



A PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

by Ilian Metev, Ivan Chertov, Zlatina Teneva



SYNOPSIS

A provincial hospital serving a town with a population of 50,000 in western Bulgaria: here in the Covid ward the eccentric Dr Popov and his team are fighting to save lives. Award-winning director Ilian Metev (Sofia's Last Ambulance), together with Ivan Chertov and Zlatina Teneva, naturally isn't aiming to depict human suffering. Their survey of an ordinary Bulgarian hospital environment seeks instead to draw our attention to the country's obsolete and underfunded healthcare system and, via the various situations they depict, to remind us of our attitudes at the time when faced with an unknown threat. However, the bleak proceedings are offset by cheery interviews conducted in the hospital's rooms and corridors which show that, even when looking death in the face, people still have a sense of humour. (56 Karlovy Vary IFF, Martin Horyna)

With: Dr. Evgeni Popov, Evelina Arsova, Maya Filipova, Daniel Kadifkin, Emil Stoyanov-Chemata

FESTIVALS

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The Ecumenical Jury Award Winner – 56 Karlovy Vary IFF

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ZFF – Zurich

65 DOK Leipzig

35 IDFA – Best of Fests

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27 Sofia Film Fest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ilian Metev, Ivan Chertov, Zlatina Teneva ·

PRODUCER Martichka Bozhilova, Ilian Metev, Ingmar Trost ·

SOUND Zlatina Teneva · EDITOR Ilian Metev · DOP Ivan Chertov

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