



The Basement

Author/Director: Roman Blazhan

Producer: Elda Productions

Country: France, Ukraine

Length: 78'

The village of Yahidne in northern Ukraine is coming back to life. Dogs are running around. Gardens and crops are green again. People support one another and families have reunited. In a movement of solidarity, local youth help rebuild what was devastated a year ago when Russian troops occupied the village imprisoning the villagers in the school's basement for a month. The villagers' attitudes alternate between their desire to move forward and remembering the horrors of the past. A heartwarming tribute to resilience and unity.

Awards: Award for Best Cinematography @ Millennium Docs Against Gravity - Poland / Prix spécial génération Ukraine @ Grand Bivouac - France / Union of the Ukrainian Film Critics' Prize @ OKO Film Festival, Ukraine /

Festivals:

World Premiere @ BAFICI, Argentina / Dokfest Munich, Germany / Millennium Docs Against Gravity, Poland / DOC NYC, USA / Festival International du Film de la Roche-sur-Yon, France / Grand Bivouac, France / Kyiv Critics' Week, Ukraine / Kasseler Dokfest - Germany / MOVE IT! - Germany / Energa Camerimage - Poland / Tournai Ramdam Festival - Belgium / DOC.Coimbra International Documentary Festival, Portugal / Belleville Downtown Docfest - Canada / Festival du film de Lama - France / OKO International Ethnographic Film Festival - Ukraine & Bulgaria / Pärnu Film Festival - Estonia

Coproduction: Minimal Movie

TV participation: Arte France as part of GENERATION UKRAINE

Original version: Ukrainian

Credits:

Director: Roman Blazhan. photography: Andriy Noha, Mikhail Volkov. Sound: Victor Konkevych. editing: Matthieu Augustin. music: Geoffroy Berlioz, Jérôme Rebotier

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