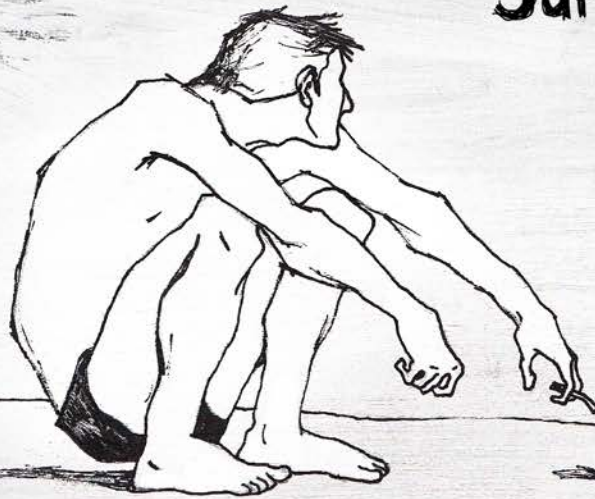




SICK FUUCK PEOPLE

A Film BY
Juri Rechinsky



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“People will hate you for this film. With passion.”

Michael Glawogger (director)

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HEART OF SARAJEVO FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FILM

Sarajevo Film Festival 2013

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

Raindance Film Festival 2013

BEST INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY

DOCsDF International Documentary Film Festival 2013

VIENNA FILM AWARD for BEST DOCUMENTARY
Erste Bank MoreVALUE FILM AWARD

Viennale 2013

BEST EUROPEAN INDEPENDENT DOCUMENTARY

The European Independent Film Festival 2014

Festivals (selection)

2013: HotDocs Internatioanl Documentary Film Festival, Toronto, Canada / Sarajevo Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Aye Aye Film Festival, Nancy, France / Raindance Film Festival, London, United Kingdom / Molodist International Film Festival, Kiev, Ukraine / Viennale Internatinal Film Festival, Vienna, Austria / DocsDF Festival Internacional de Cine Documental, Mexico City, Mexico / DOK Leipzig, Germany / Freezone Film Festival, Belgrade, Serbia / Cork Film Festival, Ireland / Kasseler Dokumentar- und Videofest, Germany / Festival dei Popoli, Florence, Italy / ArtDocFest Documentary Film Festival, Moscow, Russia / Human Rights Film Festival Zagreb, Croatia / This Human World, Vienna, Austria

2014: Mumbai International Film Festival, India / Thessaloniki Documentary Festival, Greece / Vilnius International Film Festival, Lithuania / ÉCU - The European Independent Film Festival, Paris, France / Chop Shots, Jakarta, Indonesia / Transilvania International Film Festival, Cluj-Napoca, Romania / Documentary Edge Festival, Auckland, New Zealand / Gdansk DocFilm Festival, Poland, Kitzbuehel Film Festival, Kitzbuehel, Austria / Human Rights Film Festival Barcelona, Spain / Human Rights Film Festival Albania, Tirana, Albania / Kaunas International Film Festival, Kaunas, Lithuania / CineDoc Tbilisi Documentary Film Festival, Tbilisi, Georgia



***“Sickfuckpeople is a bomb. A bomb of misery.
I am still infected by the pictures and cannot get them out of my mind. That doesn’t happen very often.”***
Josef Bierbichler (actor)

synopsis

A documentary triptych about a group of homeless kids, who have survived their drug-addicted childhood, grew up and start to live an adult life. It’s a story about a boy facing the surreal, degenerated society of his native village full of hate and sadistic anger while searching for his mother. It’s a story about a pregnant girl who wants to give birth to her child whose childhood probably will be even worse then hers. But her own sisters are forcing her to make an abortion.

Sickfuckpeople is the extended version in feature film-length of the same-titled short documentary.

director’s statement

Ugly Ukrainian winter. I was in the situation, when the only salvation from my inner problems seemed to be outside of a world I was used to. Maybe this was the reason why I’ve made a step inside the basement full of half-dead addicts immediately after such possibility was given to me. After my short introduction they invited me to sit down on a warm tube, near the room entrance full of human shit. I’ve been sitting there silently, looking at their preparations. When they began to shoot up, my only will was to turn my head away, to scream, to cry, to shut my eyes and never see this again. But I was watching how their veins were torn by the needles over and over again. When the last of them made an injection, the first one started it over. Few hours later, after climbing out of their hole, after drinking and vomiting a bottle of cognac, I’ve realized that I have no other option than to film them. This movie is an immersion in their everyday life, in their everyday self-destruction, in their past and future.

“Sickfuckpeople is hell.”
Marat Gelman (art curator)



"... an eye opening and moving portrait of a world and lives that beg to be seen and heard."

John Stuart (journalist and artist)

tech specs

Documentary | Austria | 2013

Running time: 75min
Screening format: DCP, 1:2,39, colour, 5.1 surround sound
Language: Russian/Ukrainian with English subtitles
World Premiere: at HOT DOCS 28th of April 2013

"It was a powerful film on addiction and adulthood. Throughout the entire film I was praying to God to let the characters in the film find ease. When a film makes you pray to the unseen, you know it is doing something right."

Bassam Tariq (director of „These Birds walk“)

team

Director: Juri Rechinsky
Cinematographers: Alex Zaporoshchenko, Serhiy Stetsenko
Original Music & Sound Design: Anton Baibakov
Editor: Juri Rechinsky
Production Manager: Darya Bassel
Line Producer: Johanna Scherz
Executive Producers: Klaus Pridnig, Sergiy Nedzelsky, Darya Bassel
Producers: Franz Novotny, Alexander Glehr

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“Sickfuckpeople was the last movie that touched me personally.”

Ulrich Seidl (director) @ ARTE TV Interview



director

Juri Rechinsky was born in 1986. He studied at the Kyiv Poly-technic Institute and at the Kyiv National I. K. Karpenko-Karyy Theatre, Cinema and Television University. As a freelance editor, he made a number of commercials, short and feature films. He worked as an editor in chief at one of the “Mosfilm” studios in Moscow for two years. From 2008 he directed a few short films, short documentaries and art projects. In 2011 he finished “Sickfuckpeople - Short Version” which was the basis for the work on “Sickfuckpeople”. “Sickfuckpeople” is his first feature-length documentary.

“The documentary Sickfuckpeople unfolds the reality in systematic, detailed and direct style. Taking several years to trace the development of individual characters, the proximity is always intense and the observation painful.”

Film of the week @ dokWeb

production company

FILMOGRAPHY NOVOTNY & NOVOTNY FILMPRODUKTION (selection)

DIE WERKSTÜRMER Andreas Schmied, AT, 2013, feature

THE STRANGE CASE OF WILHELM REICH Antonin Svoboda, AT 2012, feature

THE FATHERLESS Marie Kreutzer, AT 2011, feature (Berlinale 2011 - Panorama)

CHALET GIRL Phil Truill, GB/DE/AT 2011, feature

JEW SUESS - RISE AND FALL Oskar Roehler, AT/DE 2010, feature (Berlinale 2010 - Official Competition)

KARAULA Rajko Grlic, BiH/SLO/MK/SRB/GB/HU/FR/AT 2006, feature (Festroia IFF - FIRPRESCI Preis)

KELLER - TEENAGE WASTELAND Eva Urthaler, AT/DE/IT 2005, feature (Locarno IFF, Max Ophüls Preis - Best Young Actor)

SUMMER IN THE GOLDEN VALLEY Srdjan Vuletic, BiH/FR/GB/AT 2003, feature (Rotterdam IFF - Tiger Award)

GORI VATRA Pjer Zalica, BiH/ AT/TR/FR 2003, feature (Locarno IFF - Silver Leopard)

O11 BEOGRAD Michael Pfeiffenberg, AT/SRB 2003, feature (Max Ophüls Prize)

THE PUNISHMENT Goran Rebic, AT 2000, documentary feature (Diagonale 2000 - Best Film)