

CZECH TELEVISION PRESENTS FILM

MONSTER



Monster (Monstrum)

This is a film adaptation of the fate of Otakar Švec, the author of the Stalin Monument in Prague at Letná. The dramatic story plays out among the three main characters: sculptor Otakar Švec, his wife, and his pupil Pavel Soukup, a young student of sculpture who oscillates between respect for his artistic idol and irresistible attraction to his beautiful wife. This is a human triangle that had to pay a cruel tax to a mad period of time - the first half of the 1950s, perhaps the roughest, most ruthless and most difficult period of Communist rule in the Czech Republic. Otakar Švec, a respected sculptor and a decent man, lives with his beautiful wife in a flat full of paintings and statues. Around them is a world that has perhaps gone mad from their point of view. They try to shun it, but things are not that simple. The refined sculptor and several of his prominent colleagues are invited to participate in the competition to create the Generalissimo Stalin monument. This is to be the largest statue in Europe: the Monster over Prague. Švec's participation is purely formal. He knows he has to take part in it, and that is where it ends for him, and he also knows that he has no chance to win the competition. But very surprisingly, he wins. He feels that this is a dangerous win, but he cannot back off now, because if he does, he could pay for it with his life. A decent man, Otakar Švec inevitably walks on a path that leads to human tragedy.

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Screenplay by: Viktor Polesný
Director of Photography:
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Editor: Lenka Polesná
Sound: Miroslav Hřebek
Music: Zdenek Merta
Costume Designer:
Ivana Brádková
Art Designer: Petr Fořt



Starring:

Jan Novotný, Martin Kraus, Zuzana Stivínová,
Juraj Deák, Vladimír Polívka, Patricie Solaříková,
Tomáš Havlínek, Miroslav Etzler, Petra Nesvačilová,
Marian Roden, Rostislav Novák ml., Pavel Mareš,
Jana Gerleová, René Přibil, Jiří Ployhar ml.,
Petr Čtvrtníček, Rostislav Novák st., Jiří Wohanka,
Ivan Pokorný, Kristián Hynek and others

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