



COSMONAUT POLYAKOV

by Dana Ranga



Germany 2008

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Germany (2008)

SYNOPSIS

Russian cosmonaut Valery Polyakov is nr. 66 in the line of Soviet, later Russian space travelers - he holds the record of the longest trip into space, 1 year and 2 month without disruption. He is a solitary figure in the comonauts' club, both a daredevil and a fragile man, a doctor and an object of experimentation. He tested the limits of body and mind, of bones and soul, of belief and dream. After going through the hardship of an orphan's life after World War II, he became a physican and donated his blood and marrow for experiments on interplanetary flights. As a scientist and cosmonaut he has not only improved life on a space station, but proved that man could fly to Mars ... In this film he speaks for the very first time - about the KGB, the psychological hardship on Earth waiting for his flight, about being an exile on Earth after his return. Polyakov reveals the immense struggle a space traveler has to go through: accurate, strategic planning of the spaceflight system...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Dana Ranga