



ELOWEER BUDS (POUPATA)

Directed by
Zdeněk Jiráský

A somewhat different Christmas story...

FLOWER- BUDS (POUPATA)

The family of Jarda Hrdina (roughly, Jimmy Hero) lives in a remote small town near the border. Jarda works as a signalman on the railway. His hobby is making matchstick models in bottles, and his weakness is his addiction to playing slot machines. Jarda's wife Kamila is a cleaning woman at the railway station's public toilets; she dreams that together with her peers, she could rehearse the song, "Poupata" (Rosebuds) which they performed at the state-sponsored Spartakiada festival of physical culture twenty-five years previously, and then perform it for the whole town. Their children, Agáta and Honza, who have just come of age, are without work, without money and without illusions. Honza's crowd spend their time in the local pub, and together with his friend Cyril he grows cannabis in the basement of their housing project. Agáta senses that she hardly has a chance to get out of the tedium of provincial life. Unplanned, she has become pregnant with the local dandy, Matěj. The only person she confesses her secret to is her friend Magda...

35 mm, DCP, HDTV, m/e track, English subtitles, 91',
Dolby Digital 1:1,85, 2640 m, © 2011

Directed by: Zdeněk Jiráský
Screenplay by: Zdeněk Jiráský
Producers: Česká televize;
CINEART TV Prague s.r.o.,
i/o post s.r.o.

Director of Photography:
Vladimír Smutný
Executive Producer: Jiří Košťář

Editor: Petr Turyna

Sound: Daniel Němec

Music: Michal David, Martin Příklad, The Prostitutes,
Archive

Art Designer: Jan Novotný

Costumes: Iva Rašková

Starring: Vladimír Javorský, Malgorzata Pikus, Marika Šoposká, Josef Láška, Aneta Krejčíková, Kateřina Jandáčková, Jiří Maryško, Vladimír Polívka, Nguyen Thi Minh, Nguyen Kim Son, Luboš Veselý, Michal Nohejl, Dana Syslová, Edgar Dutka, Otmár Brancuzský, Karel Zima

Premiere: 15th December 2011
www.poupatafilm.cz

Scripts:

2006 series THE AIRPORT (Filmbrigade, TV Prima)
2007 THE BLUE CHRYSANTHEMUM (Czech Television,
director Miloš Zábanský)

Feature films:

2007 THE ADVENTURE (for Czech Television, script,
director)

Prize:

July 2008 - Prize of the RWE Endowment for the BEST
SCRIPT at the International Film Festival in Karlovy Vary,
for the film Flower-Buds

Festivals:

Flower-Buds - 47th Karlovy Vary International
Film Festival in East of the West competition



Zdeněk Jiráský (*1969) film director, scriptwriter

Documentary films:

2007 MONUMENTS OF TRANSIENCE (script, director, 58 min)
THE UNTOUCHABLES (script, director, d.o.p. 28 min)
2008 THE FADING-AWAY PRAGUE (script, director, 58 min)
CONCERNING KITSCH (director, 58 min)
2009 THE DAUNTLESS AT RISK (script, director, 59 min)

Documentary films about - Madagascar, Sainte Marie,
Calcutta, Jharkhand, Orissa for Czech TV (script, director)

Czech Critic's Award 2011:

The Best Camera / The Best Actor in the Main Role

Annual Award of Association of
Czech Cinematographers 2011

Czech Lion 2011:

The Best Film, The Best Direction, The Best Camera,
The Best Actor in the Main role

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