

What happens, when relaxed Africa meets perfectionist Europe on the stage of modern circus?

CIRCUS RWANDA

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SYNOPSIS



Rosta Novák, the face of Cirk La Putyka, has decided to train for a performance with a Rwandan troupe of acrobats. But can they get on together, two teams that are used to such different work tempos and styles? A unique documentary that takes a peek behind the scenes of the thrilling show Hit, Tell the Difference from Prague's Letní Letná festival.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We live in the times, when meeting of African and European civilisations is becoming more and more pressing topic in the society. The purpose of our film is to show, that if a collaboration between different cultures should be successful, it has to be approached without dogmas and prejudice - towards the others, but also towards ourselves.

The key to success is the effort for mutual understanding of motivations and values and searching for a common path based on that. The picturesque world of contemporary circus and exotic locations of Rwanda are a framework for an experiment, which will show if and how is such an understanding possible. Especially when the protagonists have just few weeks to get to know each other and face merciless deadlines.

A man with a beard wearing a red beanie is looking to the right. In the background, a woman with glasses is visible. The text 'ROŠŤA NOVÁK' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

ROŠŤA NOVÁK

A portrait of a young man with short, dark hair, wearing a yellow athletic tank top. He is looking off to the left with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a crowd of people in the distance.

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CREATIVE TEAM

DIRECTOR:

Michal Varga graduated directing at Písek's FAMO and is active in documentary filmmaking, focusing on topics of social and environmental importance. He's been working extensively across Africa in the past years and CIRCUS RWANDA is his feature documentary debut.



PRODUCER:

Marek Novák graduated law and later film production at Prague's FAMU. He founded Xova Film production company in 2014 and has been dedicated to bringing fresh audiovisual talent on screens ever since, focusing on authors with unique, authentic vision and relevant stories.



CREATIVE TEAM:

director:
Michal Varga

director of photography:
Jakub Jelen

editor:
Alexandra Jonášová

sound:
Luka Šuto

story editor:
Jan Gogola ml., Marek Šulík

producer:
Marek Novák / Xova Film

co-producers:
Alena Müllerová / Czech Television (CZ)
Jakub Viktorin / nutprodukcia (SK)
Tibor Búza / Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

length:
79 minutes

shooting format:
4K digital

screening formats:
DCP4K flat, colour

country of origin:
Czech Republic, Slovak Republic

genre:
social, human interest, arts, culture

world premiere:
53rd Karlovy Vary IFF 2018

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