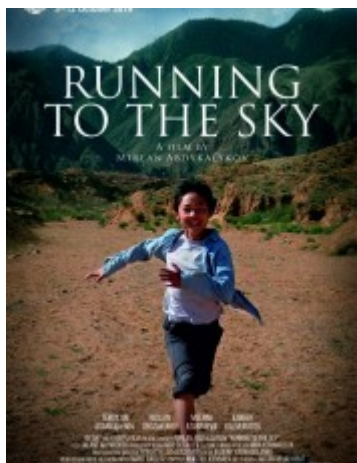


# Running To The Sky

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“ An exceptional runner, 12-year-old Kyrgyz boy Jekshen finds freedom from limitations by running competitions and relief from family burdens by winning prizes. ”



## Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Jekshen, an exceptional runner, lives in a beautiful mountain village in Kyrgyzstan. His parents are divorced, and life with his alcoholic father is difficult. Lonely Jekshen only has his girlfriend from school and his father's friends for support. They encourage him to take part in a big race—a race that could change his life for the better.

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## Credits

**Director:** Mirlan Abdykalykov / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Jo Kuluk / **English title:** RUNNING TO THE SKY / **Country of production:** Kyrgyzstan / **Year of production:** 2019 / **Length:** 88 min / **Color:** Colour / **Shooting format:** 4K-6K / **Screening format:** DCP 2K DCI Flat (1998x1080) (1:1.85; 5.1, un-encrypted) / **Original language:** Kyrgyz, Russian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Temirlan Asankadyrov, Ruslan Orozakunov, Meerim Atantaeva, Ilimbek Kalmuratov / **Scriptwriter:** Ernest Abdyjaparov, Mirlan Abdykalykov / **Director of photography:** Talant Akynbekov / **Editor:** Evgeniy Krokhmalenko / **Sound design:** Mars Tugelov / **Sound mixing:** Mars Tugelov / **Music:** Murzali Jeenbaev / **Producers:** Altynai Koichumanova / **Production company:** Oy Art / **Supported by:** Department of Cinema under the Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism (Kyrgyzstan), Bilimkana Foundation (Kyrgyzstan)

## Festivals / Awards

Busan IFF, South Korea, New Currents Competition - **Fipresci Award**; Schlingel IFF, Germany ; Cinekid, The Netherlands; Minsk IFF Listapad, Belarus; Rabat IFF, Morocco - **Jury's Special Mention, Best Actor Award**; Kolkata IFF, India; Ale Kino!, Poland - **SPECIAL MENTION of the International Jury for Feature Film for Children**; Hainan IFF, China; Glasgow FF, UK; Bengaluru IFF, India; WOW Wales One World FF, UK; BIKY Busan International Kids&Youth FF, South Korea; International Debut Film Festival Spirit of Fire, Russia; Children FF Kikife, Germany; Love &Anarchy Helsinki IFF, Finland; Two River Sides IFF, Poland; BUFF Malmö FF, Sweden; Sao Paulo IFF, Brazil; Chennai IFF, India; WOW Wales One World Film Festival, UK; Film Ohne Grenzen FF, Germany; Asian FF, Spain

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