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# A CAUTIONARY TALE

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ORIGINAL MUSIC BY RUBEN DE GHESELLE SOUND DESIGNER JACQUES PEDERSEN SOUND RECORDIST JONATHAN STANNERS  
PRODUCED BY MARA ADINA AND ANAMARIA ANTOCI DIRECTED, FILMED AND EDITED BY ILINCA CALUGAREANU



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Runtime: 79 min

Country of production: Romania/United Kingdom

Language: Romanian/English

**A filmmaker starts following the story of a man who is fighting a lone, harrowing battle against a Kafkaesque system that refuses to recognise he is alive. As her camera rolls and days turn into weeks, she becomes dangerously enmeshed in his journey. But the story behind the story is much darker and sadder than she could have imagined.**

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**A peculiar tale of life and death.**





# BIOGRAPHIES - DIRECTOR

**D**irector Ilinca Calugareanu is a UK-based Romanian filmmaker. With a background in anthropology and sociology, she is drawn to stranger than fiction stories and larger than life characters. Blending absurd and playful tones, her films are a mix of fiction and documentary, exploring hybrid forms of storytelling. Ilinca's short and feature documentaries (Chuck Norris vs Communism, A Cops and Robbers Story, The Joys and Sorrows of Young Yuguu) have played in cinemas and festivals around the world, connecting with audiences on Netflix, HBO, Arte, Hulu, the New York Times or Guardian Documentaries. She is a Berlinale Talents Alumna (2017), Chicken&Egg Accelerator Lab Grantee (2018), Sundance Institute National Geographic Fellow (2018), Sundance Sound and Music Labs Directing Fellow (2019) and SFFILM Rainin Screenwriting Grantee (2020). In 2023, Ilinca received the prestigious Chicken&Egg Award, which recognizes and elevates women and gender nonconforming directors with unique voices who are poised to reach new heights in their careers.

Ilinca is one of the founders of Vernon Films, established with producer and sister Mara Adina in 2011. Together they focus on pushing the boundaries of documentary filmmaking and collaborating with creative voices who seek to devise new ways of arriving at story.

# PRODUCERS

**Mara Adina** (Producer) is a creative producer and co-founder of Vernon Films where her primary focus is to collaborate with creative voices that seek to devise new ways of arriving at story. Mara produced Ilinca Calugareanu's debut feature film Chuck Norris vs Communism, which premiered in competition at Sundance 2015 and went on to play in

cinemas and festivals across the world and was released by Netflix & HBO Max. In 2018 she became a Sundance Creative Producing Fellow and produced Ilinca's second feature doc A Cops and Robbers Story which premiered at Doc NYC 2019 to critical acclaim, and was released in cinemas across the US and was recently bought by Hulu. In 2022 The Joys and Sorrows of Young Yuguo was released at Sheffield doc fest later being shortlisted for the IDA and Cinema Eye awards and is currently playing on Netflix world wide. She is in development on A Private Wild (supported by Sundance Institute) & feature film The Jumping Off Point. She is in post production with Emily debut feature doc There Was, There Was Not (supported by The Sundance Institute, Chicken & Egg Pictures, IDA Enterprise & Hot Docs Cross Currents) set to release in 2023.

**Anamaria Antoci** (Producer) is an accomplished active producer in the European market and a member of prominent industry networks such as EAVE, ACE Producers, and the European Producers Club. She is also the Executive Director of European Women in Audiovisual Network (EWA). Anamaria founded in 2017 her own Bucharest based production company, Tangaj Production. The company specializes in producing high-quality arthouse films, discovering new and emerging talent. Anamaria's achievements include producing the independent production ILLEGITIMATE (2016), directed by Adrian Sitaru, which won the C.I.C.A.E. Award at the Berlinale Forum and earned her the Romanian film industry GOPO Emerging Award. Recently, Anamaria produced multiple award-winning films, such as MEN OF DEEDS by Paul Negoescu, and served as a delegate producer for Cristi Puiu's MALMKROG (2020), which opened first edition of Berlinale's Encounters section. She is currently in pre-production for upcoming films by Andrei Ujică and Adrian Sitaru, in post-production as a co-producer for George Sikharulidze's Georgian debut, and developing her first series projects.



## CREDITS

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PRODUCED BY

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ANAMARIA ANTOCI

SOUND RECORDIST

JONATHAN STANNERS

ORIGINAL MUSIC

RUBEN DE GHESELLE

SOUND DESIGNER

JAQUES PEDERSEN

PRODUCTION MANAGER  
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

**ANA VOICU  
ANDA IONESCU**

ADDITIONAL CAMERA

**BORÓKA BIRÓ  
ANDREI OANĂ**

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION MANAGER  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

**ADRIANA RĂCĂȘAN  
NICOLAE PURICE**

ADDITIONAL SOUND RECORDING

**ȘTEFAN AZAHARIOAIE**

EDITING CONSULTANT

**PER K. KIRKEGAARD**

RE-RECORDING MIXER  
SOUND EFFECTS EDITOR  
FOLEY ARTIST  
ADDITIONAL DIALOGUE EDITING

**JACQUES PEDERSEN  
MIA TERRY  
RASMUS EMIL  
MIKKELSEN  
ADRIAN SANDU**

IMAGE POSTPRODUCTION  
COLORIST  
POSTPRODUCTION COORDINATOR  
CONFORMING ONLINE, DCP /  
DELIVERABLES

**COLORGRADE  
LAURENT MOREL  
ANDREEA DUMITRESCU  
ALEXANDRA BĂBĂU**

MUSIC  
SCORE COPY & ORCHESTRATION  
ASSISTANCE  
PIANO  
CLARINET  
ALUPHONE  
ORCHESTRA  
CONDUCTOR  
SOUND ENGINEER  
ORCHESTRA MANAGER  
ENGINEERS BLUE KEY STUDIO

**GÖRKEM BERK AĞAR  
LUKAS HUISMAN  
AARON VAN DE WINCKEL  
BIRGIT EECLOO  
BUDAPEST SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA  
PÉTER ILLÉNYI  
PETER BARABAS AND  
GERGŐ LÁPOSI  
PÉTER KOVÁCS  
MATHIAS STAL  
ENO MEULENBERGS  
BLUE KEY STUDIO  
MIREK COUTIGNY  
MICHAËL PENSON  
VALERIE DOBBELAERE &  
BARBARA PERSYN**

*Original music, created by composer  
Ruben De Gheselle, with the support of  
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