## TO THE WOODS

is a celebration of woods, water, and hillsides, and of the animals that still live there

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pays tribute to the woodsmen and farmers who bravely face the natural elements and urban encroachment

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is a poetic comedy that will win the hearts of every generation

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Cesta do lesa





# **SYNOPSIS**

HONZA buys a house in the foothills on the outskirts of a village, and there he settles in with his wife MARKETA and his daughter ANYNA. HONZA works in the woods as a forest labourer repairing roads and enclosures, and cutting wood to sell. MARKETA earns a living as a masseuse and alternative healer, making use of various mind-altering plants and mushrooms, which leads to conflict with the old inhabitants and eventually with drug enforcement. Daughter ANYNA attends a faraway school where her grades deteriorate as she wanders the woods learning from nature rather than her textbooks. A conservative farmer named PAPOS spends the year raising his crops, hunting for wild boar, and sitting in the pub drinking beer. His wife VLASTA is a forest worker who, along with the other village women, plants trees and mows woodland weeds. Her son LUDVA graduated in forestry; he lives in a cabin in the middle of the woods and is employed as assistant to the local forest ranger. While hunting varmints one night, he runs into the vegetarian wood nymph ANYNA...



Director Tomas VOREL, born 1957 in Prague, is a graduate of the renowned Prague Film Academy 1988 and a founding member and actor with Prague's popular Theatre SKLEP. He has directed numerous films for television and cinemas (mostly his own screenplays) and is known for his comic style, popular voice and the integration of music into his work. Tomas Vorel's films have always aroused positive reviews from critics and popular acclaim. As a mark of confidence in Vorel's work, president Vaclav Havel played a cameo role in the film STONE BRIDGE.

Filmography
PRAGUE FIVE (1989)
SMOKE (1991)
STONE BRIDGE (1996)
OUT OF CITY (2000)
OUT OF CITY II (2002)
SKRITEK (2005)
THE CAN (2007)
CATCH THE BILLIONAIRE (2009)

**TO THE WOODS** (2012)





Specifics:

DCP2K 5.1, HDCam 5.1, 105 min, 1:2.35
English and German subtitles
Audience: General and youth
Genre: Poetic comedy



Starring

Anna LINHARTOVA - nymph ANYNA
Tomas VOREL jr - assistant LUDVA
Tomas HANAK - forest labourer HONZA
Bara SCHLESINGER - healer MARKETA
Bolek POLIVKA - farmer PAPOS
Eva HOLUBOVA - forest worker VLASTA



Written by: Tomas VOREL & Bara SCHLESINGER
Music: Michal VICH & Petr PINOS
Costume designer: Iva RASKOVA

Visual effects: Michal KRECEK Edited by: Simon HAJEK Sound: Jakub JURASEK

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