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Aki Kaurismäki

France

Finland

Germany

93 min

2011



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Synopsis:

Marcel Marx, a former author and a well-known Bohemian, has retreated into a voluntary exile in the port city of Le Havre, where he feels he has reached a closer rapport with the people serving them in the occupation of the honourable, but not too profitable, of a shoe-shiner. He has buried his dreams of a literary breakthrough and lives happily within the triangle of his favourite bar, his work, and his wife Arletty, when fate suddenly throws in his path an underage immigrant refugee from the darkest Africa. As Arletty at the same time gets seriously ill and is bedridden, Marcel once more has to rise against the cold wall of human indifference with his only weapon of innate optimism and the unwavering solidarity of the people of his quartier, but against him stands the whole blind machinery of the Western constitutionally governed state, this time represented by the dragnet of the police, moment by moment drawing closer around the refugee boy. It's time for Marcel to polish his shoes and reveal his teeth.

Screenplay: Aki Kaurismäki

Cinematography: Timo Salminen

Editing: Timo Linnasalo

Art direction: Wouter Zoon

Costumes: Frédéric Cambier

Cast: André Wilms (Marcel Marx), Kati Outinen (Arletty), Jean-Pierre Darroussin (Monet), Blondin Miguel (Idrissa), Elina Salo (Claire), Evelyne Didi (Yvette), Quoc Dung Nguyen (Chang (as Quoc-Dung Nguyen), Laïka (Laïka - Dog), François Monnié (Grocer), Roberto Piazza (Little Bob), Pierre Étaix (Doctor Becker), Jean-Pierre Léaud (Denouncer)

Producer: Aki Kaurismäki, Reinhard Brundig, Fabienne Vonier

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