

Remote Control

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“ After a senseless fight between his parents, teenager Tsog runs away from home and settles on the rooftop of a city apartment building. With a stolen remote control he starts changing the TV channels in the building opposite. This taste of power make Tsog wants more – to rule other people’s feelings. ”

Synopsis



Tsog and his little brother Tulga are growing up in a loveless home with a bitter stepmother and a drunken father. To support his family, Tsog resells the neighbor’s milk in the city. His only survival is to retreat inside his imaginary world. And he constantly draws pictures of his favorite hero – a young monk. After a senseless fight between parents Tsog runs away from home and settles on the rooftop of a city apartment building. He soon becomes obsessed with a young woman Anu, living in a top floor apartment of the opposite building. Tsog feels familiarity between their souls and starts to imagine different ways to intertwine their fates. But in the reality, she suffers acrophobia – the fear of heights. The boy steals a remote control and starts to control Anu’s TV from the rooftop. Once having this little taste of power he wants more – to rule other’s feeling. But Tsog’s attempt to rule Anu’s feeling collapses as a man appears in her apartment. Despair and misery forces Tsog to make revenge; he decides to organize a robbery in Anu’s apartment. But growing up from his dream and fantasy world Tsog decides to face the reality at the end. He saves Anu’s flat from robbery using the remote control for the last time.

Credits

Director: Byamba Sakhya / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Alsin udirdlaga (Алсын Удирдлага) / **English title:** Remote Control / **Country of production:** Mongolia, Germany, USA / **Year of production:** 2013 / **Length:** 90 min / **Color:** colour / **Shooting format:** HD / **Screening format:** DCP, BluRay (1:2.35 Cinemascope, Dolby Digital, 1080, 24fps, not encrypted) / **Original language:** Mongolian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Baasandorj Enkhtaivan (Tsog), Bayarmaa Nergui (Anu), Ganbaatar Chagnaadorj (Jaaga) / **Scriptwriter:** Byamba Sakhya / **Director of photography:** Charles Libin / **Editor:** Byamba Sakhya & Naomi Spirio / **Sound design:** Abigail Savage / **Music:** Sansar Sangidorj / **Producers:** Ariunaa Tserenpil / **Co-producers:** Heino Deckert / **Production company:** Guru Media / **Co-production company:** Ma.ja.de. Fiction / **Supported by:** Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Mongolia; Development Fund of Culture & Arts of Mongolia;

Festivals / Awards

Busan IFF 2013, South Korea - **New Currents Award, ex aequo with PASCHA**; Seoul Independent FF, South Korea; Rotterdam IFF 2014, Netherlands - **Nominated for the Hubert Bals Fund Lions Film Award**; Göteborg IFF 2014, Sweden; Vilnius IFF 2014, Lithuania; Washington DC FF 2014, USA; Mooov FF 2014, Belgium - Competition; Seattle IFF 2014, USA - New Directors Competitions; Terracotta Far East FF London 2014, UK; Zlín FF for Children & Youth 2014, Czech Republic - Competition; Shanghai IFF 2014, China; Munich FF 2014, Germany; Melbourne IFF 2014, Australia; Anonimul IFF 2014, Romania - **Award for Best Feature Film**; Mongolian Week Dortmund, Germany; Asiatica FF Rome 2014, Italy - Competition; Warsaw IFF 2014, Poland; Dharmshala FF, India; Inverness FF 2014, UK; Camerimage FF 2014, Poland

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