

LUONTO JA TERVEYS | ПРИРОДА И ЗДОРОВЬЕ | NATURE AND HEALTH

FICTION

PRODUCTION YEAR: 05/2006

COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION: Finland

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: Russian / Finnish

SUBTITLES AVAILABLE: English, Russian, Finnish

DURATION: 55 min

SCREENING FORMATS:

- 35mm 1:1,85 | Dolby Digital | subtitles: English, Russian, Finnish
- Digibeta 16:9 anamorphic | stereo | subtitles: English/Russian/Finnish
- Beta SP 4:3 letterboxed | stereo | subtitles: English/Russian/Finnish
- DVD 16:9 | Dolby Digital 2.0 | subtitles: English, Russian, Finnish

TV PREMIERE (FINLAND): YLE TV1 / 12TH DECEMBER 2006

CAST: Ville Haapasalo (FIN), Olga Shuvalova (RUS), Oleg Letnikov (RUS), Andrei Tsumak (FIN), Valeri Filonov (RUS), Leonid Nitsenko (RUS), Yuri Orlov (RUS), Viktor Terehov (RUS)

DIRECTOR: Panu Heikkilä (FIN)

SCREENWRITERS: Panu Heikkilä & Ville Haapasalo (FIN)

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Jussi Eerola (FIN)

SOUND DESIGNER: Janne Jankeri (FIN)

SET DESIGNER: Sami Silvennoinen (FIN)

MUSIC BY: Jukka Immonen (FIN)

CASTING: Gala Kapitskaja (RUS)

PRODUCER: Pekka Lehtonen (FIN)

PRODUCTION COMPANY: Fantomatico Ltd. (FIN)

IN CO-PRODUCTION WITH: Finnish Film Foundation, YLE TV1 and AVEK

SYNOPSIS:

Nature and Health – A film about homesickness.

Finnish-Russian **Kostya** (Ville Haapasalo) is in his thirties and lives an unstable life. He cleans the underground and runs small errands for his family friend **Alexey** (Andrei Tsumak). Alexey manages a stripper circle and rewards Kostya's efforts with a temporary place to live and occasional sums of money.

When Kostya moved to Finland with his parents in the early 1990s, life changed significantly for the teenage boy. His mother died shortly after moving and his father **Anatoly** (Oleg Letnikov) grew distant. The father got Kostya a dog to console him, but now the poor old dog has become a nuisance.

Neither Kostya nor his father is able to talk about the dead mother and it disrupts their relationship. Kostya keeps his distance from his father and his thoroughly Russian friends – the men of the Nature and Health Society, who lean on traditions and each other. But when Alexey's latest find, **Masha** (Olga Shuvalova), arrives from St. Petersburg, Kostya has to move back in with his father...

SCREENINGS AND AWARDS:

- 06/2006 FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS, ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
- **Prize of The City St. Petersburg**
- 08/2006 FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL FILMS & TV-PROGRAMS "VYATKA", KIROV, RUSSIA
- **Honourable Mention, actor Ville Haapasalo**
- 09/2006 7TH INTERNATIONAL TV AND CINEMA FORUM, JALTA, UKRAINE
- **Prize for Best Deput, Director Panu Heikkilä**
- **Prize for Best Actress, Olga Shuvalova**
- 09/2006 BAY STREET FILM FESTIVAL, THUNDER BAY, CANADA
- 09/2006 KINOBLICK, BERLIN, GERMANY
- 11/2006 IX EURASIAN TV FORUM, MOSCOW, RUSSIA
- 11/2006 KETTUPÄIVÄT, HELSINKI, FINLAND
- **Prize for Best Fiction**
- 01/2007 FIPATEL, BIARRITZ, FRANCE
- 03/2007 TAMPERE FILM FESTIVAL, TAMPERE, FINLAND
- **Risto Jarva Prize**

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