



# PAVLENSKIY - MAN AND MIGHT

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## SYNOPSIS

In 2012, the Russian artist Pyotr Pavlensky attracted international attention when he sewed his mouth to demonstrate his solidarity with the convicted members of Pussy Riot. According to Pavlensky, political artists in Putin's Russia are being robbed of their voice and condemned to silence. His most dangerous performance Pavlensky staged 2015. The artist set fire to the door of the headquarters of the FSB, the Russian secret service, to protest against „state terror“. He spent seven months in prison. The film shows Pyotr Pavlensky and his preoccupation with the liberty of the individual confronted by the power of the state. FIFA Montreal jury's reasoning 'Best Artist Portrait':  
The striking portrait of an artist outside each standard. The life and art of Pyotr Pavlensky are imbued with his social and political commitment. The constraint of any restriction of political art he demonstrates at his own body and this is a vehement accusation against the political power of Russia....

## FESTIVALS

DOK Leipzig 2016 - worldpremiere  
FIFA Montreal 2017 - Best Artist Portrait (Prix Portrait)  
ArtDokFest Moscow 2016  
FIPA Biarritz 2017  
DocPoint IDF Helsinki 2017  
One World HRFF Prague 2017  
Chiayi Art FF Taiwan 2017  
One World HRFF Brussels 2017  
Beldocs IDF Belgrade 2017  
DocAviv IDF Tel Aviv 2017  
Seattle IFF 2017  
DOC Cevennes FF 2017  
Wexford IDF 2017  
ArteCinema FF Naples 2017  
Festival des Libertés Brussels 2017  
Art FF Brussel 2017

Germany 2016

98 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

PAWLENSKI - DER MENSCH  
UND DIE MACHT

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Conflicts, Arts/Culture, Human Rights, Politics

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Russian

PREMIERE

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