

# Stop - Zemlia

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“ if you don't dare, you will never know ”



## Synopsis

Navigating the emotional turmoil of waiting for life to begin while hanging around with classmates – a radical, authentic, and sensitive insight into the unsettling feeling of being young and an inside perspective on Ukrainian youth.

The introverted high-school girl Masha sees herself as an outsider unless she hangs around with Yana and Senia who share her non-conformist status. While she is trying to navigate through an intense time of the pre-graduation year, Masha falls in love in a way that forces her out of her comfort zone. From a debutant Ukrainian director Kateryna Gornostai, a deeply personal story about self-discovery and the patience it requires.

## Credits

**Director:** Kateryna Gornostai / **Genre:** Drama, Coming-of-Age - Teenage Drama, LGBTQIA+, High School, First Love, Awakening, Friendship / **Original title:** STOP-ZEMLIA / **English title:** STOP-ZEMLIA / **Country of production:** Ukraine / **Year of production:** 2021 / **Length:** 122 / **Color:** color / **Shooting format:** 2K ARRI Alexa / **Screening format:** DCP / **Original language:** Ukrainian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Maria Fedorchenko, Arsenii Markov, Yana Isaienko, Oleksandr Ivanov / **Scriptwriter:** Kateryna Gornostai / **Director of photography:** Oleksandr Roshchyn / **Production designer:** Maxym Nimenko / **Editor:** Nikon Romanchenko, Kateryna Gornostai / **Sound design:** Mykhailo Zakutskyi, Oleg Goloveshkin / **Music:** Maryana Klochko / **Producers:** Vitalii Sheremetiev, Viktoriia Khomenko, Natalia Libet, Olga Beskhnelynska / **Production company:** ESSE Production House / **Supported by:** Ukrainian Film State Agency, Ukrainian Cultural Foundation, Ukrainian Institute

## Festivals / Awards

Berlinale Generation 14Plus - **Crystal Bear of the Youth Jury Generation 14+**; New Directors/New Films, USA; Jeonju IFF, South Korea; Shanghai IFF, China; Cinema Jove FF, Spain; Oak Cliff FF, USA; Giffoni FF, Italy; Pula IFF, Croatia; Film Ohne Grenzen, Germany; Tulum IFF, Mexico; Orange Film, South Korea; New Horizons IFF, Poland; Beijing IFF, China; Edinburgh IFF, UK; Five Lakes FF, Germany - **Main Prize Award**; Odesa IFF, Ukraine - **Grand Prix Award, Best Ukrainian Feature Film Award, Best Acting Work Award**; Karlovy Vary IFF, Czech Republic; Nara IFF, Japan; Taipei IFF, Taiwan; Innsbruck IFF, Austria; CineEast, Luxembourg; Ukrainian FF, Germany; Queer FF Munich, Germany; Alice nella città, Italy; Riga IFF, Latvia; European FF, South Africa; Cinemagic IFF, North Ireland; Ukraine! FF, Poland; Cottbus IFF, Germany; Ukrainian Film Days in Helsinki, Finland; Thessaloniki IFF, Greece; Juniorfest, Czech Republic; Scanorama, Lithuania; Free Zone Human Rights FF, Serbia; Zagreb FF, Croatia; Festival Nuovo Cinema Europa with Giffoni FF, Italy; Citizen's Association PRAVO LJUDSKI, Bosnia and Herzegovina; GaztefilmFest, Spain; Eskisehir International Film Festival, Turkey; "Vicoli Corti" Film Festival, Italy; Tromsø IFF, Norway; Zinegoak - Bilbao Inter. Queer FF, Spain; Oostende FF, Belgium; WOW Wales One World Film Festival, UK; Festival Marnes en Mars, France; Reel 2 Real Film Fest, Canada; Amandus Film Festival, Norway; Sherbrooke FF, Canada; Muestra Showcase of Cineteca Nacional, Mexico; TIFF Next Wave FF, Canada; Crossing Europe, Austria; Febio Prague, Czech Republic; Mittel Punkt Europa, Germany; IFF Innsbruck, Austria; Flying Broom IFFF, Turkey; FebioFest, Czech Republic; Jeonju IFF, South Korea; New Directos / New Films Festival, Portugal; Bildrausch Film Fest Basel, Switzerland; IFF Molodist, Ukraine - **Winners of the National Competition**; Gender Bender FF, Italy; Helsinki IFF, Finland; Prishtina International Film Festival: OIFF beyond the borders, Kosovo; Ukrainian Film Festival London, UK; MICHEL Children's and Youth Film Festival Hamburg, Germany; Image+nation, Canada; Polish Film Days, Norway; Cornwall FF, UK; Trieste Film Festival, Italy; Holon Cinematheque, Israel; National Taiwan University Film Festival, Taiwan; Golden Dzyga, Ukraine - **Best Film, Best Screenplay, Best Director, Best Production Designer, Best Supporting Actor, Best Editing, Best Costume Design, Best Makeup, Best Music, Best Song, Best Special Effects, Discovery of the Year**

More information online: <http://www.plutofilm.de/films/stop-zemlia/0063>

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