



The Beast

a film by Daina O. Pusić

Synopsis

A hundred year old woman called Nada and her 75-year old daughter Vera have a tense but familiar relationship. The childlike Vera takes care of her frail, mute though at times cruel, mother until one evening a bat flies into Nada's room and starts hibernating underneath her bed. The animal's presence gradually reinvigorates the old woman, eternally and fatally changing the relationship between mother and daughter.

Director's statement

The morning light seeps into the dusty squeaky rooms, making its way through the greenery and the flowers, illuminating the lonely tough old women of this story. Their frightening and humorous presence is one summoned from recollection, a fairy tale about the deeply flawed beautiful women who helped raise me.



Director's bio

Daina Oniunas-Pusić was born in 1985 in Croatia.

Daina Oniunas-Pusić is a filmmaker from Croatia.

She has a b.a. in film directing from the Zagreb

Academy of Dramatic Arts and an m.a. in filmmaking

from the London Film School, which she completed in

2012. In 2013 she won the Jelena Rajković award for

best Croatian filmmaker under the age of 30.

Daina is in development on a pilot for a comedy

television series due to winning the bafta and Stellar

Network tv comedy and drama pitch-up event.

The short film *Beast*, which she wrote and directed,

was selected as Best European Short Film Pitch 2014

at nisi Masa in Luxembourg.

As one of the six winners of the latest Creative

England scheme *Funny Girls*, Daina is currently

developing her next short with Creative England, Baby

Cow and Big Talk. She lives and works in London.



Director's Filmography

Elephants, 22, HD, 2012

Press Your Lips Together, 11 40, 35mm, 2012

Skin Deep, 4 20, 16mm, 2011

Companions, 6 01, 16mm, 2010

Kinkachoo, 15 40, HD, 2009

The Cut, 8 52, HD, 2008

At the Table, 6 30, HD, 2007

Slavica Film production company

Slavica Film production company was founded in 2011 by Milivoj Puhlovski, Mirta Puhlovski and Anamaria Kapulica. The company has produced a number of short films, documentaries and secured rights for several feature length scripts that are currently in development.

Filmography

Documentary-fiction film *Argentine Tango* (Milivoj Puhlovski),
120min in development, 2013/2015

Short fiction film *The Beast* (Daina O. Pusić)

20min, Slavica Film production, CRO/FIN, 2015

Short fiction film *Mother* (Otto Kymala)

11min, Napafilms/Slavica Film coproduction, FIN/CRO, 2015

Documentary film *Big frather* (Milivoj Puhlovski)

60min, Slavica Film Production, 2013

Documentary film *White Plaigne* (Silvio Mirošničenko),

52min, Slavica Film Production, 2013

Short fiction film *Elephants* (Daina Oniunas - Pusić),

22min, LFS/Slavica Film coproduction, UK/HR, 2012

Short fiction film *Pink Express* (Ivan Livaković),

22min, Slavica Film/ Metar60 Production, 2011

Short fiction film *Reflection* (Martin Zenić),

18min, Slavica Film/ Metar60 Production, 2011





Doris Šarić Kukuljica **SHORT CV**

Born 17 March 1960 in Dubrovnik. Doris is a multiple award-winning actress and a permanent ensemble member of Zagreb Youth Theatre. In addition to numerous roles on film, radio and TV, she has starred in over a hundred plays. She is an Associate Professor of Acting at the Academy of Dramatic Art in Zagreb.

Marija Kohn **SHORT CV**

Born 1934. In 1957 she made her acting debut as Roza in the film *Master of His Own Body*. The role brought her the Golden Arena award, popularity and fame. She is the Champion of Croatian National Theatre in Zagreb and the most awarded Croatian actress who has played more than a hundred theatrical roles, starred in sixty films, fourteen television dramas and series. After 40 years of acting Mary has retired. Despite retirement, she is still extremely vital and will continue to work as long as her health will allow it.

Principal credits

WRITER AND DIRECTOR Daina O.Pusić

CINEMATOGRAPHY Arthur Mulhern

COMPOSER AND SOUND DESIGNER Toni Teivaala

EDITOR Arttu Salmi

VISUAL EFFECTS SUPERVISOR Kristijan Mršić

PRODUCTION DESIGNER IRJA ŠIPUŠ

SET DESIGNER Marijana Gradečak

MAKE UP AND HAIR ARTIST Ana Bulaić Črček

TITLES DESIGNER Anja Knezić

CO-PRODUCER Liisa Juntunen

PRODUCERS Mirta Puhlovski, Anamaria Kapulica

Technical specifications

Original title: Zvjerka

English title: The Beast

Length: 20min

Year: 2015

Country: Croatia/Finland

Language: Croatian

Subtitles: English

Aspect ratio: 16:9

Shooting format: digital 2K

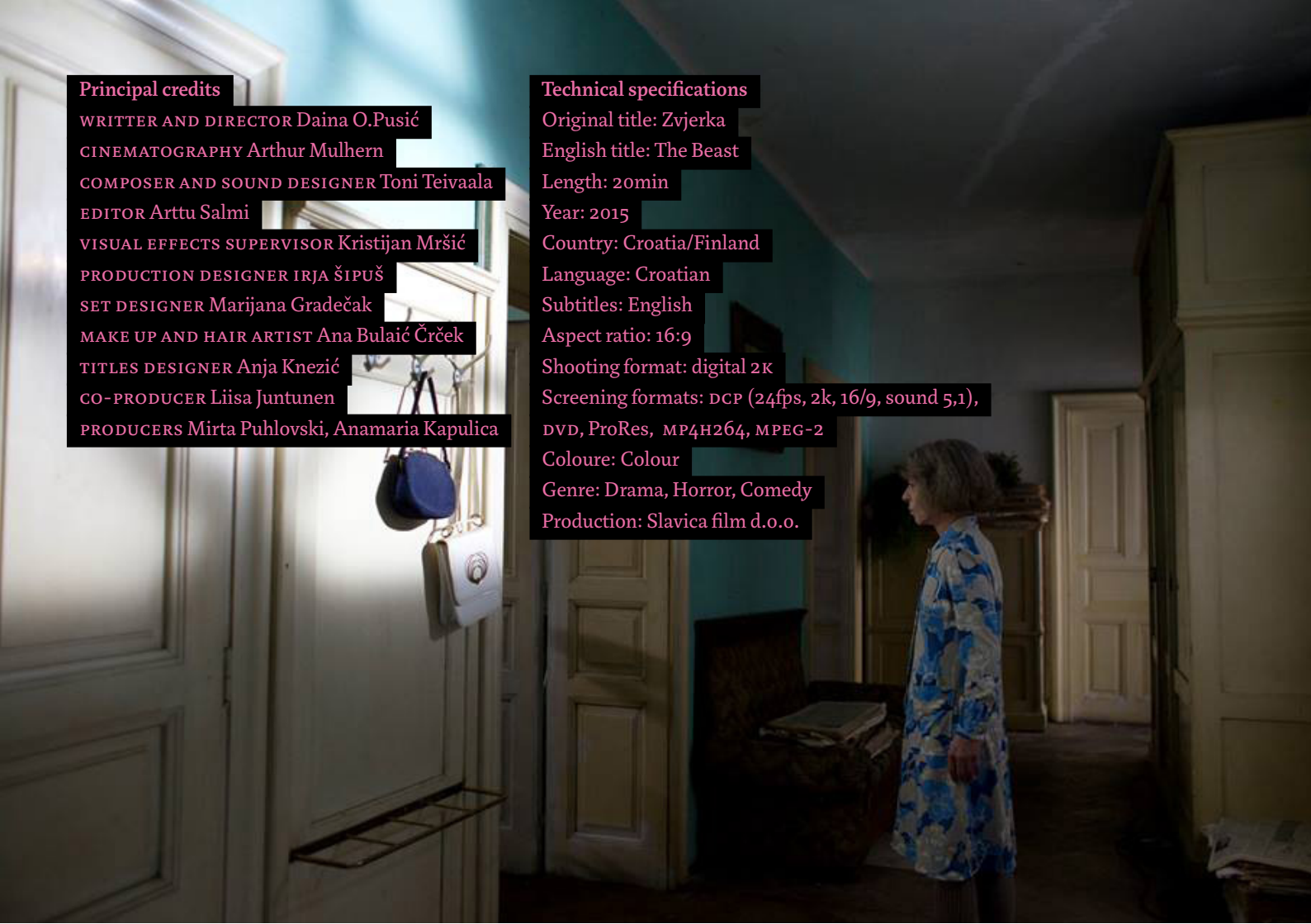
Screening formats: DCP (24fps, 2k, 16/9, sound 5,1),

DVD, ProRes, MP4H264, MPEG-2

Coloure: Colour

Genre: Drama, Horror, Comedy

Production: Slavica film d.o.o.



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