Illégal (Illegal)

Olivier Masset-Depasse
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95 min
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Synopsis:

Tania, a 39-year-old Russian woman, has been living illegally in Belgium for some ten years with her 14 year old son. Although the authorities refused her application for asylum, she manages to find a job and send her son to school. But she lives in constant fear of being found out. Following a police check, she is arrested and placed in a detention center. Her young son manages to escape and take refuge at a friend’s home. And so she begins her fight for her dignity and the search for her son despite the constant deportation threat hanging over her head. It is a story of a mother’s struggle against the State.

Olivier Masset-Depasse  likes to portray headstrong female characters right from his first short films Chambre froide (2000) and Dans l’ombre (2004). With these two films, he won some 60 prizes in international festivals. His debut feature Cages (2006) was seen at the Rome and Toronto festivals and enjoyed commercial success in Belgium.

Screenplay:  Olivier Masset-Depasse
Cinematography:  Tommaso Fiorilli
Editing:  


Damien Keyeux

**Music:** Lingo, André Dziezuk, Marc Mergen

**Sound:** Philippe Kohn, Marc Bastien, François Dumont, Thomas Gauder

**Art direction:** Patrick Dechesne, Alain-Pascal Housiaux

**Costumes:** Magdalena Labuz

**Cast:** Anne Coesens (Tania), Essé Lawson (Aïssa), Gabriela Perez (Maria), Alexandre Gontcharov (Ivan), Christelle Cornil (Lieve), Olga Zhdanova (Zina), Tomasz Bialkowski (Monsieur Nowak)

**Producer:** Jacques-Henri & Olivier Bronckart

**Production:** Versus Production

**Co-production:** Iris Productions, Dharamsala, Prime Time, RTBF

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