

The Lens

Clona

Roman, the protagonist of this crime series, is repeatedly failing to pass the entry exam at the film school and make true his dream to become a cameraman. And so, instead of studying photography, he accept, though very reluctantly, the offer of his father, himself a traffic policeman, to join him and work for the police as a photographer. One of the first operations he takes part in however turns into a tragedy, when his father dies under the wheels of a pursued car. Still Roman stays in the employ of the police, no longer the traffic but the criminal investigation department, becoming the cameraman of its elite unit. Despite a far-from-easy start, he gradually "settles" into the team, mainly thanks to an attractive female colleague. Nevertheless, it is obvious that he will have a problem complying with the established rules: he prefers doing things his way. Including the investigation of his fathers murder.

Video HD, 7 x approx 53', m/e track, English subtitles (part 1), © 2014,

Directed by: Tomáš Řehořek
Screenplay: Marek Epstein
Director of Photography: Jan Cabalka
Editor: Pavel Hrdlička
Sound: Lukáš Martina
Music: Petr Kaláb, František Soukup
Costume Designer: Katarína Štrbová Bielíková
Art Designer: David Voborský
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:
Kryštof Hádek, Vica Kerekes, Viktor Preiss,
David Novotný, Rostislav Novák, Jan Hartl,
Taťjana Medvecká and others



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Circus Bukowsky

Cirkus Bukowsky

The central character of the plot is psychologist and pedagogue Nestor Bukowsky. After losing his job and the roof over his head, he leaves Prague and sets out on a path toward a new life - in a caravan which (what a coincidence) he has just inherited. He learns to live among circus artistes, has a platonic romance with acrobat Silvia, resists pressures exerted on him by the circus owner - all the time dodging the stubborn detective Kuneš who is after him. And how did it all start? With the seeming suicide of his student and mistress rolled into one. Nestor becomes suspect number one, and decides to search for the real culprit "off his own bat". But then further murders happen... The original, suspenseful plot with a markedly noirish tinge is full of twists and surprises.

Video HD, 12 x 52', m/e track, English subtitles (parts 2, 10), © 2013-2014,

Directed by: Jan Pachtl
Screenplay: Jan Pachtl
Director of Photography: Marek Janda,
Pavel Berkovič, Vladimír Smutný
Editor: Petr Pauer
Sound: Petr Čechák
Music: Tadeáš Věřčák
Costume Designer: Vladimíra Fomínová
Art Designer: Pavel Ramplé
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:
Pavel Řezníček, Martin Pechlát, Bohumil Klepl, Nela Boudová, Vanda Hybnerová, Adéla Petřeková,
Veronika Kubařová, Jakub Tlapák, Barbora Mottlová, Hynek Čermák, Jaromír Hanzlík, Michal Dlouhý,
Jan Vlasák, Predrag Bjelac and others

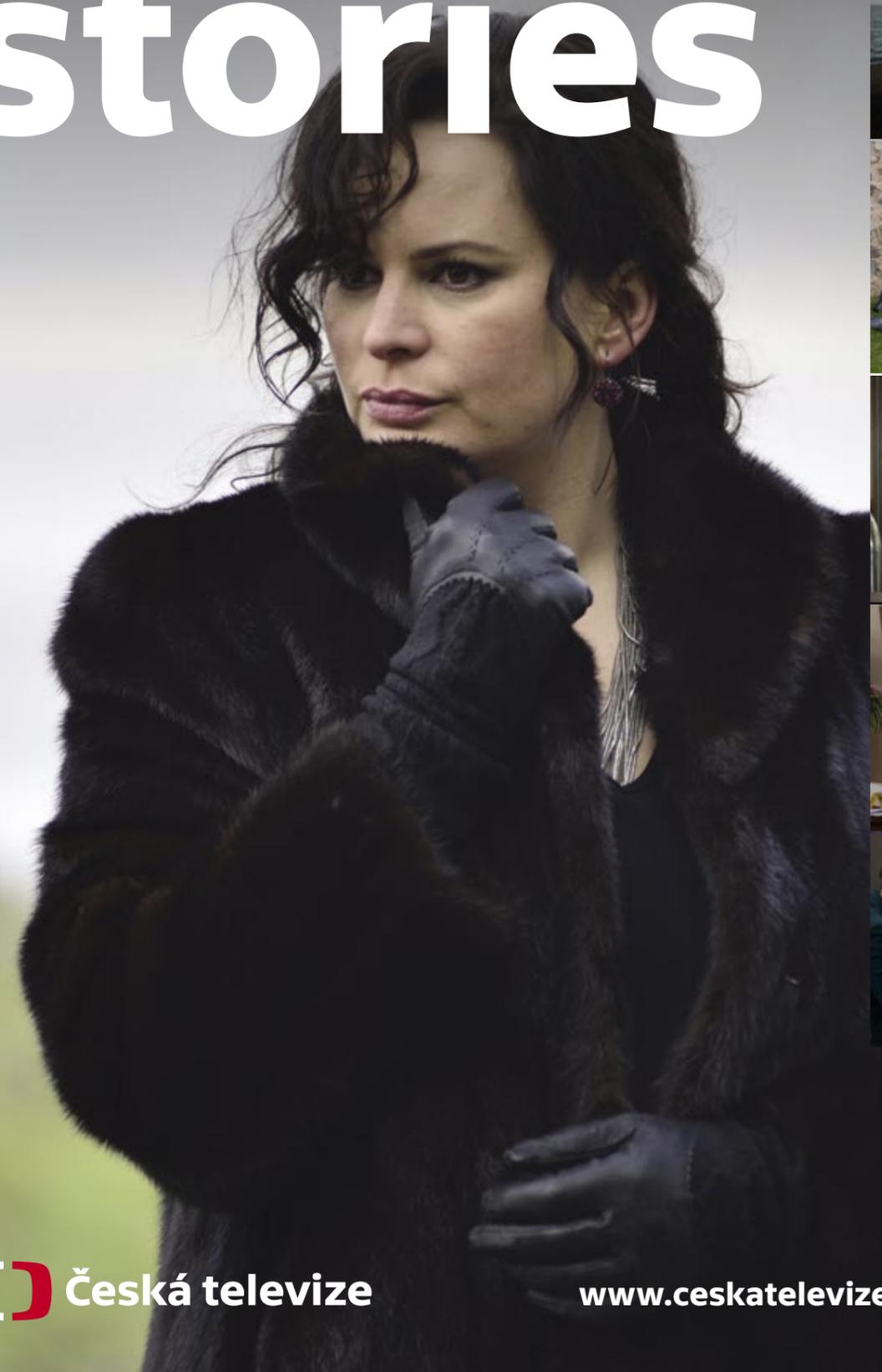


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Major Case Squad

Případy 1. oddělení

A crime series, inspired by 22 real cases dealt with by the murder squad of the Prague metropolitan police after the political change in 1989. For instance, this elite unit, boasting a nearly 95 % crime clear-up rate, captured a sexual aggressor, cleared up the murder of a television employee and another perpetrated by a contract killer hired by a house owner to do away with a defiant tenant... The viewers learn how the police proceeded when hunting for the criminals, what complicated their work, and what "tricks" they needed to use in order to prove the perpetrators guilty. Real crimes, real methods, real criminal police...

Video HD, series I – 14 x 61', series II – 8 x 64', m/e track, English subtitles (parts 1, 6, 16), © 2014, 2016

Directed by: Dan Wlodarczyk, Peter Bebjak
Screenplay: Jan Malinda, Josef Mareš
Director of Photography: Richard Řeřicha, Martin Žiaran
Editor: Marek Opatrný
Sound: Otto Chlpek
Music: Juraj Dobrákov
Costume Designer: Petra Krčková
Art Designers: Jan Vlasák, Petr Zeman, Petr Synek
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:
Boleslav Bolívka, Ondřej Vetchý, Filip Blažek, Petr Stach, Miroslav Vladyka, Miroslav Hanuš, Igor Bareš, Petra Hřebíčková, Sabina Remundová and others



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The Zodiac Murders

Vraždy v kruhu

The Zodiac Murders series does not aspire to rank among other popular crime serials; it seeks to become one of a new, modern style. The line connecting all its parts are the signs of the zodiac. Each of the twelve episodes deals with a mysterious crime, of characteristics associated with the respective sign.

Apart from the standard crime investigation elements, in each episode we can follow a "private" line, represented by an amorous triangle kept secret, formed by major Holina, the intelligent and competent head of the investigation team, his subordinate captain Rostia Bor, confined to wheelchair due to an accident, and his wife, psychologist Sabina, who studies and uses astrology for psychological personality analysis, thus helping the two detectives in their work.

Video HD, 12 x approx 75', m/e track, English subtitles (parts 1, 4), © 2015

Directed by: Ivan Pokorný
Screenplay by: Iva Procházková
Director of Photography: Lukáš Hyksa
Editor: Miroslav Pergl
Sound: Miroslav Hřebek
Music: Jiří Hájek
Costume Designer: Zuzana Krejzková
Art Designer: David Voborský
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:
Ivan Trojan, Richard Krajčo, Hana Vagnerová, Marek Němec, Jiří Štrébl, Adéla Petřeková, Simona Stašová and others



Crime Scene: Pilsen

Místo zločinu Plzeň

Crime series in six parts, following the work of the Plzeň (Pilsen) murder squad. Each murder is full of mysteries, and the investigators' focus is on a number of suspects. But the exposition of the real perpetrator is always very surprising. Just as unusual are the environments in which the mysterious murders have been committed. Suspense, mystery and fright mingle, making the investigators work at full stretch.

Video HD, 6 x 60', m/e track, English subtitles (part 1), © 2015

Directed by: Jan Hřebek
Screenplay by: Martin Bezouška
Director of Photography: Asen Šopov
Editor: Boris Machytka
Sound: Pavel Kovařík, Jiří Čermák
Music: Della Beata
Costume Designer: Ivana Brádková
Art Designer: Barbora Erniholdová
Producer: Czech Television

Starring:
Martin Stránský, Jan Zadražil, Lukáš Vaculík, Vladimír Kratina, Berenika Kohoutová, Vladimír Polívka, Barbora Kodetová, Jitka Čvančarová and others



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