



# THE STRAIT GUYS

by Rick Minnich



## SYNOPSIS

A 76-year old engineer is on a mission: to connect the United States and Russia with a 100-kilometer long train tunnel beneath the Bering Strait. THE STRAIT GUYS follows Czech-born mining engineer, George, and his fast-talking protégé, Scott, along the proposed route of the InterContinental Railway through Alaska, to the Bering Strait and onward to Russia. The "Strait Guys" endeavor to convince international governments, corporations, and indigenous tribes to green-light their \$100 billion railway project—with the promise to become the Panama Canal of the 21st century. As they struggle to keep their monumental vision alive in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, the Strait Guys leave us wondering: What is really preventing the US and Russia from being connected?

Since Russia's attack on Ukraine, the tunnel plan seems absurd. But the Strait Guys are more convinced than ever that their mega-project is exactly what the world needs to finally leave wars behind and...

## FESTIVALS

2022

É Tudo Verdade / It's All True, São Paulo + Rio de Janeiro, Brasil  
North x North Summit and Festival, Anchorage, Alaska  
Doc Edge, New Zealand  
LETsDOK  
The Green Film Festival of San Francisco, USA

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Rick Minnich · PRODUCER Gunter Hanfgarn, Rouven Rech, Holm Taddiken · SCREENPLAY Rick Minnich, Matt Sweetwood · SCORE Lukas Sweetwood · SOUND Jonathan Skorupa, Sorin Apostel · EDITOR Matt Sweetwood · DOP Lutz Reitemeier (Kameramann (bvk)), Sergey Amirdzhanov, Rick Minnich · SOUND DESIGN Oliver Stahn · NARRATOR Rick Minnich

Germany, Canada, Finland 2022  
99 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs,  
Ecology/Environment, Economy,  
Politics

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES  
English, Russian

PREMIERE  
Germany (2022)

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