

Prague Underworld

Panoptikum
Města pražského

Loose continuation of the legendary series **The Sinful People of Prague**.

At the turn of the 1920s and 1930s, police inspectors Bouše and Brůžek, led by their new superior, police counsel Korejs and assisted by experienced retired detective Mrázek and eager trainee solicitor Souček, deal with crime cases typical of that time of economic crisis and social tension. The authors of the episodes tell the stories of sinful as well as sinless citizens of Prague with a touch of humour and kindness. They take us to an environment which we'd hardly find in present-day Prague, and let us get a taste of situations which can never happen again.

HD, 10×51'-67', © 1987

Director: Antonín Moskalyk

Starring: Jiří Adamíra, Josef Vinklář, Josef Bláha, Ondřej Havelka, Karel Koloušek, Bedřich Prokoš, Dalimil Klapka, František Filipovský and others



The Sinful People of Prague

Hříšní lidé Města pražského

Appearing on the scene in the series of thirteen detective stories is the Prague underworld of the 1920s and 1930s. The trio of police inspectors hunting for criminals from petty thieves to murderers under the baton of police counsel Vacátko pull well together, and no sinner escapes them. But you won't escape either, as they will take you captive by their peculiar humour and perfect solutions of the cases with which they are confronted.

HD, 13×38'-60', © 1968

Director: Jiří Sequens

Starring: Jaroslav Marvan, Josef Bláha, Josef Vinklář, František Filipovský, Gustav Nezval, Helena Růžičková, Luba Skořepová and others



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Ambulance

Sanitka

The ever-changing world and the pulse of human hearts, And every second of this time, someone is dying. And there's always someone with him. Cult series produced in the 1980s, drawing inspiration from the crucial moments in the history of the Prague emergency medical service between 1956 and 1975. The eleven eventful episodes are a gripping account of the efforts of doctors, paramedics and other emergency service staff who save human lives despite imperfect technological equipment and sometimes even against the will of the patients.

HD, 11x60', © 1984

Director: Jiří Adamec

Starring: Jaromír Hanzlík, Zlata Adamovská, Eva Trejtnarová-Hudečková, Ivana Andrlová, Jiří Bartoška, Petr Kostka, Josef Vinklář and others



Cirkus Humberto

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One of the most narrative Czech series about the life and work of acrobats, tamers, clowns and other employees of Circus Humberto, spanning the period from the first half of the 19th century till the time of the first independent Czechoslovak Republic (1918-1939), based on the famous novel by Eduard Bass. The novel played an immensely important role in anti-fascist resistance, as the writer saw beyond the horizon of the time of war and Nazi occupation, to the future without fascists, racial theories and one nation holding others in contempt. The series tells the life stories of six generations of the famous Humberto family – touching biographies of people for whom the circus ring became fateful.

HD, 12x52', © 1988

Director: František Filip
Co-production: SWF Baden-Baden, WWF Köln

Starring: Jaromír Hanzlík, Petr Haničinec, Kathy Kriegel, Josef Kemr, Martin Růžek, Jiřina Bohdalová, Radoslav Brzobohatý and others



Adventure in Criminological Investigation

Dobrodružství kriminalistiky

The birth of scientific criminal investigation documented by authentic cases, in the rendering of outstanding Czech actors.

How does dactyloscopy work? What do ballistics capture? How do the investigators proceed when re-enacting a crime? And what can blood found on the scene of crime tell them? – The series of thrilling detective stories based on real historical events and figures describes the origins of methods, nowadays common, designed to expose crime.

HD, 26x50', © 1989

Director: Antonín Moskalík
Co-production: SWF Baden-Baden, WWF Köln

Starring: Boris Rösner, Petr Kostka, Ladislav Mrkvíčka, Ondřej Havelka, Vlasta Fabianová, Nelly Gaierová, Ladislav Frej st., Daniela Kolářová and others



The Golden Eels

Zlatí úhoři

The Golden Eels film directed by Karel Kachyňa, inspired by Ota Pavel's short stories, no doubt belongs to the best television dramas ever produced.

The lyrical story, situated in the charming nature of the Berounka river valley in Central Bohemia, blends with contemplations on the substance of ordinary human happiness and man's harmonious relation to nature. But at the same time, it is a reminiscence of the cruelty and oppression inflicted on both people and the landscape by the ravaging years of war and German occupation. The Golden Eels television film won the main prize in the category of dramatic programmes at the 1979 PRIX ITALIA international festival.

HD, 83', © 1979

Director: Karel Kachyňa

Starring: Vladimír Menšík, Slávka Hozová, Martin Mikuláš, Rudolf Hrušínský, Radoslav Brzobohatý, Eliška Balzerová, Jiří Císler and others



How to Pull Out a Whale's Tooth

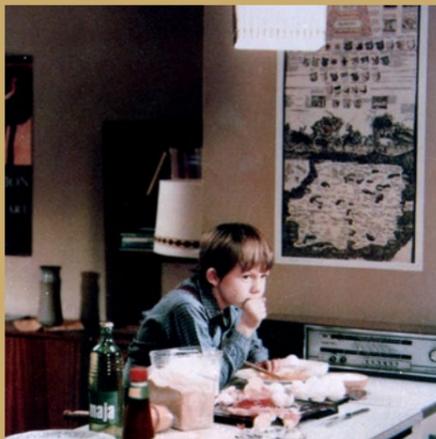
Jak vytrhnout velrybě stoličku

Famous and extraordinarily successful comedy written and directed by Marie Poledňáková, about a venturesome schoolboy Vašek and his search for his father, supposed to have perished during a mountaineering expedition in the Himalayas. Thanks to the brilliant performance of the actors, the viewer is engulfed by the story, which confronts the adult world with that of the boy, his dreams and desires – a world which simply refuses to accept things that goes against his ideas of what's good and fair... Till the moment when one day during holidays, Vašek introduces Luboš, a brave member of the mountain rescue service, to his Mum.

HD, 80', © 1977

Director: Marie Poledňáková

Starring: Jana Preissová, Tomáš Holý, František Němec, Vlastimil Harapes, Jana Dítětová, Blanka Waleská, Gabriela Vránová, Petr Kostka, Stella Zázvorková and others



Minor Tales of Crime from a Major City

Malý pitaval z velkého města

Detective stories based on real cases of murder, robbery, burglary and other crimes investigated by a Prague criminal police team in the 1980s.

HD, 15x50'-63', © 1986

Director: Jaroslav Dudek

Starring: Jaromír Hanzlík, Zlata Adamovská, Eva Trejtnarová-Hudečková, Ivana Andrlová, Jiří Bartoška, Petr Kostka, Josef Vinklář and others



How to Get Dad into Reform School

Jak dostat tatínka do polepšovny

Loose and equally successful continuation of How to Pull out a Whale's Tooth. Wanting to test Luboš's character and his relation to Vašek, Anna accepts his offer for her and Vašek to spend summer holidays at his father's country house. She's looking forward to family ease and peace, but Granddad, Luboš and Vašek have different plans...

HD, 91', © 1978

Director: Marie Poledňáková

Starring: Jana Preissová, Tomáš Holý, František Němec, Josef Karlík, Jana Dítětová, Vlastimil Harapes, Petr Nárožný, Luděk Sobota and others



The Train of Childhood and Hope

Vlak dětství a naděje

Why do people like returning to their childhood in their memories? Most probably because seen through children's eyes, the world is better and merrier than as adults perceive it. Close before the outburst of World War II, little Vera, accompanied by her widowed father and stepmother, boards a train which is never to return to the North Moravian village from which it departs. The inventiveness and indomitable optimism of her near and dear ones see her through the hard war time.

HD, 6x60', © 1985

Director: Karel Kachyňa

Starring: Stanislav Zindulka, Helena Růžičková, Žaneta Fuchsová, Tereza Brodská, Gabriela Wilhelmová, Alena Vránová and others

