



# BOY OF WAR

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## SYNOPSIS

"Why are you here? Are you mentally sick? Do you want to kill people?" the Ukrainian military commander asks the 18-year-old recruit Artiom.

Artiom is 18 years old and has just one wish: to go to war and fight for his homeland, Ukraine. Everything else comes second. He dresses in camouflage, watches war videos online, and in his free time practices battle scenes with his friends. Or at least they think they are battle scenes. As a child, he only sees the surface of the war. And he has the bad luck that the fighting rages so tantalizingly close. This observational documentary studies the cult of war in a post-Soviet setting where those who succumb to the allure of battle are the least suitable and least predisposed to fighting – a fact perfectly illustrated by Artiom's final struggle with the reality of war.

See also prequel THE LAST TAPE. As Artiom prepares to fight for the Ukrainian army Anatoly his 88-year-old grandfather and war veteran records their diminishing time...

## FESTIVALS

2018

Student Jury Award - Jihlava IDFF, Czech Republic

Special Jury Mention - Jihlava IDFF, Czech Republic

2019

VFF Documentary Production Award - DOK.fest Munich, Germany

BelDocs IDFF, Belgrade Serbia

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Cyprien Clement-Delmas, Igor Kosenko · PRODUCER Fabian Driehorst · SCORE Matouš Hejl · SOUND Andrii Nidzelskyi · EDITOR Oscar Loeser, Martin Reimers · DOP Ivan Castiñeiras · SOUND DESIGN Sandra Klouzová

Czech Republic, Germany 2018  
79 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Coming of Age, Current Affairs, Conflicts, War/Peace

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Ukrainian

### PREMIERE

Jihlava, Czech Republic (2018)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

Fabian&Fred GmbH

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### FILM LOCATION

Ukraine

### LINKS / REFERENCE

<https://vimeo.com/228211130>

<https://youtu.be/Mt7LtGDFJR...>

<https://variety.com/2018/fi...>

<http://beta.blickpunktfilm...>

THE LAST TAPE

<https://german-documentarie...>