

Somewhere Over The Chemtrails

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Synopsis

Clumsy Standa and recently widower Bronya are volunteer firefighters in a small village where they enjoy a quiet and peaceful life. Things begin to change when a van crashes into a crowd of people during the Easter Fair. Before anyone notices, the driver runs away from the car crash. People believe it is a terrorist attack and the festive mood is replaced by an atmosphere of fear, hatred, and misinformation. Bronya, who is convinced of terrorism, is trying to do something to improve the situation. The sense of danger pumps new blood into his veins, and the fire brigade becomes a militia.

Director Adam Koloman Rybanský's confidently told and rhythmically compelling debut examines the mechanisms of racism and exclusion in the microcosm of a village. At the same time, he takes a loving and humorous look at human weakness, revealing a deeply humanist worldview.

Credits

Director: Adam Koloman Rybanský / **Genre:** Comedy - Satirical, Community, Conspiracy, Bias / **Original title:** Kdyby radši hořelo / **English title:** Somewhere Over the Chemtrails / **Country of production:** Czech Republic / **Year of production:** 2022 / **Length:** 85 min / **Color:** Color / **Shooting format:** 2k / **Screening format:** DCP 2K / **Original language:** Czech / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Michal Isteník, Anna Polívková, Miroslav Krobot / **Scriptwriter:** Adam Koloman Rybanský, Lukáš Csicsely / **Director of photography:** Matěj Piňos / **Production designer:** Ivana Kanhäuserová, Antonín Matějovský / **Editor:** Alan Sýs / **Sound design:** Adam Bláha / **Producers:** Eva Pavlíčková, Pavel Vácha / **Production company:** Bratři s.r.o. / **Supported by:** FAMU, Czech TV, Zlin region, FreeSaM

Festivals / Awards

Berlinale, Panorama - **World Premiere**; Neisse FF, Germany - **Best Production Design Award / Best Screenplay Award**; Kino na hranici, Czech Republic; Riviera FF, Italy; FabioFest, Czech Republic; Olhar de Cinema - Curitiba IFF, Brazil; Sprouts Film Festival, Netherlands; Toffest, Poland; Taipei FF, Taiwan; Festival of Tolerance, Croatia; Beijing IFF, China - **Best Screenplay Award**; Visegrad Film Festival Uzhgorod, Ukraine; Finále Pilsen, Czech Republic - **The Golden Kingfisher Award for the best feature live action**; Festival 7ème Lune, France; Alexandre Trauner ART/Film Festival, Hungary; Chicago IFF, USA ; Bergen IFF, Norway; Made in Prague, UK; Denver Film Festival, USA; Thessaloniki IFF, Greece; Dingle Distillery IFF, Ireland - Competition - **Honourable mention**; Exground filmfest, Germany; PÖFF Black Nights FF Tallinn, Estonia; Crime & Punishment IFF, Turkey; Silk Road IFF, China; Osteuropäischen Filmtage Dresden, Germany; REC Tarragona, Spain; Chennai International Film Festival, India; Trieste Film Festival, Italy; So macht man Frühling, Germany; Czech That Film (Dallas), USA; Europe on Screen, Indonesia; Ceau, Cinema!, Romania; Festival de Ciné-Rencontres, France; Pittsburgh EU Film Festival, USA

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