

Burnt by the Sun

A film evening with
Nikita Mikhalkov



Wednesday 20th April 2016
Film starts at 18.30
Buffet reception at 20.00
At WIPO
34 chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva

A copy of this invitation must be
presented at the entrance,
along with photo identification.

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The events of the film take place in the summer of 1936.

The main character of the film – the legendary Red Commander Kotov, a hero of the Civil War and a favourite of Stalin – spends the summer in a dacha outside Moscow with his beloved wife, little daughter and the family of his wife.

Kotov's wife's family are representatives of the old-world bourgeois intelligentsia and they are trying to live as if nothing has happened to their world. Paradoxically, their illusion is maintained thanks to Kotov who puts up with them out of love for his wife Marusya and their daughter Nadia.

This idyll of calm and happiness is suddenly disturbed by the arrival of Mitya, a former student of Marusya's father and her ex-fiance. Mitya is a part of that world which was destroyed by the revolution and by those like Kotov. The "relatives" of Marusya, who just tolerate Kotov, warmly welcome Mitya with open arms.

Today's Mitya, however, is an officer of the secret police NKVD. And he has not come just to visit. He has come to take revenge. Now Kotov has to experience what it means to suddenly lose everything that is dear to his heart.

*Whoever kills the dragon, becomes a dragon,
which, in turn, must be killed.*

Nikita Mikhalkov

and his studio

TRITE Studio is a creative and production association who are independent from state and public-political structures.

The studio was established in 1987 by the famous Russian film director Nikita Mikhalkov and his associates. The staff has chosen as its motto creativity, partnership and work.

The main activity of TRITE Studio is film production. They have created films such as “Urga” (Venice Film Festival Golden Lion winner), “Burnt by the Sun” (Cannes Film Festival Grand Prix winner and Academy Award winner) and “12” (nominee for Academy Award).

In addition to successful film production the creative team of TRITE Studio also carries out publishing projects including “Russian Archive” (a unique collection of archival materials), the magazine “Svoj” (on Russian history) and “The Hollywood Reporter”, a magazine that is read with pleasure by both cinema professionals and amateurs.

TRITE Studio has a number of international partnerships including Fox Television, Warner Brothers and Paramount Pictures. The results of their joint activities include “The Russian House” (MGM), “Stalin” (HBO), “The Saint” (Paramount Pictures), “Anna Karenina” (Icon Productions) and many others.

TRITE Studio is an example of a fruitful association of creative workers for the creation of cinematographic, publishing and television projects.

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Directed by:

Nikita Mikhalkov

Written by:

Nikita Mikhalkov and Michel Seydoux

Starring:

Oleg Menshikov, Nikita Mikhalkov, Ingeborga Dapkūnaitė, Nadezhda Mikhalkova, Vladimir Ilin, Vyacheslav Tikhonov, Inna Ulyanova, etc.

Cinematography:

Vilen Kalyuta

Music:

Eduard Artemyev

Art director:

Vladimir Aronin and Alexandr Samulekin

Produced by:

Nikita Mikhalkov, Michel Seydoux, Jean-Louis Piel, Nicole Canne, Leonid Vereshchagin

Country:

Russia and France

Production:

TriTe Studio (Russia), with the participation of Camera One (France), Canal+

Year:

1994

Category:

Drama

Release dates:

May 21, 1994 (France),
November 2, 1994 (Russia)