

Lithuanian debut feature film
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SUMMER SURVIVORS

Production of

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Film information

Original title: IŠGYVENTI VASARĄ
English title: SUMMER SURVIVORS
Country of production: Lithuania
Year of production: 2018
Duration: 91 min.

Technical details

Screening material: DCP
Screen ratio: 1:1.85
Speed: 24 fps
Sound: 5.1
Color
Lithuanian dialogues
English subtitles

Director statement

“Summer Survivors” is my debut feature film, which tackles mental health problems in a very delicate way. My characters are heroes who are fighting in a war when the battle field is their own mind. The journey of a psychologist and two patients from one hospital to another shows how essential it is for one to have a connection with other people. A connection that can lead you to a long and difficult process of healing or sometimes even save your life. With the great care I tried to portray the shifting moods of the characters all along the film, attempted to be honest and true with them while directing, so that the audience could grasp the way they feel. With this movie, I want to send my love to all the people, who understand what it’s like to fight in this war – for those who do survive, and those who cannot.





Logline

When new psychologist Indre is ordered to take two young patients, Paulius and Juste, to a seaside resort hospital the road trip becomes a journey of near-mythical proportions as each of them fight their own inner battles along the way.

Synopsis

Summer Survivors is a road film, as psychologist Indre is ordered to take two young patients to a psychiatric hospital by the sea: Paulius suffers from bipolar disorder and Juste is being treated after a suicide attempt. Traveling together makes them closer to each other but will it help them to survive?

Festival screenings

- Toronto International Film Festival 2018
- Reykjavik International Film Festival 2018





Cast & Crew

Director Marija Kavtaradzė

Script Marija Kavtaradzė

Producer Marija Razgutė

Cinematographer Laurynas Bareiša, Vytautas Katkus

Production designer Aurimas Akšys

Editor Domas Petronis

Composer Domas Strupinskas

Sound Julius Grigelionis

Cast Indrė Patkauskaitė, Paulius Markevičius, Gelminė Glemžaitė

Co-producer Klementina Remeikaitė



Production company information

M-Films production company has been established in 2008 by producer Marija Razgutė, based in Vilnius, Lithuania, and has been producing short and feature films, mostly fiction. The filmography of the company consists of seven short films, most recent ones - *Watchkeeping* (2016), *The Amateurs* (2015), *The Noisemaker* (2014), etc., and feature films *Summer Survivors* (2018) and *The Saint* (2016). At the moment there is a new feature film in production - *Nova Lituania*, funded by Lithuanian Film Centre for development and production. The editorial line of the company has a clear focus on arthouse films with social, psychological and family issue topics. M-Films produces films of the young generation of Lithuanian film directors - such as Andrius Blaževičius, Karolis Kaupinis, Marija Kavtaradzė and since 2013 has been working with international co-productions. Producer Marija Razgutė is EAVE Producers Workshop graduate, a board member of Producers Association in Lithuania, a member of Lithuanian Film Academy and European Film Academy.

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Director Marija Kavtaradze Biography

Born in 1991, film director and scriptwriter Marija Kavtaradzė graduated from Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Film Directing studies in 2014. One of her latest short fiction film *I'm Twenty Something*, 2014 won best student film at Lithuanian Film Academy Awards Silver Crane 2015. Marija Kavtaradzė also co-written the feature film *The Saint* dir. Andrius Blazelevicius, that M-Films also produced, which was premiered at Busan IFF and Warsaw ISFF in 2016, later on had a theatrical release in Lithuania in 2017, with the box office of more than 250 000 Eur. Considered to be one of the most talented upcoming filmmakers in Lithuania, Marija Kavtaradze was granted support from Lithuanian Film Centre for her debut feature film *Summer Survivors*.

Selected filmography

Feature Film:

Summer Survivors, dir. Marija Kavtaradze, 2018, Lithuania, 91 min.

Short Films:

Iglu, dir. Marija Kavtaradze, 2015, Lithuania, 20 min.

I'm Twenty Something, dir. Marija Kavtaradze, 2014, Lithuania, 20 min.

Youngblood, dir. Marija Kavtaradze, 2013, Lithuania, 18 min.