

Rival

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“ His mother belongs to him. Only to him. ”



Synopsis

9-year-old Roman follows his mother Oksana, who left to work illegally in Germany. There she lives with Gert, a 62-year-old German widower who suffers from diabetes. Gert tries to make friends with the boy, but Roman struggles for his mother's attention. Suddenly Oksana becomes ill, and Roman is left alone with his rival. Surprisingly Gert turns out to be a good playmate until he dies from a stroke. Roman is now trapped in a remote place, along with a corpse.

Credits

Director: Marcus Lenz / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Rivale / **English title:** RIVAL / **Country of production:** Germany, Ukraine / **Year of production:** 2020 / **Length:** 96 mins / **Screening format:** DCP 2K (2048x858) (1:2,39; 5.1, un-encrypted) / **Original language:** German, Ukrainian / **Cast:** Yelizar Nazarenko, Maria Bruni, Udo Samel, / **Scriptwriter:** Marcus Lenz, Lars Hubrich / **Director of photography:** Frank Amann / **Production designer:** Beatrice Schultz / **Editor:** Hansjörg Weissbrich, Bernd Euscher / **Sound design:** Jonathan Ritzel / **Sound mixing:** Dominik Avenwedde / **Music:** Caroline Siegers + Evgueni Galperine / **Producers:** Gunter Hanfgarn & Andrea Ufer / **Co-producers:** Marina Orekhova, Patrick Waldmann / **Production company:** HANFGARN & UFER / **Co-production company:** Belka Strelka, Wildfilms / **Supported by:** BKM, Filmstiftung NRW, Nordmedia

Festivals / Awards

Busan IFF - Flash Forward Competition - World Premiere; AFI Fest, USA - *New Auteurs*; HOF IFF, Germany - **THE GERMAN CINEMA NEW TALENT AWARD 2020**; Braunschweig IFF, Germany; Listapad Minsk IFF, Belorussia - *Main Feature Film Competition* - **Yury Marukhin Memorial Award for Best Cinematography for FRANK AMANN**; Tallinn Black Nights IFF, Estonia; Kolkata IFF, India; KINO - Mostra de Cinema de Expressão Alemã - **Audience award**; Sherbrooke IFF, Canada; Cleveland IFF, USA; Bergamo IFF, USA; Maryland FF, USA; International Human Rights FF, Argentina; Shanghai IFF, China; Boulder IFF, USA; Atlantida IFF, Spain; Odesa IFF, Ukraine - **Special Jury Mention Award**; Zerkalo FF, Russia - **Voices Award From The Young Film Critics Jury**; Snowdance, Germany; EspooCine, Finland; PriFest, Kosovo - **Global Winner Feature Film**; Achtung Berlin Film Festival - **Best feature film, Best camera feature film, Best screenplay**; Neisse Filmfestival, Germany - **Best Script**; Europe on Screen, Indonesia; Randfilmfest, Germany; Taipei IFF, Taiwan; SKIP City IFF, Japan - **Main Competition - Best Director Award**; Ukraine! FF, Poland; Achtung Berlin, Germany; Emden FF, Germany - **NDR film Award**; Ukraine! FF, Poland; Camerimages, Poland; MUSOC - Human Rights FILM Festival, Spain

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