4 Luni, 3 Saptamini Si 2 Zile (4 Months, 3 Weeks And 2 Days)

Cristian Mungiu
Romania
113 min
2007

Synopsis:

1987, a small town in Romania. Ceausescu is in power. The scene is set in a girls’ dormitory, with exams in progress. Otilia, a blond, and Gabita, a brunette, are room mates. While one anxiously packs her suitcase, the other is combing the black market for soap and American cigarettes, precious commodities that will be needed to buy favours. There is a tacit bond of complicity between the two girls. Together they prepare to face a daunting journey through a dehumanising world built on lies, denunciations and moral compromise. It is Otilia who will commit the ultimate act of selflessness, when she sacrifices herself to help her friend. This great story of friendship, told in thriller form, plunges us into the darkest years of a dying regime. The two girls’ will to survive embodies that of an entire nation.

Screenplay: Cristian Mungiu
Cinematography: Oleg Mutu
Editing: Dana Bunescu
Music:
Sound: Dana Bunescu, Titi Fleancu, Cristian Tarnovetchi, Cristinel Sirli
Art direction: Mihaela Poenaru

Costumes: Dana Istrate

Cast: Anamaria Marinca (Otilia), Laura Vasiliu (Gabriela 'Gabita' Dragut), Vlad Ivanov (Viarel 'Domnu' Bebe), Alexandru Potocean (Adi Radu), Ion Sapdaru (Dr. Rusu (as Ioan Sapdaru), Teodor Corban (Unireal Hotel receptionist (as Teo Corban), Tania Popa (Night receptionist), Cerasela Iosifescu (Receptionist Tineretului), Doru Ana (Benzanirul), Eugenia Bosâncianu (Domnu' Bebe's mother), Marioara Sterian (Adela Racoviceanu)

Producer: Cristian Mungiu, Oleg Mutu, Philippe Avril, Dan Burlac, Florentina Onea

Production: Mobra Films, Saga Film

Co-production: Alex Teodorescu

Distribution: Mobra Films (RO), Bac Films (FR), Lucky Red (IT), Cinema Mondo (FI), Angel Film (DK), Concorde Filmverleih (DE), NonStop Entertainment (SE), Arthaus Distribution (NO), Golem Distribución (ES), Cirko Film (HU)

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