



WITH MY OPEN LUNGS

by Yana Sad



SYNOPSIS

In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine Yana's deeply personal journey unfolds against a backdrop of chaos and constant feeling of war. She navigates heartbreak family conflicts and a blossoming love with Yaroslava who dreams of defying oppression while battling lung cancer. Their story evolves in a city consumed by violence and oppression.

FESTIVALS

2024

41 Kassel Dokfest

PÖFF - Tallinn Black Nights FF

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Yana Sad

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This film is my personal journey through a shifting reality intimately captured on my mobile phone. I was living a stable life in Russia until the winter of 2022 when I unexpectedly fell in love with Yaroslava a woman from Siberia amidst the turmoil of war and her battle with lung cancer. Our love story unfolds in a city engulfed in chaos. We confront anti-war protests and personal struggles trying to save our love and ourselves. The film traces our emotional rollercoaster and Yaroslava's path to recovery. Shot from March 2022 to May 2023 it portrays a challenging period in my life and my pursuit of love and happiness even as I leave my home – Russia. I captured this period of my budding love surrounded by a collapsing reality.

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87 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Family, Gender, Conflicts, War/Peace

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Russian

PREMIERE

Kassel, Germany (2024)

LINKS / REFERENCE

WORLD SALES

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