

FICTION TV MOVIES

A Snowy Night

Sněžná noc

93'



The dramatic story of love, passion and devotion was inspired by several motifs from the novel "Dumala" by Eduard von Kevserling (1855-1918); work on this original material once again brought together scriptwriter Vladimír Körner and film director Milan Cieslar (Bonds of Blood, The Spring of Life). This time they present viewers with a period drama unraveling from around the year 1905 and ending with the outbreak of the First World War. A couple of newlyweds arrive at a large country estate. The enamoured officer and owner of the large farmstead, Albert "the Loner", is bringing his strong and beautiful wife Karol to this romantic spot amidst deep forests, where they have a good chance to live an idyllic life. But one unfortunate accident followed by the unexpected arrival of Albert's friend Rastya are enough to bring a fatal change into their peaceful life... A Snowy Night offers some excellently chosen exterior locations, effective photography, beautiful costumes and telling music.

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 Director: Milan Cieslar
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Santini's Enigma

Santiniho jazyk

89'



Television film based on the famous novel by Miloš Urban, with elements of suspense and mysticism. The story takes place against the background of the fascinating architecture of Jan Blažej Santini, renowned for a unique combination of the Baroque and Gothic styles. During his routine work, Martin Urmann, employee of an advertising agency, discovers a series of cryptic messages inscribed by the architect into his structures, and sets out to decipher them. His way is lined with mysterious murders which are obviously connected with his search. The fascinating power of the world into which he is gradually descending makes it impossible for him to give up his intention. He has to reach the end, where he anticipates a revelation which will totally change his entrenched view of the world.

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FICTION MINISERIES

Lost Souls 1-3

Bludičky 1-3
84', 86', 90'



Television film in three parts, about a serious problem of our current reality – the clients of children's homes about to reach adulthood and enter normal life for which they are little prepared, often finding that coping with it is painful. It is this complicated stage through which the siblings Marie, Adam and Eva are passing. The dramatic ways in which they do so vary, and yet they have much in common. Twenty-two-year old Marie is completing her training as a social worker, Adam, aged eighteen, is leaving the children's home, while for the seventeen-year old Eva, this crucial moment still is to come. This is the trio of the protagonists whom we meet at the beginning of the story. They are tied by blood relation, and have the same mother, unable to cope with her motherhood. They have the habits and experience typical of clients of children's homes, and lack those which are regarded in the outside environment as natural and taken for granted – for

instance the routines of a "normal" family. Their bond is extraordinarily strong, but now and then the three of them confront a world which is unfamiliar, rough and unforgiving. They must not only accept it outwardly, but above grasp it inwardly, in order to compare favourably with those who are not thus handicapped.

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FICTION SERIES

The Candy Café

Cukrárna
13 x 57'



Comedic serial in thirteen parts about a small candy café, its somewhat desperate owner and a trio of sprightly ladies past retirement age who decide to put things back on rails.

Radka Sladká owns a small candy café near a Prague cemetery. She has four children, including an adolescent daughter who is head over heels in love, twins Peter and Paul, keen footballers, who never sit still, and little Adélka. Plus a scholarly husband who is interested only in medieval history. And so, with all the responsibility on her shoulders, she does not know which way to jump.

When a charming trio of retired ladies – Blažena, Dana and Olga - visit her café and rightly complain about the quality of the cakes and the service, it does not occur to her that she

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could be instrumental in thoroughly changing their lives. Blažena's daughter, son-in-law and grandchild have just left for the United States, and she – used always to look after others – finds it hard to cope with her loneliness.

But she's an indomitable optimist full of energy, and decides to work in the café, together with her friends Dana and Olga, and save not only the failing business from bankruptcy but also the marriage and family of its owner from break-up. The dispassionate view and presence of mind of the three experienced ladies win and help to find a solution in even the most dramatic situations.

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Sign of the Horse

Znamení koně
13 x apx



Two farms with marvellous thoroughbreds - and two families, competing with each other. Only one can win ... A series in thirteen parts, capturing the environment of horse breeding and racing. After the death of her husband, Dasha Horová has to fight for her Sunny Mountain farm against Marcel Kalina, owner of the St Hubert farm, who wants the two farms to merge into one. She is being helped by her stepson David, who has come to Sunny Mountain to hide from debt collectors, and her own son Luke, fresh veterinary college graduate. They and other people around them are grappling with problems small and great, united by the bond of love for horses.

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ANIMATION WITH NARRATION FOR CHILDREN

The Ghosts of Kulíkov 1-13

Strašidla na Kulíkově 1-13

13 x 8'



A grand celebration is afoot at Kulíkov Castle, and rumour has it that it'll be a sight to see. Strange visitors are straggling in to meet Ruprecht, the late lord of the castle, who has stayed on at Kulíkov in the form of a ghost. They are congratulating him on his important anniversary and bringing presents. Apart from various "sorts" of ghosts, the castle warden Mr. Krbec, the jackdaw Kotsanda, the wise owl Kukula and the perpetual joker tomcat Kokesh – the famous characters from the series Mr. Krbec and his Animals - will appear again in the episodes. It is common knowledge that ghosts often have ghostly ideas and habits – so it's no wonder that the moment they arrive at Kulíkov, funny things start happening ...

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Artist: Jiří P. Miška

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Charlie the Goldfish 1-13

Karlík, zlatá rybka 1-13

13 x 8'



The Mud Pond on the outskirts of a small town is the home of two male frogs, called Signore and Amigo. The toad Signore is a rather passive, good-natured fellow who wears his heart on his sleeve and takes things as they come, while the edible frog Amigo is livelier, chatty, but sometimes also cheeky. He tries to give the impression of a well-travelled know-all (which is not quite the case), never sits still and grumbles at everything, though in actual fact he couldn't say boo to a goose ... We all have our secret dreams, haven't we, and our two frog friends are no exception. Is there someone who can make them come true? Of course there is – Charlie, the fairy-tale goldfish! Together they experience many a surprise and adventure, and have good fun.

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Artist: Jan Balej

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Violo the Bunny

Králík Fiala 1-7, 8-13 in production
13 x 7'



“Hey-hello, hey-hello, my name is Violo! Though alone in all the country, I don’t mind the slightest bit being a violet rabbit,” sings the hero of the new strip cartoon for children – Violo the Bunny. True enough – he sometimes finds himself in a tight spot when undertaking adventurous trips to many different parts of the world with his Prague friends Mary and Maxmillian and their cousin Jake from Munich. But all’s well that ends well, and their unconventional aunt Vlasta from Canada always comes to their aid with good advice.

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Artist: David Sůkup
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CHILDREN AND FAMILY – FAIRY TALES

The School for Princes

Škola princů
71'



A fairy-tale with a humorous touch and a gripping romantic plot about Prince Peter whom his royal father, taking heed of the advice of his counsellors, decides to send to a school for princes. The problem is that Peter is a little too good and kind-hearted, and needs to be “retrained” to become a perfect ruler. The king who has founded the school has a daughter called Lenka who finds it boring to study. When the two youngsters meet, they immediately fall in love with each other. Both however do not own up to their real status, which naturally results in a series of complicated situations and tests. But as is the case in every proper fairy tale, they both grow wise and all turns out as planned.

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Waterman and Caroline

Vodník a Karolínka
58'



When waterman Jonas and the miller's daughter Carolina take a fancy to each other, things are far from easy for both of them. Jonas's grumpy father Husterbuch warns his son's against dating a village girl, and Caroline has no idea that her beloved Jonas is not of the human race. Then there's the miller's assistant Libor, who is doing everything to protect the whole village and particularly Caroline from the "soppy scoundrel". What does it matter that to do so he resorts to lies and intrigues? The main thing is to make Caroline jilt Jonas and bestow her affection on himself. Soon it is clear to everybody who is responsible for the disappearance of the local night watchman, the flour gone bad, the fire of the mill and other trickery. The villagers decide to organize a hunt of the water

sprite. Caroline betrays Jonas and the old water sprite puts a hex on her, turning her into a frog. Now it's up to Caroline to soften up Husterbuch, prove Libor a liar, find Jonas and break the spell ...

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DOCUMENTARIES – ART & CULTURE

Mucha the Phenomenon

Fenomén Mucha
53'



Known and unknown moments in the life and work of the founder of the art nouveau trend in painting. In 2010, a hundred and fifty years had elapsed since the birth of Alfons Mucha, a memorable figure not only in artistic but also in human terms. Coming from a humble background, he made his mark in the „great“ world, easily mingling with its upper crust. He won worldwide renown especially during his stay in Paris, mainly thanks to his six-year contract with Sarah Bernhardt. It is precisely this period on which the documentary concentrates. Its makers captured the essential milestones in the artist's life, showing the places in Paris which still remind us of him. In a retrospect they trace the beginnings of his career, describe his stay in the United States, and his work on the Slavonic Epopee.

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DOCUMENTARIES - GEOGRAPHY & TRAVEL

Gardens of Eden

Rajské zahrady
26 x 18'



The series guides us through various period gardens and parks. They are gems set in the landscape, memorials to times bygone as well as quite contemporary places that invite us to rest a while...Most of them are part of our well-know and lesser known castles, chateaux, follies and monasteries. Some of them are on UNESCO's Heritage lists.

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DOCUMENTARIES - SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Faces are the Mirrors of our Lives

Tváře jsou zrcadla našich životů
30'



A documentary portrait of the Czech doctor Bohdan Pomahač who works at a clinic in Boston, USA and who was one of the first in the world to make a successful transplantation of a human face. James Maki, whose face was disfigured after a serious automobile accident, received a transplant on the major part of his face and was thus enabled to resume a normal life.

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Johann Gregor Mendel – a Constant Challenge

Johann Gregor Mendel – neustálá výzva
57'



A documentary revealing two destinies of Johann Gregor Mendel – the life path of this 19th-century sensitive genius, and the fate of his discovery in the 20th and 21st centuries. Mendel created the first model of the transfer of genetic information in a living system from one generation to another. In the past, Mendel's bequest was condemned, overlooked or even worse – abused. Yet it is recognized today by the whole world as one of the most important stimuli for present-day science, in terms of its contents comparable with Darwin's evolution theory, with its significance reaching deep into the spheres of bio-informatics and evolution genetics. The film shifts the public awareness of Mendel's work in this direction, and points to its increasing topicality.

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MUSIC DOCUMENTARIES

Keep the Rhythm!

Drž rytmus!
57'



In August 2009, fifty years had passed since the death of the great Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů. A team of artists prepared a magnificent dance show in honour of this anniversary. The film director was especially interested in its socially educational aspect. The dancers were children aged 8 – 18 chosen at schools in “problem” quarters. The project Špalíček to music by Bohuslav Martinů was based on the incentive of the successful artistic project of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. The aim of the Czech project was the participation of children and young people into the process who had as yet had no experience nor any special dispositions for dance or other forms of artistic expression and came from different social and national groups, in combination with children talented for dancing.

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MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Brno Philharmonic Orchestra

Filharmonie Brno

83'



The Brahms symphony in F major is a peak example of the composer's work and the brilliant Glagolian Mass by Leoš Janáček belongs to the most powerful works of sacred compositions in the history of music. Nowhere in the world is it presented very often because of the highly demanding vocal and instrumental parts, and so every performance is considered a great occasion. These two compositions resounded at an exceptional concert held under the baton of the renowned German conductor Bernhard Klee in a former factory in Brno that has been transformed into a gallery of modern art – the Wanieck Gallery.

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Director: Adam Rezek

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Pavel Šporcl & Romano Stilo

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106'



Recording of the 500th concert of the International Music Festival "Smetana's Litomyšl" (taking place in the composer's native town), for which the violin virtuoso Pavel Šporcl "teamed up" with the Slovak Romany cimbalom band Romano Stilo. It was not only the meeting of representatives of different music types, but also the unusual repertoire and the atmosphere on the platform and in the auditorium that made the event unique. Just as Pavel Šporcl crosses with gusto the borders between the classical and other music genres, Romano Stilo can hardly be regarded as an "orthodox" cimbalom band. Melodies of Slovak, Hungarian, Romanian and mainly Romany folk songs were blended in the concert programme with original arrangements of famous pieces of classical music. Šporcl plays repertoire which may seem to be the preserve of musicians with gypsy blood in their veins with

absolute confidence, his rendering is convincing, and in Romano Stilo he found excellent partners.

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Vivaldiano

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52'



One of the best contemporary Czech violin virtuosos on the Czech music scene Jaroslav Svěcený, and rock pianist and composer Michal Dvořák, founding member of the Lucie group, which was the most famous Czech music formation of the turn of the century, have created a timeless multi-genre musical project they named Vivaldianno. This stirring, spectacular show is created by forty musicians, dancers and singers from all over the world and was composed in honour of the titan of Baroque music Antonio Vivaldi, whose work inspires musicians of all generations and addresses listeners even now at the beginning of the third millennium.

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