



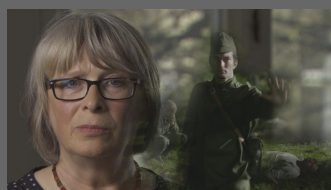
Film

1989

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Anders Østergaard, Erzsébet Rácz, Denmark, 2014 

90 min. | DK/Documentary



"1989" is a high-politics drama about the collapse of the Iron Curtain. In 1988, to save Hungary's appalling economy, the young technocrat Miklós Neméth becomes the country's new prime minister. He decides to remove the expensive border control apparatus from the state budget. A young couple from East Germany is encouraged by the rumours that the Hungarian border to Austria will be opened and decide to try their luck. But Nemeth's decision has set him up against formidable adversaries and communist hardliners. The young couple is caught in the political power game, and the young man is shot dead at the border. This tragic event paradoxically accelerates Nemeth's final decision to open the borders, and soon after the Berlin wall falls.

Anders Østergaard ("Tintin and Me" and Oscar nominee "Burma VJ") and co-director Erzsébet Rácz recreate the events of 1989 using archival footage and placing them in new contexts.

Basic information

Credits

Materials



Original title	1989
Danish title	1989
Keywords	Nehméth, Miklós, Berlin Wall, The, Cold war, The, Hungary, German Democratic Republic, The, 1980-1989
Director	Anders Østergaard, Erzsébet Rácz
Screenplay	Anders Østergaard, Erzsébet Rácz
Producer	Lise Lense-Møller
Director of Photography	Simon Plum
Editor	Pernille Bech Christensen, Szilvia Ruszev, Réka Lemhényi
Sound	Rikard Strømsodd, Jørgen Bergsund, Tormod Ringnes
Appearance	Miklós Németh, Gundula Schafitel, Uta Koch, Mathias Rössler
Production country	Denmark
Dialogue language	English,Tysk,Hungarian,Russian
Domestic distribution	DOXBIO
International sales	First Hand Films World Sales
Danish theatrical release	05.11.2014
Cinemas	Aalborg: Biffen Art Cinema Aarhus: Øst for Paradis Ebeltoft: Store Bjørn/Den Danske Filmhøjskole Esbjerg: Huset Glostrup: Glostrup Bio Herlev: Herlev Teaterbio Holbæk: Kulturbio grafen Frysehuset Humblebæk: Humle Bio Hvalsø: Hvalsø Bio Kastrup: Kastrup Bio Kolding: Nicolai Bio København K: Grand Teatret Korsør: Biografteatret Lønstrup: Cafe Bio Mors: Bio Mors Næstved: Næstved Bio Odense: Cafébiografen Ringe: Ringe Bio Ry: Ry Biograf Rødovre: Atlas Biograferne Rødovre: Bio Viften Skive: Cinema 3 Skælskør: Kosmorama Slangerup: Slangerup Bio Stege: Stege Bio Svaneke: Cassiopeia Bio Valby: Valby Kino Vig: Vig Bio
Danish festival release	05.11.2014, Koncerthuset i DR Byen, CPH:DOX
Comment	Screened at CPH:DOX and Göteborg Film Festival, among others. Anders Østergaard's previous films include 'Burma VJ: Reporter in a Closed Country' (2008), which received an Oscar-nomination. '1989' marks the directorial debut of Erzsébet Rácz.
DFI subsidy	Konsulentstøtte
Danish rating	Allowed for children over the age of 11

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