



SMILING GEORGIA

by Luka Beradze



SYNOPSIS

What are the costs of the half-truths that politicians tell? In 2012, the Georgian president wanted to make the nation smile. In the race for re-election, the incumbent's party was promising subsidized dental care to the country's least well off. Across the land, state medical practitioners began removing rotten teeth with the promise of replacements in the months that followed – then the president lost. Through interviews with those worst affected by that campaign, Smiling Georgia tells a story about the whims of political power and the defiance of those who usually hold the least of it – a film short on teeth, yes, but far from toothless.

FESTIVALS

2023

KVIFF – 58 Karlovy Vary FF

2024

64 KFF – Krakow Film Festival

31 Raindance FF, UK

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Luka Beradze

Georgia, Germany 2023

62 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Georgian

PREMIERE

Czech Republic (2023)

COPRODUCTION COMPANY

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