

# Stop - Zemlia

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“ if you don't dare, you will never know ”



## Synopsis

Navigating the emotional turmoil of waiting for life to begin while hanging around with classmates – a radical, authentic, and sensitive insight into the unsettling feeling of being young and an inside perspective on Ukrainian youth.

The introverted high-school girl Masha sees herself as an outsider unless she hangs around with Yana and Senia who share her non-conformist status. While she is trying to navigate through an intense time of the pre-graduation year, Masha falls in love in a way that forces her out of her comfort zone. From a debutant Ukrainian director Kateryna Gornostai, a deeply personal story about self-discovery and the patience it requires.

## Credits

**Director:** Kateryna Gornostai / **Genre:** Teenage drama, Romance / **Original title:** STOP-ZEMLIA / **English title:** STOP-ZEMLIA / **Country of production:** Ukraine / **Year of production:** 2021 / **Length:** 122 / **Color:** color / **Shooting format:** 2K ARRI Alexa / **Screening format:** DCP, Full HD / **Original language:** Ukrainian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Maria Fedorchenko, Arsenii Markov, Yana Isaienko, Oleksandr Ivanov / **Scriptwriter:** Kateryna Gornostai / **Director of photography:** Oleksandr Roshchyn / **Production designer:** Maxym Nimenko / **Editor:** Nikon Romanchenko, Kateryna Gornostai / **Sound design:** Mykhailo Zakutskyi, Oleg Goloveshkin / **Music:** Maryana Klochko / **Producers:** Vitalii Sheremetiev, Viktoriia Khomenko, Natalia Libet, Olga Beskhamelnytsina / **Production company:** ESSE Production House / **Supported by:** Ukrainian Film State Agency, Ukrainian Cultural Foundation, Ukrainian Institute

## Festivals / Awards

Berlinale Generation 14Plus - **Crystal Bear of the Youth Jury Generation 14+**; New Directors/New Films, USA; Jeonju IFF, South Korea; Shanghai IFF, China; Cinema Jove FF, Spain; Oak Cliff FF, USA; Giffoni FF, Italy; Pula IFF, Croatia; Tulum IFF, Mexico; Orange Film, South Korea; New Horizons IFF, Poland; Beijing IFF, China; Edinburgh IFF, UK; Five Lakes FF, Germany - **Main Prize Award**; Odesa IFF, Ukraine - **Grand Prix Award, Best Ukrainian Feature Film Award and Best Acting Work Award**; Karlovy Vary IFF, Czech Republic;

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