

## THREE LIVES

TŘI ŽIVOTY

### Fairy-Tale

Three army deserters hide in old castle that has fallen to ruin. Inside they find a hospitably laid table and three totally veiled girls, who tell the men that they can stay at the castle in safety and comfort if they fulfill a single task. They are to spend the night with the girls without touching them, without lifting even a tip of their veils. This seemingly simple task is fulfilled by only one man, Jakub. In reward he is given a falcon feather which has the power of three lives. Jakub sets forth on his wanderings with this precious gift – how he uses it, is now up to him alone.



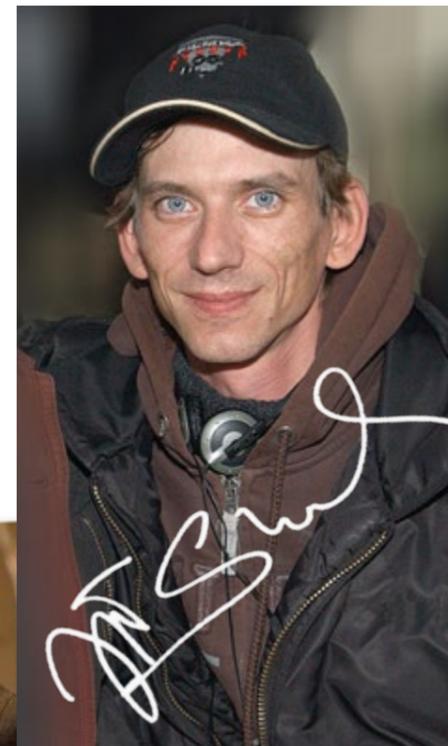
Video, m/e track, © 2007, 80'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: VÁCLAV ŠAŠEK, VĚRA ŠAŠKOVÁ  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: ZDENEK PATOČKA  
Sound: JIŘÍ KLENKA  
Music: MILOŠ BOK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: VOJTĚCH DYK, LUCIE MOLNÁROVÁ, JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK and others



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films by director

# Jiří Strach



### JIŘÍ STRACH (\*1973)

He graduated in film directing from the Prague film school FAMU.

#### FILMOGRAPHY

- 2000 AT THE PALACE (TV)
- 2001 VANILLA FLAVOUR (TV)
- 2005 THE FLOOD (TV)
- 2005 AN ANGEL OF THE LORD
- 2007 OPERATION SILVER A, THREE LIVES
- 2008 BRAINSTORM (TV)
- 2009 SATAN'S STRATAGEM
- 2011 SANTINI'S ENIGMA
- 2012 LUCKY LOSER, LOST GATE, OLDIES BUT GOLDIES
- 2014 EIGHTS
- 2015 THE LABYRINTH

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## THE LABYRINTH 1-7

LABYRINT 1-7

### Series

The find in the Moravian woods of the body of a famous regional politician, killed in the style of the medieval torture practices and carefully arranged so as to create a weird scene, sets off a police chase of the sadistic perpetrator. The killer complicates the job of the investigation team by a series of murders which shock the inhabitants of the whole region and the investigators themselves by their cruel ritual. Efforts for finding the link between them and the current political activities bring no result, as the roots of the case are in the distant past.



Video HD, m/e track, © 2015, 7 x 58'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: PETR HUDSKÝ  
Directors of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: JAN MATTLACH  
Sound: RADIM HLADÍK JR.  
Music: ONDŘEJ BRZOBOHATÝ  
Costume Designer: ALENA SCHÄFFEROVÁ  
Art Designer: DAVID VOBORSKÝ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: JIŘÍ LANGMAJER,  
STANISLAV MAJER, ZUZANA KANÓCZ,  
MIROSLAV DONUTIL, PAVEL BATĚK,  
ZUZANA KAJNAROVÁ, MICHAL DALECKÝ,  
RADEK HOLUB, MICHAL DLOUHÝ,  
FRANTIŠEK NĚMEC, MIROSLAV TÁBORSKÝ  
and others



## AN ANGEL OF THE LORD

ANDĚL PÁNĚ

### Fairy-Tale

A tale about love, forgiveness and the ability to help others selflessly. Angel Petronel is a charming muddle-pate, whatever he touches he wrecks or ruins, even the honourable office he is entrusted with as Guardian of the Heavenly Gate. By way of punishment, God sends him down to Earth, so that he learns about how hard it is to live a blameless life. But what a calamity it becomes, having this scatterbrain try to convince people that he is God's messenger! Moreover, what can one expect of an angel who is naive enough to believe that Uriah the Devil is his friend! Luckily he has support up in Heaven – all the saints and their miracles. Finally he grows wise he is even willing to go to hell in order to help the blossoming of a romance between the Count and his impoverished Dorothy.



Video HD, m/e track, © 2005, 90'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: LUCIE KONÁŠOVÁ  
Director of Photography: PETR POLÁK  
Editor: ZDENEK PATOČKA  
Sound: JIŘÍ KLENKA  
Music: MILOŠ BOK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION,  
HOO DOO PRODUCTION  
Starring: IVAN TROJAN,  
JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK  
and others



### Awards:

Ota Hofman's 38<sup>th</sup> Children's Film Festival and Television Festival 2006 in Ostrov:  
The Ota Hofman Prize for best work in category up to 12 years  
Special Jury Prize for the work with the strongest moral message – for script – writer Lucie Konášová  
The Children and Youth Jury – awarded the Crystal gem Viewers'category up to age 12

## LOST GATE 1-3

ZTRACENÁ BRÁNA 1-3

### Miniseries

The three-part television mystery movie "Lost Gate" is a loose continuation of the successful television trilogy "The Satan's Stratagem". This time, an exciting story-line is connected with the existence of a unique medieval work: Voynich's Manuscript. Investigators are trying to track down the murderer and put a stop to the evil but, at the same time, are themselves threatened. In a dramatic duel with an unknown killer the shocking connection is revealed. Where does the strange plant come from? Why will someone kill repeatedly for a single leaf of this unknown plant? The story takes place in the old part of Prague. We enter its intricate network of ancient underground tunnels – where something inexplicable happens. Disturbing traces at crime scenes take our religious scholar not only to a Masonic lodge, but also to a strange place where he meets a mysterious creature. His investigations, full of twists and unexpected complications, lead to a surprising outcome.



Video HD, m/e track, © 2012  
70', 70', 74'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC,  
JAN DRNEK  
Editor: ZDENEK PATOČKA  
Sound: PETR ČECHÁK  
Music: MILOŠ BOK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: ANNA GEISLEROVÁ,  
JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK,  
IVAN TROJAN  
and others



## LUCKY LOSER

ŠŤASTNÝ SMOLAŘ

### Fairy-Tale

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, © 2012, 100'

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 and others



### Awards:

45<sup>th</sup> Ota Hofman Children's Film and Television Festival, Ostrov 2013:  
- the best work for the under-12-years category  
- the Specialist Jury's Special Award for the film with the most pronounced moral message  
- Filip Cíl – the Golden Hoopoe Children Jury's Award for the best boy actor

## THE FLOOD

POVODĚŇ

### TV Movie

The story of two old ladies, who are temporarily brought together by the disastrous flood. Gabriela, a prominent citizen of a small town near Prague is an artist's widow and lives alone in a large apartment. When she sees television shots showing the terrible flood and the damage it caused in Prague, she decides to offer a temporary home to an elderly lone woman. Vera arrives next day with only one bag of personal effects, which she managed to salvage from her flooded flat. Thus begins the story of two lonesome old ladies with different characters and different pasts, a story that is not really about the flood disaster, but about human loneliness, mutual confidence and friendship, about two human fates that became intertwined for a short stretch of time.



### Awards:

Main Prize of the Viewer's Jury at the International Television Festival in Rheims, France

## OLDIES BUT GOLDIES

VRÁSKY Z LÁSKY

### Feature Film

A bitter-sweet comedy about two people who wish to live life to the full despite their age. Ota is a retired high-school teacher and at this point in life has various foibles that complicate life for his son and daughter-in-law. Moreover, he has a complicated and risky eye operation ahead. That is why Ota decides that this is the time to look up Jana, the retired actress who had influenced the course of his life many years ago. However, his reunion with Jana – who lives in a retirement home – works out differently to his expectations. Although disappointed at first, it is actually this zestful lady who sets Ota in the right direction again. Thanks to Jana, Ota finds the courage to set out on an exciting road-movie trip of the kind he would never have had the courage for in his youth. Their meeting and the excursion, full of unexpected turns and new impressions, give their lives a new dimension.



### Awards:

12<sup>th</sup> Tiburon International Film Festival – Golden Reel Award 2013  
– Best Actress: Jiřina Bohdalová  
60<sup>th</sup> Film Festival in Pula – Golden Arena  
– Award for the best acting performance: Jiřina Bohdalová

Video, m/e track, © 2005, 82'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: IVO PELANT  
Director of Photography: PETR POLÁK  
Editor: ZDENĚK PATOČKA  
Sound: PAVEL DVOŘÁK,  
MARTIN VEČEŘA  
Music: ZBYNĚK MATĚJŮ  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: JIŘINA JIRÁSKOVÁ,  
JIŘINA BOHDALOVÁ  
and others



## SATAN'S STRATAGEM

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ĎÁBLOVA LEST

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### Miniseries

During the night a girl had been found on the road, clothed only in a blood-soaked shirt; she had some weird diagrams on her stomach drawn in blood, and three figures of six on her forehead. She is not injured, but remembers nothing. Not long ago a student had been murdered whose body bore the same magic symbols as the girl's. A police commissioner and an experienced expert on black magic and magic rituals join forces to search for the perpetrators of ritual series murders linked to the mysterious existence of the Devil's Bible – the largest manuscript book in the world.



Video HD, m/e track, © 2009,  
64', 60', 65'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: ARNOŠT VAŠÍČEK  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: ZDENĚK PATOČKA  
Sound: VLADIMÍR NAHODIL  
Music: MILOŠ BOK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA  
DITRICHOVÁ KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK,  
IVAN TROJAN,  
ANNA GEISLEROVÁ  
and others



Video HD, m/e track, © 2012, 97'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay by: MAREK EPSTEIN  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: JAN MATTLACH  
Sound: RADIM HLADÍK,  
OTTO CHLPEK  
Music: JAN JIRÁSEK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION,  
BUC-FILM, s.r.o.  
Starring: JIŘINA BOHDALOVÁ,  
RADOSLAV BRZOBOHATÝ  
and others



## OPERATION SILVER A

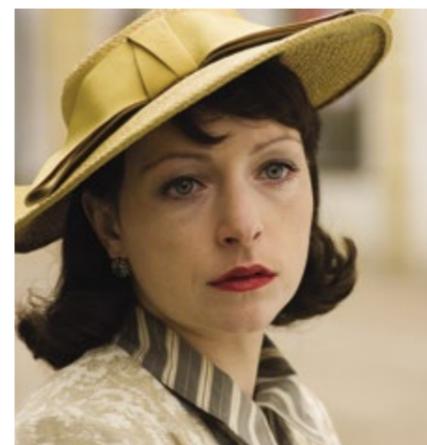
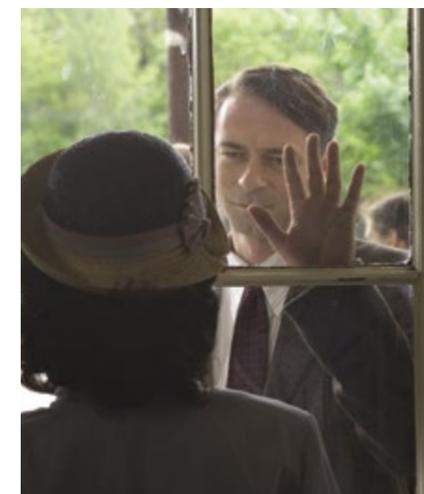
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OPERACE SILVER A

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### Miniseries

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 new episodes.



Video, m/e track, © 2007, 73', 77'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: LUCIE KONÁŠOVÁ,  
JOSEF KONÁŠ  
Directors of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC,  
MICHAL VOJKUVKA  
Editor: ZDENĚK PATOČKA  
Sound: PAVEL DVOŘÁK  
Music: ZBYNĚK MATĚJŮ  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: TATIANA VILHELMOVÁ,  
KLÁRA ISSOVÁ,  
JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK, IVAN TROJAN  
and others

## SANTINI'S ENIGMA

SANTINIHO JAZYK

### TV Movie

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.



Video HD, m/e track, © 2011, 89'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay by: TOMÁŠ KONČINSKÝ,  
MILOŠ URBAN  
Director of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Editor: JAN MATTLACH  
Sound: PETR ČECHÁK  
Music: JAN JIRÁSEK  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: DAVID ŠVEHLÍK,  
MAREK TAČLÍK,  
MONIKA TIMKOVÁ,  
MARTIN STROPNICKÝ  
and others



## EIGHTS

OSMY

The story takes place in 1980. A few months ago, Richard, a civil servant, signed Charter 77, by mistake (when drunk), rather than out of conviction. Since then, he's been bedevilled by bad luck. And today is the limit! In the afternoon, he has an appointment with the dentist to have his eighths extracted, a dreadful prospect but small matter comparing with awaiting him before that: at work a financial statement, a colleague eager for marriage who hasn't grasped that their "affair" was a mere flirt, an ultimatum from his boss for Richard to retract his signature of the Charter, at home a burst stand-pipe with an old rusty gun hidden in it, unexpected paternity of his fifteen-year-old son who asks him to play the father, and on top of all, the omnipresent shadow of the secret policeman spying on him. In short – a day when he can either lose everything or at last finding his own self!



Video HD, m/e track, © 2014, 82'

Directed by: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: MAREK EPSTEIN  
Director of Photography: VLADIMÍR  
KŘEPELKA  
Editor: JAN MATTLACH  
Sound: LADISLAV JEŽEK  
Music: ONDŘEJ BRZOBOHATÝ  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Art Designer: DAVID VOBORSKÝ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: IVAN TROJAN,  
ZUZANA STIVÍNOVÁ, JIŘÍ DVOŘÁK,  
JOSEF DVOŘÁK, MIROSLAV KROBOT,  
TOMÁŠ TÖPFER, ZUZANA KAJNAROVÁ,  
SIMONA BABČÁKOVÁ, OLDŘICH NAVRÁTIL,  
MAREK TAČLÍK, MILAN NĚMEC,  
TOMÁŠ SAGHER and others

### Awards:

PRIX EUROPA 2014 – Best European TV Drama



## VANILLA FLAVOUR

VŮNĚ VANILKY

### TV Movie

A dramatic love story, taking place in the final days of the Second World War when the American Army liberated the Plzeň (Pilsen) region of West Bohemia. Anne lives with her mother, husband and stepchildren at a solitary country farm. But her life is not what she would wish it to be. She had previously lived with her aunt in London, and the only reason why she returned to Czechoslovakia was to look after the orphaned children of her sister. She married their father, but the rural environment is alien to her, and neither does she get on very well with her husband. A group of American soldiers arrives at the farm, having strayed away from their designated route of advance. To their great surprise, they are welcomed by a young woman who speaks fluent English, and invite her to go with them to Plzeň as an interpreter. Anne long hesitates, well aware that she attracts the affection of one of the soldiers, and herself becomes fond of him, too. She feels that the trip to Plzeň could mean an essential change in her life. Finally she accepts the offer and leaves, moreover encouraged by the rude behaviour of her husband. In Plzeň her relationship with Stanley deepens even further, and Anne is faced with a difficult decision: to leave for America with the man she loves, or return to her husband and children? Strangely enough, at the moment when she has at last found the man of her heart, Anne comes to understand where her place is, and her sense of responsibility makes her return to her family.



## BRAINSTORM

BRAINSTORM

### TV Movie

The hero of this comedy is Jacob, who is a psychologist. He tries to help others, but is less successful in solving his own problems. He is in debt, has a mortgage to pay as well as alimony and child maintenance, and is refurbishing his consulting room. He is utterly exhausted. On top of it all his brother asks him to take care of their elderly father, who is getting to be ever more helpless and is in the early stages of senile dementia. The old man is like a naughty child and looking after him brings about some grotesque situations for Jacob. At the point when the situation has become practically intolerable for Jacob, his major intervenes in the form of a special medicine with incredible effect: BrainStorm! And so they all get a second chance to set right what they had not managed to during the time originally allotted by nature...



Video HD, m/e track, © 2008, 84'

Directed By: JIŘÍ STRACH  
Screenplay: MAREK EPSTEIN  
Director Of Photography: MARTIN ŠEC  
Sound: MARTIN VEČEŘA  
Music: ZBYNĚK MATĚJŮ  
Costume Designer: JARMILA KONEČNÁ  
Producer: CZECH TELEVISION  
Starring: IVAN TROJAN,  
RADOSLAV BRZOBOHATÝ,  
IVANA CHÝLKOVÁ and others



Video, m/e track, © 2001, 86'

Directed by: Jiří Strach  
Screenplay: Lucie Konášová  
Director of Photography: Petr Polák  
Editor: Zdeněk Patočka  
Sound: Zdeněk Stropek  
Music: byněk Matějů  
Costume Designer: Petr Kolínský  
Producer: Czech Television



Starring: BARBORA MUNZAROVÁ, JIŘÍ  
SCHMITZER, JANA HLAVÁČOVÁ, JIŘÍ  
DVOŘÁK, DOMINIKA STARÁ, LADISLAV  
ŽUPANIČ, PAVEL KRÍŽ and others