



# HALF THE TOWN

by Paweł Siczek



## SYNOPSIS

The film HALF THE TOWN tells the story of Jewish photographer and municipal politician Chaim Berman. Before World War Two broke out, he was actively engaged in a peaceful coexistence of Poles, Jews, and Germans in his Polish hometown. But before too long, his cosmopolitan attitude turned into a personal disaster...

The elaborate animation - inspired by the works of painter Marc Chagall - brings a long since forgotten world back to life. Photographer Berman's legacy of approximately 10,000 portraits on glass negatives are the basis for a film that attempts to reconstruct the life of its creator. HALF THE TOWN takes the viewers on a journey through the tides of a turbulent European century and tells the moving story of a man whose beliefs were more advanced than the world he lived in...

## CAST AND CREW

**DIRECTOR** Paweł Siczek · **PRODUCER** Nicole Leykauf, Grit Wißkirchen · **SCORE** Roman Bunka · **DOP** Daniel Samer · **ANIMATION** Agnieszka Kruczek, Dorota Gorski

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### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, History, War/Peace, Arts/Culture, Human Rights

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Crossmedia

### PREMIERE

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