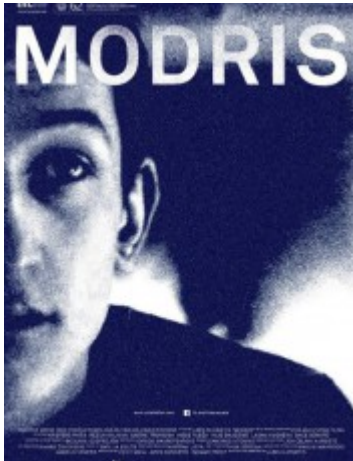


Modris

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“ 17-year-old Modris has a girlfriend, some good pals in school, and a gambling addiction. His difficult relationship with his mother reaches breaking point when she reports him to the police for pawning the electric heater. Thus begin Modris' adventures in the Latvian justice system. ”



Synopsis

Modris is a normal 17-year-old with a girlfriend and some good pals at school. But his addiction to gambling makes his relationship with his mother difficult, especially since she keeps on reminding him that his father is in prison - so Modris must have inherited his bad genes. Things come to a head in the middle of the Nordic winter when Modris pawns his mother's electric heater so he can play the slot machines. She betrays him to the police, and as he begins his adventures in the Latvian justice system, his relationship to the outside world changes. Soon Modris becomes determined to find the father he never knew.

LATVIAN ENTRY FOR OSCARS 2016

Credits

Director: Juris Kursietis / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Modris / **English title:** Modris / **Country of production:** Latvia, Germany, Greece / **Year of production:** 2014 / **Length:** 98 minutes / **Color:** Colour / **Screening format:** DCP, Blu-ray - 2K, 1:2.39 Cinemascope / **Original language:** Latvian, Russian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Kristers Pikša, Rezija Kalniņa / **Scriptwriter:** Juris Kursietis / **Director of photography:** Bogumil Godfrejów / **Editor:** Yorgos Mavropsaridis / **Sound design:** Leandros Ntounis / **Music:** Liga Celma-Kursiete / **Producers:** Vicky Miha, Juris Kursietis, Ingmar Trost / **Production company:** Red Dot Media, Sutor Kolonko, Boo Productions / **Co-production company:** Z[35], Zupas Filma / **Supported by:** National Film Centre of Latvia, Eurimages, Film und Medien Stiftung NRW, Media Programme of the Euro

Festivals / Awards

Toronto IFF 2014, Canada; San Sebastian IFF 2014, Spain - **Special Jury Award**; Warsaw IFF 2014, Poland; Film Festival Cottbus 2014, Germany; Thessaloniki IFF 2014, Greece; Leeds IFF 2014, UK; Indian IFF in Goa 2014, India; Tbilisi IFF 2014, Georgia - **Best Director**; Riga IFF 2014, Latvia - **Best Debut Film, Best Supporting Actress** (Rezija Kalnina); Febiofest - Prague IFF 2015, Czech Republic; Guadalajara FF 2015, Mexico; Vilnius IFF 2015, Lithuania; Fajr Int'l Film Festival 2015, Iran; Filmkunstfest Mecklenburg-Vorpommern 2015, Germany; Brussels Film Festival 2015, Germany; Art Film Fest 2015, Slovakia; Within the Family 2015, Russia; Terre di Cinema 2015, Italy; Kinoshock FF, Russia - **Best Director**; Helsinki IFF - Love & Anarchy, Finland; LET'S CEE Film Festival, Austria; Cineast FF, Luxembourg; Northern Film Festival, Netherlands; Santa Barbara IFF, USA; Prishtina International Film Festival, Kosovo; Latvian film festival in Saint-Petersburg, Russia; European Film Screenings 2016, United Arabs Emirates; ;

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