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THE MESSENGER

motto: The Dead End Express



by

Vladimír Michálek

Petr is a courier, a messenger as a matter of fact. He is one of those young men who believe that on their bikes they have become part and parcel of the atmosphere of modern cities. He is a non-conformist who refuses to settle into today's deformed society, he abhors its indolence, consumerism and lies, as well as its pseudo-truths, pseudo-feelings, pseudo-loves and pseudo-values. Petr's untrammelled personality keeps causing more and more serious problems. And Petr is also one of those who will never admit to themselves that they might be at the end of their tether.

Directed by: Vladimír Michálek / Screenplay by: Marek Epstein / Producer: Igor Chvála, Darina Levová / Director of Photography: Martin Štrba / Editor: Olina Kaufmanová / Music: Blue Effect / Sound: Radim Hladík jr. / Costumes: Vladimír Michálek / Art Designer: Rádovan Veselý / Starring: Matěj Hádek, Jiří Vyorálek, Eva Leimbergerová, Gabriela Mikulková, Jan Kolařík, Stanislav Zindulka, Pavel Kunert and others.

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THE MESSENGER



DCP, Videotape HDTV, m/e track, 100', English subtitles, © 2012
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Vladimír Michálek (1956) Director, script writer.

Feature films:

- 1994 **America (Amerika)**
- 1996 **Forgotten Light (Zapomenuté světlo)**
Newport International Film Festival 1998 – Best Director Award
- 1997 **Czech Lions (Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Sound)**
IFF Karlovy Vary 1997 – Ecumenical Panel Award, Audience Award,
Best Actor – B. Polívka
- 1998 **Sekal Has to Die (Je třeba zabít Sekala)**
IFF Karlovy Vary 1998 – Best Actor – O. Lubaszenko,
Special Prize of Ecumenical Jury
AFI Los Angeles International Film Festival 1998 – Critics' Choice
Gdyni Intl. Film Festival – Individual Prize for Best Screenplay – J. Křižan
10 Czech Lions 1998 (incl. Best Direction, Best Picture, Critics' Choice)
Syrena Warszawska Prize – The Best Foreign Film – awarded by Film
Critic Club of Polish Journalist Association
Finále Plzeň 1999 – Best Actor – O. Lubaszenko
- 1999 **Prague Stories, story The Cards Are Dealt (Praha očima... povídka Karty jsou rozdaný)**
- 2000 **Angel Exit (Anděl exit)**
Winner of South Korea Film Festival
- 2002 **Autumn Spring (Babí léto)**
IFF Cleveland 2002 – Roxanne Mueller Award – The Best Film
Lagow Lubuskie Film Festival 2002 – Silver Grape
US Comedy Arts Intl. Film Festival Aspen 2003 – The Best Foreign Film
IFF Karlovy Vary 2002 – Variety Critics Choice
Participation at IFF: Toronto, Moscow, Montreal, Vancouver, Denver
US theatrical distribution (First Look),
Also distributed in Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Scandinavia, Germany...
- 2009 **Of Parents and Kids (O rodičích a dětech)**
- 2012 **The Messenger (Posel)**

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