

## LUCKY LOSER

### ŠŤASTNÝ SMOLAŘ

The main hero of the story is Philip, a boy dogged by bad luck ever since his birth. All because his father tried to outwit Fortune herself, thus calling her wrath down on himself and – what's worse – on his son as well. To make things even worse, Philip falls in love with Fortune's lost daughter Hannie. In an effort to win her love, and also in order to shake off the bad luck with which he's bedevilled, Philip sets out into the wide world. Of fateful importance is his encounter with a man suffering from a strange addiction: lying. He has lied his way through life so far that he has forgotten his name, and calls himself Anybody. Surprisingly it is this funny crony who helps Philip win the uneven struggle for his sweetheart.



Video HD, m/e track, English subtitles,  
© 2012, 99'30''

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay by: MAREK EPSTEIN  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: JAN MATTLACH  
Sound: LADISLAV JEŽEK  
Music: JAN JIRÁSEK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION

Starring:  
FILIP CÍL, MARTINA ZÁBRANSKÁ,  
IVAN TROJAN, JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK,  
JIŘINA BOHDALOVÁ, DAGMAR HAVLOVÁ,  
ONDŘEJ VETČÝ, LENKA VLASÁKOVÁ,  
JOSEF SOMR  
and others

## THE TREASURE

### O POKLADECH

A fairy tale which does not lack in humour and suspense. It starts in a small town where preparations for a theatre show are in full swing. The play on the programme is based on a local legend about a huge treasure hidden deep underground. Many are those who wish to find it, but whoever sets out to look for it never returns. The protagonists of the performance are two sisters, Kathy and Barbra, and musician Jake, Barbra's jealous boyfriend. The theme of the play appeals to the greedy lord of the chateau Bořivoj of Hájek, who comes with his brother Ignatz, eccentric inventor and explorer. While somewhere underneath, at the real treasure, its three ghostly guards sit and devise all sorts of pastimes which do not please the Ruler of the Underground at all. His patience runs out when the bored guards interfere with the fates of the humans - making a bet about how the relationship between Jake and Barbra will turn out. A series of unfortunate, sometimes comic misunderstandings culminates in a dangerous expedition of three treasure seekers – Barbra, Jake and lord Bořivoj – of whom each has different motivation, and each is faced different trials and pitfalls...



Video HD, m/e track, English subtitles,  
© 2012, 83'16''

Directed by: VÍT KARAS  
Screenplay by: IRENA DOUSKOVÁ  
Director of Photography: PAVEL BERKOVÍČ  
Editor: MICHAL HÝKA  
Sound: PETR ČECHÁK, JURAJ MRAVEC  
Music: ONDŘEJ BROUSEK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION

Starring:  
JANA PIDRMANOVÁ, ADAM KRAUS,  
DAVID ŠVEHLÍK, VOJTĚCH DYK, MARKÉTA  
FRÖSSLOVÁ, KAREL HEŘMÁNEK, PAVEL  
LIŠKA, JAN BUDAŘ, JOSEF POLÁŠEK,  
TOMÁŠ TÖPFER and others

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PRINCESS AND THE SCRIBE

PRINCEZNA A PÍSAŘ

Pranks and horseplay are what royal scribe Jake and princess Amalie amuse themselves with most of the time. Preparations for a grand party are in full swing at the castle, and everything appears to be bathing in sunshine. Until a dark cloud emerges, in the form of three rich visitors with lord Dietrich at their head. The strange theft of their coffer full of gold and precious stones, of which Jake is accused, sets events into motion. In order to save his life, Jake has to slip away. Amalie, whom Dietrich claims for wife as a compensation for the stolen gold, soon follows him. Together they have to find the true perpetrator of the robbery the roots of which reach deep into the past, uncover the mystery of the secret sign on Dietrich's arm, and put right an injustice of long ago. In the process they find that they're coming ever closer to each other, and love is not long in coming. But their persecutors are hot on their heels, and getting rid of them is not going to be easy.



Video HD, m/e track, English subtitles  
© 2014, 81'

Directed by: KAREL JANÁK  
Screenplay by: RUDOLF MERKNER  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠÁCHA  
Editor: MARTIN KIROV  
Sound: ROMAN ČAPEK  
Music: ONDŘEJ BRZOBOHATÝ  
Costume Designer: MICHAELA HOŘEJŠÍ  
Art Designer: PAVEL RAMPLÉ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION

Starring:  
MATOUŠ RURL, MONIKA TIMKOVÁ,  
JIŘÍ BARTOŠKA, MAROŠ KRAMÁR,  
PETR NÁROŽNÝ, NORBERT LICHÝ,  
JIŘÍ HÁNA, RADIM KALVODA,  
BARBORA SRNCOVÁ, ŠTĚPÁN BENONI,  
JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK, MARIE DOLEŽALOVÁ  
and others

SNOW DRAGON

SNĚŽNÝ DRAK

A fairy tale about a princess who is growing up without her mother. He father the king, a kind and righteous man, loves her dearly, but is determined to marry her off at all costs: no-one knows why he's in such a hurry. He organises a grand ball in the chateau, at which a number of princes curry for her favour. But the one whom the princess chooses herself is not at all to the liking of her Dad – for reasons which nobody understands. It's not untill later that we learn about the ancient curse, the Queen of the Witch Realm, and the Snow Dragon. For the curse to be annulled, the princess and her intended have to undertake a difficult and dangerous journey during which they are confronted with many obstacles, to find out at its end that only true love can triumph over evil.



Video HD, m/e track,  
English subtitles, © 2012, 90'

Directed by: EUGEN SOKOLOVSKÝ, Jr.  
Screenplay by: JAN GARDNER  
Director of Photography: DAVID PLOYHAR  
Editor: MONIKA HLAVATÁ  
Sound: RADOMÍR GEYER  
Music: ROBERT JÍŠA  
Costume Designer: EVŽENIE RÁŽOVÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION

Starring:  
PETRA TENOROVÁ, PETR LNĚNÍČKA,  
ALEXANDR RAŠILOV, ZUZANA  
SLAVÍKOVÁ, JITKA ČVANČAROVÁ,  
ARNOŠT GOLDFLAM, MARTIN  
MYŠIČKA, PAVLA TOMICOVÁ, JIŘÍ  
PECHA, JIŘÍ HÁJEK, PAVEL LIŠKA,  
TOMÁŠ MATONHA and others

FISHY IF THERE ARE NO FISH

KDYBY BYLY RYBY

The Kingdom of Three Lakes has been struck by an evil curse. The sorcery of magic beings has removed all fish from the local lakes, in order to punish the arrogant King Boleslav for having stolen the prophetic Fish Eye for his new wife, the haughty Queen Gabriela. And as it often happens, worst affected by the punishment of potentates are the common people, in this case those for whom fishing is the main livelihood. And so they start revolting. Meanwhile the thief and swindler Nevergive tries to worm his way into the favour of the royal family, claiming that he knows how to break the curse. He hopes to be helped by the magic wand which he's cunningly stolen from the magic beings, and thanks to it suddenly wields great power. But young fisherman Ludvik turns up in the kingdom, and there's hope that he will be the one to break the curse, save the kingdom and win the hand of Princess Lidunka.



Video HD, m/e track, English subtitles  
© 2014, 96'

Directed by: JAN PRUŠINOVSKÝ  
Screenplay by: ALOIS DITRICH  
Director of Photography: PETR BEDNÁŘ  
Editor: LUKÁŠ OPATRNÝ  
Sound: MATĚJ MATUŠKA, MICHAL ČECH  
Music: FRANTIŠEK SVAČINA  
Costume Designer: IVAN STEKLA  
Art Designer: JAN VLČEK  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION



Starring:  
ONDŘEJ VETCHÝ, TATIANA VILHELMOVÁ,  
MAREK TACLÍK, ONDŘEJ PAVELKA,  
ZUZANA BYDŽOVSKÁ, PAVEL LIŠKA,  
JAROSLAV PLESL, LUKÁŠ PŘÍKAZKÝ,  
JENOVĚFA BOKOVÁ and others

MONTH'S RULERS

DVANÁCT MĚSÍČKŮ

On Christmas Eve the peace of a small village below the mountains is disturbed by the arrival of its native – a young man called Charlie, an eligible bachelor returning from abroad, where he has evidently done well. He becomes an attractive catch for all the village girls eager for marriage, to such extent that they take his cottage by storm. But Charlie has no intention to have the yoke of matrimony put on his neck. And so his brother Nicky thinks of a way to escape it: set the girls unworkable tasks. Mary's spoilt half-sister Kathy is eager to marry, too, and her mother orders Mary to fulfil the difficult tasks for her. But nobody has any idea of the existence and the might of the mysterious Months. Yet it is not by pure chance that Mary makes their acquaintance. They help her to find violets and strawberries in the middle of winter, and make an old apple tree come alive. Despite her stepmother's and half-sister's scheming, lies and advances, Charlie takes notice of Mary, and they take a liking to each other.



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© 2012, 96'29''

Directed by: KAREL JANÁK  
Screenplay by: KAREL JANÁK, JANA  
JANÍKOVÁ  
Director of Photography: MARTIN PREISS  
Editor: MARTIN KIROV  
Sound: MICHAL PEKÁREK  
Music: ONDŘEJ BRZOBOHATÝ  
Costume Designer: DAGMAR ŠTEFFLOVÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION

Starring:  
MARIE MAJKUSOVÁ, ROMAN VOJTEK,  
VERONIKA ŽILKOVÁ, JAN KOMÍNEK,  
IVANA KOROLOVÁ,  
VLADIMÍR ČAPKA, VÁCLAV  
POSTRÁNECKÝ, OTA JIRÁK, MIROSLAV  
TÁBORSKÝ, PAVEL KRÍŽ, RADOŠLAV  
BRZOBOHATÝ and others