

HENRY FONDA FOR PRESIDENT

by Alexander Horwath



SYNOPSIS

A personal essay about the United States, viewed through the life and work of a movie actor. Henry Fonda and the roles he played merge into a dazzling and conflicted figure. A very private man who thought he had "no good answers to anything" becomes the unlikely anchor of a parallel history. His voice, recorded in 1981, and his onscreen avatars guide us through America's past and present – on a road trip from the village of Fonda, NY, across the Midwest to the Pacific; from 1651 to the 1980s and the presidency of another movie actor. It takes many places and times and characters to imagine an invisible republic – the United States of Fonda.

FESTIVALS

among others

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74 BERLINALE – Forum

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Dokudays Kiew

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Audience Award – I Mille Occhi Triest

Time of History Special Award – SEMINCI Valladolid

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22 doclisboa

Special Jury Prize – Cineuropa Santiago de Compostela

CAST AND CREW

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