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6 000 schools
150 000 teachers
1 500 000 pupils
2 500 000 parents

**1 EDUCATIONAL
OMBUDSMAN**

 **Česká televize**



THE DEFENDER (OCHRÁNCE)

A television series about a teacher Aleš Pelán who becomes a School Ombudsman to stand up for children, parents and teachers in need.

The story of a man who can help everyone. Everyone except his wife.

A teacher bullied by her students.

Parents of children harassed by an unmanageable classmate.

A girl who's never attended school.

Pupils

sexually abused by their teacher. A teacher accused of a pupils's death on a school outing. A headmaster who smacked a student. Care workers of a juvenile detention center whose colleague was killed by an inmate. A headmistress who forbid a Muslim student to wear a headscarf. Parents of a boy who committed suicide. An elementary school dealing with a fight between Romany and white pupils... All this investigated by a man whose wife suffers from Parkinson disease and has an affair with his student. Dramatization of ten real stories which shook the Czech education system. A place where everyone has their own truth and everyone needs the Defender. Because where the police end, he begins.



Directed by: Tereza Kopáčová
Screenplay by: Tomáš Feřtek, Matěj Podzimek
Director of Photography: Pavel Berkovič
Editor: Michal Hýka
Sound: Marek Hart, Tomáš Zůbek
Music: Jiří Hájek
Costume Designer: Vladimíra Fomínová
Art Designer: Mariana Kuchařová
Producer: Czech Television

Starring: Lukáš Vaculík, Miroslav Vladyka, Jitka Sedláčková, Zora Valchařová Poullová, Barbora Kodetová, Jaroslav Plesl, Jiří Havelka, Agáta Červinková, Iveta Dušková, Lucie Ducháčková, Lukáš Veselý, Antonín Mašek, Martin Šnajdr, Vendelín Urban, Eva Vrbková and others

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