.



BURNING BUSH

Hořící keř, 2013

Based on real characters and events, this drama focuses on the personal sacrifice of a student, Jan Palach, who set himself on fire in protest against the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1969. Dagmar Burešová, a young female lawyer, became part of his legacy by defending Jan's family in a trial against the communist government, a regime which tried to dishonor Palach's sacrifice, a heroic action for the freedom of Czechoslovakia.



DARK BLUE WORLD

Tmavomodrý svět, 2001

Story of Czech pilots who fought for the British RAF during WWII. A friendship of two pilots is tested when they both fall for the same woman.



ON THE ROOF

Na střeše 2019

Situated in Prague, a 20-year-old Vietnamese named Song, hoped for a better future in Europe. But now in a Vietnamese district in Prague, he is trapped in a marijuana grow house and has life of a modern slave. Police rounds up the place. Song runs away on the rooftop of a condo building in a nearby district where he breaks down. Mr. Rypar (78) lives alone. He is fond of the old times, living in a strong opposition to modern world. Rypar goes up on the roof and meets Song standing on the very edge of the roof crying and the story begins.



THREE WISHES FOR CINDRELLA

Tři oříšky pro Popelku, 1973

A unique retelling of the classic Cinderella tale. Her name in Czech language is Popelka and she is a strong-willed woman. With the help of three magical hazelnuts she transforms her fate and win the heart of the prince.

This fairy tale is being aired every Christmas Eve, it is a tradition to watch it.

Not only in Czechia, but also in some other countries including Norway. There is even Norwegian remake made in 2021.



THE NINETIES

Devadesátky, 2022

Criminal mini series based on true events.

In an ideal world, Lieutenant Tomáš Kozák would spend his mornings with his family at home. But the early democratic Czech Republic is far from ideal. Kozák has recently transferred to the homicide department where the detectives are in close contact with the world of organised crime.

