



RODNYE - CLOSE RELATION

by Vitaly Mansky



SYNOPSIS

Russian citizen and Soviet-born Ukrainian native Vitaly Mansky crisscrosses Ukraine to explore Ukrainian society after the Maidan revolution as mirrored within his own large Ukrainian family. They live scattered all across the country: in Lviv, Odessa, the separatist area in Donbass, and Sevastopol on Crimea. The film is looking for reasons of the conflict after which citizens of a single country found themselves on a different sides of barricades including director's own family. The main narrative takes place in the here and now, starting with the turning point of ex-president Victor Yanukovych's flight to Russia. But below the main narrative there is a strong historical undercurrent, because the lives of protagonists of the film are marked by history on every step they take. This undercurrent will carry information about the Russian-Ukrainian conflict's deep roots in centuries of close ties between the two countries.

FESTIVALS

2016

Karlovy Vary IFF, Czech Republic

Odessa IFF, Ukraine

Toronto IFF, Canada

Batumi Art FF, Georgia (Special Mention Int'l Doc Comp.)

Bergen IFF 2016, Norway

BFI London FF, UK

Riga IFF, Latvia (opening film)

Dok Leipzig, Germany

IDFA Amsterdam, Netherlands

Trieste IFF, Italy

DocPoint IDF Helsinki, Finland

Göteborg IFF, Sweden

2022

LETsDOK

2015

112 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Family, History, Conflicts, War/Peace, Human Rights, Migration, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Ukrainian, Russian

PREMIERE

Germany (2015)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

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<https://youtu.be/j3C2yStamA...>

<https://vimeo.com/170057060>

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