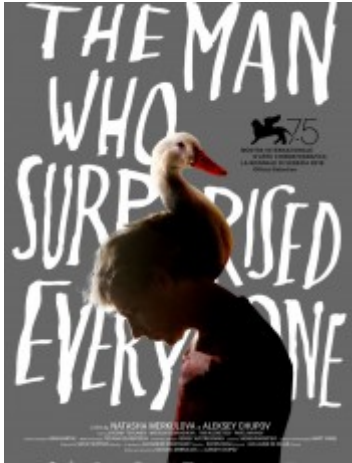


# The Man Who Surprised Everyone

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“ A fearless Siberian forest guard and a family man Egor discovers that he has only a few months to live and takes a desperate attempt to trick death by adopting the identity of a woman. ”



## Synopsis

Egor is a fearless state forest guard in the Siberian Taiga. He is a good family man, respected by his fellow villagers and together with his wife Natalia they are expecting a second child. But one day Egor finds out that he has cancer and only two months left to live. No traditional medicine or shamanic magic can save him. Finally, left with no other options, he takes a desperate attempt to trick death. As disguise Egor chooses to take the identity of a woman.

## Credits

**Director:** Natasha Merkulova & Aleksey Chupov / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Tchelovek kotorij udivil vseh / **English title:** The Man Who Surprised Everyone / **Country of production:** Russia, Estonia, France / **Year of production:** 2018 / **Length:** 105 minutes / **Color:** color / **Shooting format:** 2k / **Screening format:** DCP / **Original language:** Russian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Evgeniy Tsyganov, Natalya Kudryashova / **Scriptwriter:** Natasha Merkulova & Aleksey Chupov / **Director of photography:** Mart Taniel / **Editor:** Vadim Krasnitsky / **Sound design:** Stas Kreckov / **Sound:** Vladimir Pryamov, Aleksandr Fedenyov / **Music:** Andrey Kurchenko / **Producers:** Katia Filippova / **Co-producers:** Katrin Kissa, Alexander Rodnyansky, Guillaume De Seille / **Production company:** Pan Atlantic Studio / **Co-production company:** Homeless Bob Production, Non-Stop Production, Arizona Productions

## Festivals / Awards

Venice International Film Festival, Italy - **Orizzonti Award for Best Actress**; Busan IFF, South Korea; El Gouna IFF, Egypt - **Special Jury Prize**; Pingyao IFF, China - **Crouching Tiger Audience Award**; Bordeaux Independent IFF, France - **Prix Erasmus+, Grand Jury Special Mention**; Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival, Estonia; Honfleur Russian Film Festival - **Grand Prix de la Ville de Honfleur Meilleur Film, Best Actor, Best actress**; Russian Film Weeks Paris, France; Cineuropa, Spain; Janela IFF, Brasil; Tromso FF, Norway; Rotterdam IFF, Netherlands; Göteborg IFF, Sweden; Zinegoak IFF, Spain - **Best Feature Film, Best Secondary Performance**; Glasgow IFF, UK; A l'Est, du Nouveau, France; Luxembourg City Film Festival, Luxembourg - **Grand Prix Special Mention**; Sofia IFF, Bulgaria; Guadalajara IFF, Mexico; Costa Rica IFF, Costa Rica; Istanbul FF, Turkey; Russian FF, South Korea; IFF Uruguay Cinemateca Uruguaya, Uruguay - **Best Director Award ex-aequo**; OUTShine, USA - **Honorable Mention Best Narrative Feature**; Crossing Europe Filmfestival Linz, Austria - **Best Fiction Award**; Vilnius IFF, Lithuania; Tromso IFF, Norway; Seattle IFF, USA; Al Este Lima, Peru - **Jury Award for Best Fiction Film**; Transilvania IFF, Romania; München FF, Germany; Muestra Internacional de Cine Queer de la Cineteca Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Durban IFF, South Africa; New Horizons IFF, Poland; Taiwan International Queer FF, Taiwan; Fünf Seen Festival, Germany - **The Perspective Young Cinema Award**; Oostende IFF, Belgium; Raindance IFF, UK - **Best Performance Award**; Kinenova IFF Art Cinema Skopje, North Macedonia - **BEST Screenplay Award**; Queer Porto, Portugal; Denver IFF, USA; Kinenova IFF Art Cinema Skopje, North Macedonia - **Best Screenplay**; Bozar FF, Belgium; Heimspiel, Germany; Braunschweig International Film Festival "Queer Film Award", Germany; Sputnik, Poland; Al Este Lima, Argentina - **Jury's prize**; Cinerгия FF, Poland; Russian Film Weeks in Berlin, Germany; Das Kino, Austria; Russian Film Academy Awards, Russia - **Best Male Role, Best Supporting Male Role**; "The White Elephant" Award by the Guild of Film Experts and Critics, Russia - **Best Male Role**; "Golden Arch. East-West" International Film Award, Russia - **Best Male Role, Best Female Role, Best Script**; "Kinonews-2019" Award, Russia - **Best Male Role**; "Male Role" Film Festival n.a. Ivan Mozjukhin, Russia - **Grand Prix (Evgeny Tsyganov)**; Cultural Endowment of Estonia - **Best Cinematography (Mart Taniel)**; Russian Film Clubs Association Award - **Best Fiction Film 2018**; Solidarity Tel Aviv Human Rights FF, Israel; Chennai IFF, India; Filminitiative Würzburg e.V., Germany; ZOOM Zblizenia, Poland; CiniHomo International LGBT FF, Spain

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