

PRESS BOOK



8 SHORT FILMS BY YOUNG UKRAINIAN DIRECTORS



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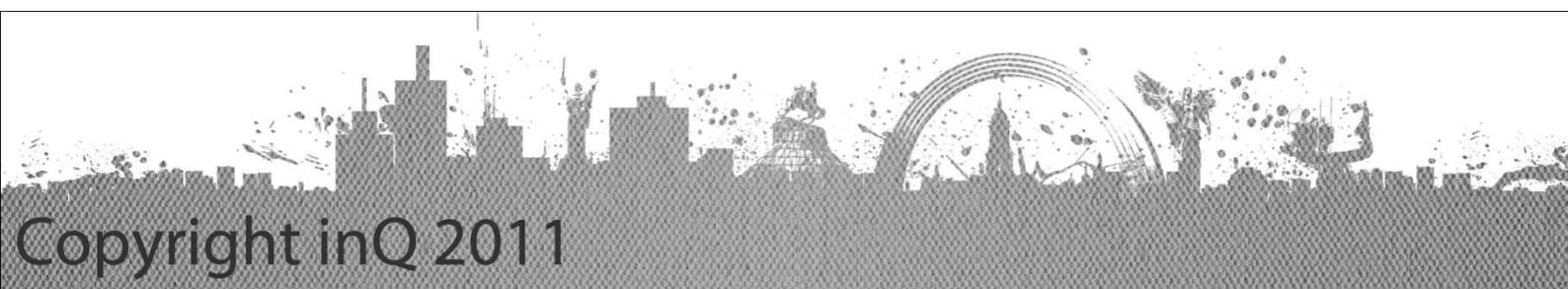
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107 minute Drama /Almanac 2011 Ukraine

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ABOUT A PROJECT

"Lovers in Kiev" – almanac of 8 short films by young Ukrainian filmmakers. Kiev and its inhabitants, their destiny, their different life experience and love. "Lovers in Kiev" - is an image product with a huge commercial potential.

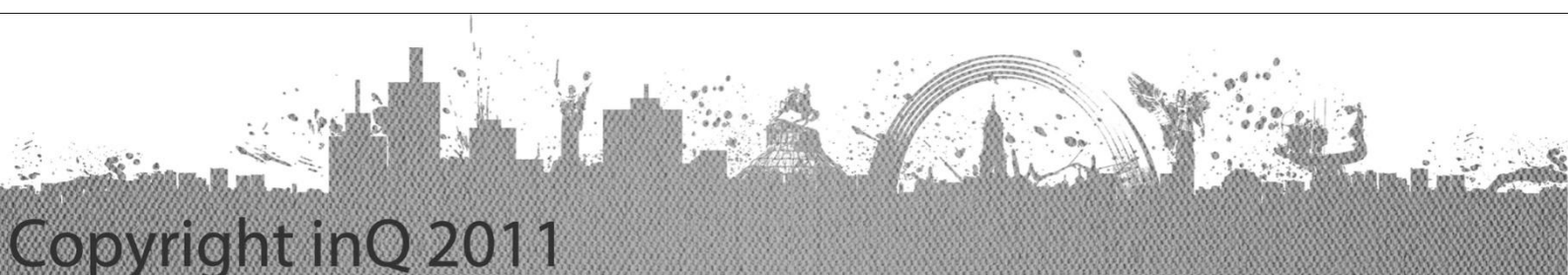
"Lovers in Kiev" - is new Ukrainian cinema, which displays the actual realities. Almanac was produced by Vladimir Horunzhy. He has worked in Hollywood more than 20 years. It is his experience and advices helped directors to create the high-quality product on "Hollywood canons."

The cast is represented by well-known Ukrainian and Russian stars of first magnitude, including amazing Ada Rogovtseva, Vitaly Linetsky, Ilya Isaev, Alexander Yatsenko, Nikolay Oleynik and many others. There were a notable acting debuts of charming and sexy Daria Astafieva - Playboy magazine star and Ukrainian showman and singer - Ivan Dorn in this project.

Participant of more than 40 prestigious international film festivals, including **Cannes Film Festival** (Official Selection Short Film Corner), **Monaco Charity Film Festival** (Official Selection), **DC Short Film Festival**, Washington DC, USA (Official Selection), **East End Film Festival**, London, UK (Official Selection), **Bodega Bay International Film Festival**, USA (SPECIAL AWARD –For imaginative non-linear storytelling,) etc .

The best Ukrainian film of 2011 at the **International Film Festival in Odessa** . **Grand prix** at **Berdyansk International Film Festival "GOLDEN BRIGANTINA"** and two awards for the best roles at "Pokrov" festival and "Open Night" in Kiev .

"Lovers in Kiev" was screened with a huge success at the CIS countries: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia. The film was also shown in Berlin, New York and Warsaw in the days of Ukrainian cinema.

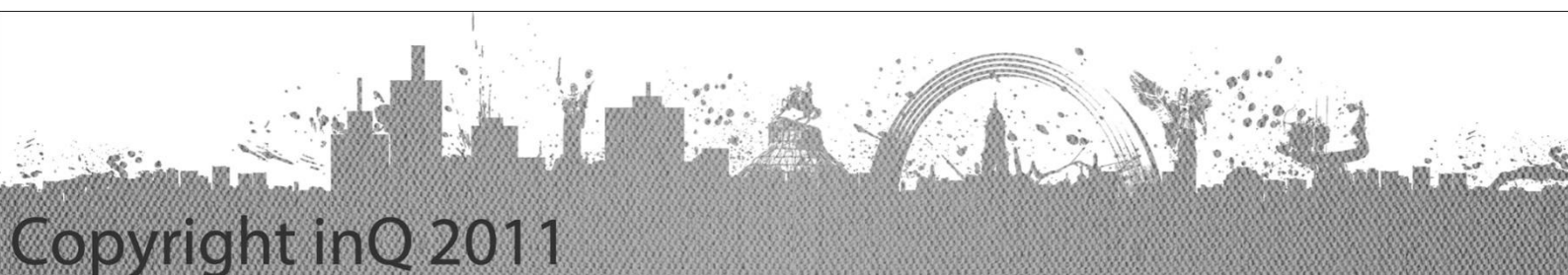


*"...Shorts pleased with the fact that there was no too recognizable places in the city, like in the "Paris I love you". There were no excursions to Kiev it was an excursion on the souls of its inhabitants, their characters and images..." - **korrespondent.net***

*"...The appearance of Ukrainian almanac shows that the Ukrainian cinema is capable to produce high European level films contrary to all historical circumstances..." - **channel CITI***

*"...Almanac "Lovers in Kiev" will represent Ukraine at the Cannes Film Festival..." - **newspaper "SEGODNYA"***

*"...Star of Playboy magazine - Dasha Astafieva - has played a major role in the almanac "Lovers in Kiev"..." - **News 1+1***



PRODUCTION



The idea to give its own film almanac about love to the Ukrainian capital was born in the spring of 2010. The project was headed by Vladimir Horunzhy - Ukrainian producer who has worked 20 years in Hollywood. There was a competition among more than 70 scenario – the best 8 where selected.

SHOOTING

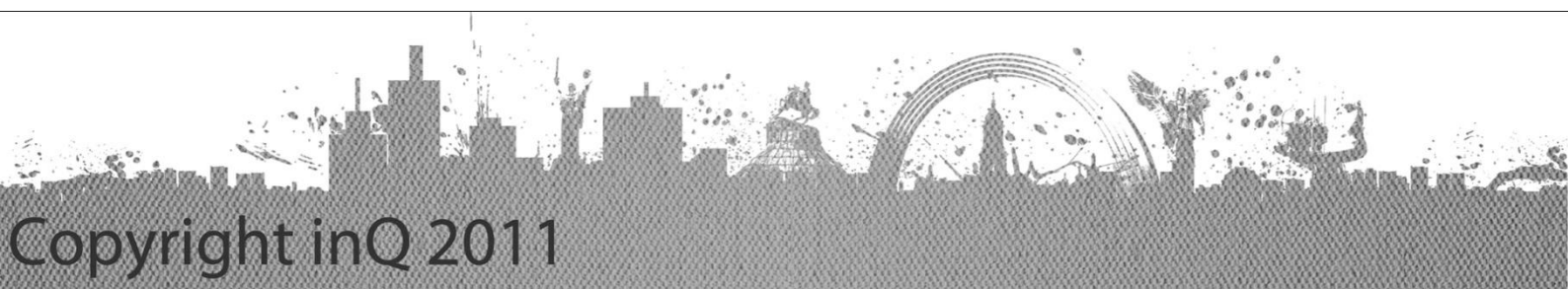
Filming of the almanac "Lovers in Kiev" started in July 2010. There are notable film debuts in this project: Russian actor Artyom Semakin directed his first film entitled "The Witch", and Ukrainian singer and star of the PLAYBOY magazine Dasha Astafieva made her debut as an actress.

POSTPRODUCTION

Editing and toning of "Lovers in Kiev" took place in Ukraine. Therefore the almanac has become the first film that produced entirely by domestic production capacity. Project end date - May 2011.

TECHNICAL DATA

Shooting Format:	Red One
Running time:	107 minutes.
Aspect Ratio:	1:1.85
Sound:	5.1
Language:	Russian Ukrainian (English subtitles)





“WITCH”

Roaming by Kyiv streets, gazing into faces of passers-by, Ilya is looking for his brother Peter. Once Peter also arrived to Kyiv and disappeared, Ilya must find him and return to Moscow.

Lilly will decide who will go and who will stay.



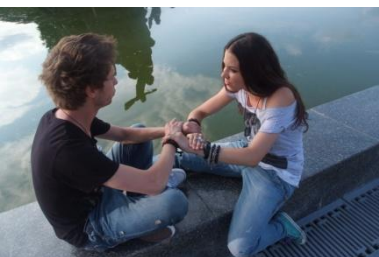
“THE LAST NIGHT OF DECEMBER”

We are glad to the bright pictures of own life, but not always realize its essence, and only when we are sharply pulled out from a rapid stream - we can estimate events as an extraneous spectator. A stranger, who found oneself on a way by chance, strange event, which turns us upside down, can be starting point of new life, or it can remain just a remembrance



“DOG WALTZ”

The World is changing. Two people will resist for as long as they can.



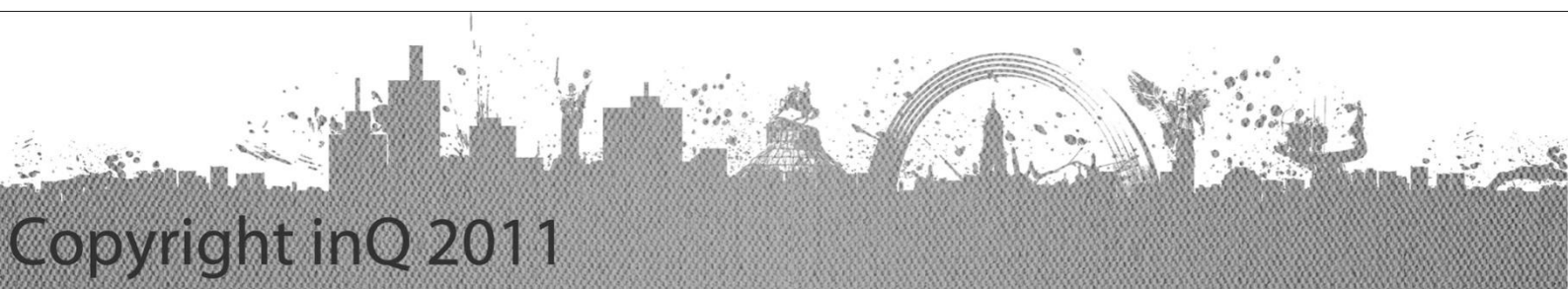
“THREE WORDS”

"Do you love me?" What answer do we want to hear? "Yes", and if "No"? And what is "Love" in general?

Man and woman, boy and girl, city, heat, passion, unnecessary questions and unexpected answers.

"Three Words" is a story, describing the etymology of word "Love" in its different senses and outpourings.

Love - answers a question "what to do"? Feelings do not need words, feelings are measured by acts. The film of director Ilya Vlasov is about this





“LOST IN THE CITY”

This story is about love and loneliness in metropolis.

Modern city becomes a background for little domestic drama. A young pair searches a lost dog during all film, and finds... An intriguing finale dots all the “i”s in the film.



“HAND”

One man’s hand is all that one woman can be happy with. Really?



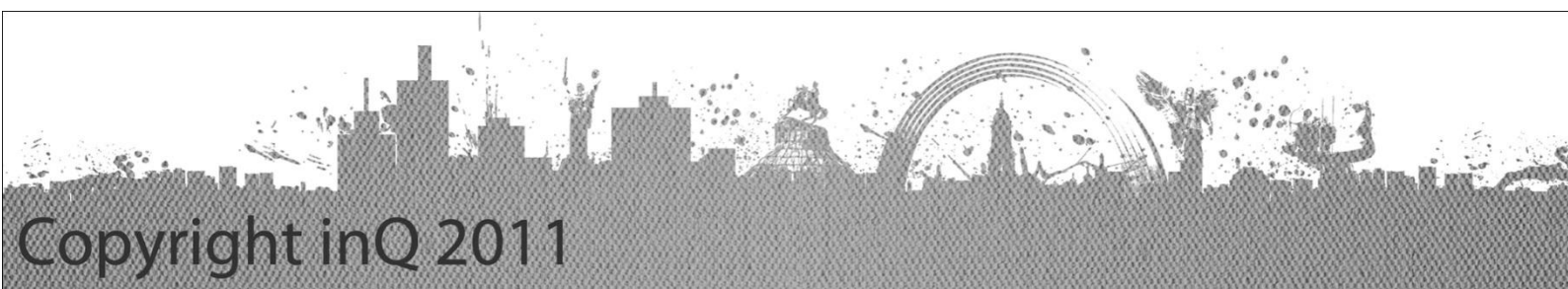
“SHOES”

What if you fall in love with a beautiful dancer? Should you join her in a dance just to say “I love you”.

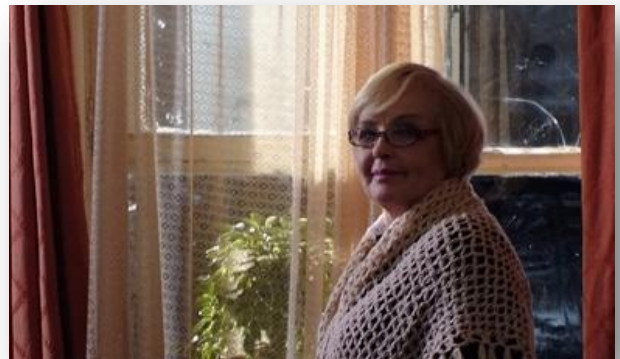


“SOMETHING”

A hero of a story is a habitant of Kiev bedroom district, managing to obtain nothing in life. Cooling in family relations, way of life, routine and hopelessness bring the hero of film to the mystic events, in the result of which he and the surrounding world change, love and success go back to him. Life seems has succeeded now. What is he willing to pay for that?



STILLS



ACTORS



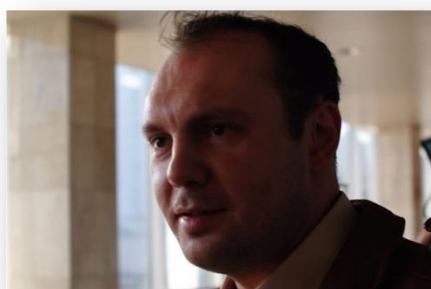
Ada Rogovtseva



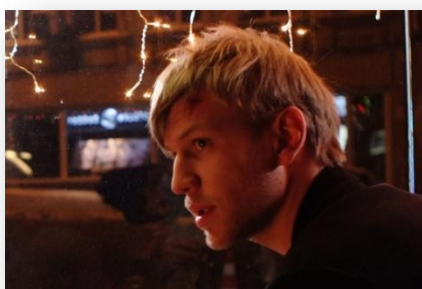
Dasha Astafieva



Ilya Isayev



Ivan Dorn



Vitaliy Linetskiy



Griroriy Kalinin



Alexandr Yatsenko



Artem Semakin





CREW

DIRECTORS

Ilya Vlasov, Valerii Bebko, Denis Gamzinov, Artem Semakin, Olga Gibelynda, Taras Tkachenko, Oleg Borshchevskii

OPERATORS

Maxim Gutsu, Alex Nazaruk, Taras Shapoval, Dmitry Peretrutov

EDITOR

Victor Romaniuk

MUSIC

Baker Street, Vladimir Horunzhy

ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS

Dennis Kalyuzhny, Mikhail Maltsev, Nicholas Bazanov

CO-PRODUCERS

Tatiana Emelianenko, Igor Maron

GENERAL PRODUCER

Vladimir Horunzhy

