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THE GREAT MAN

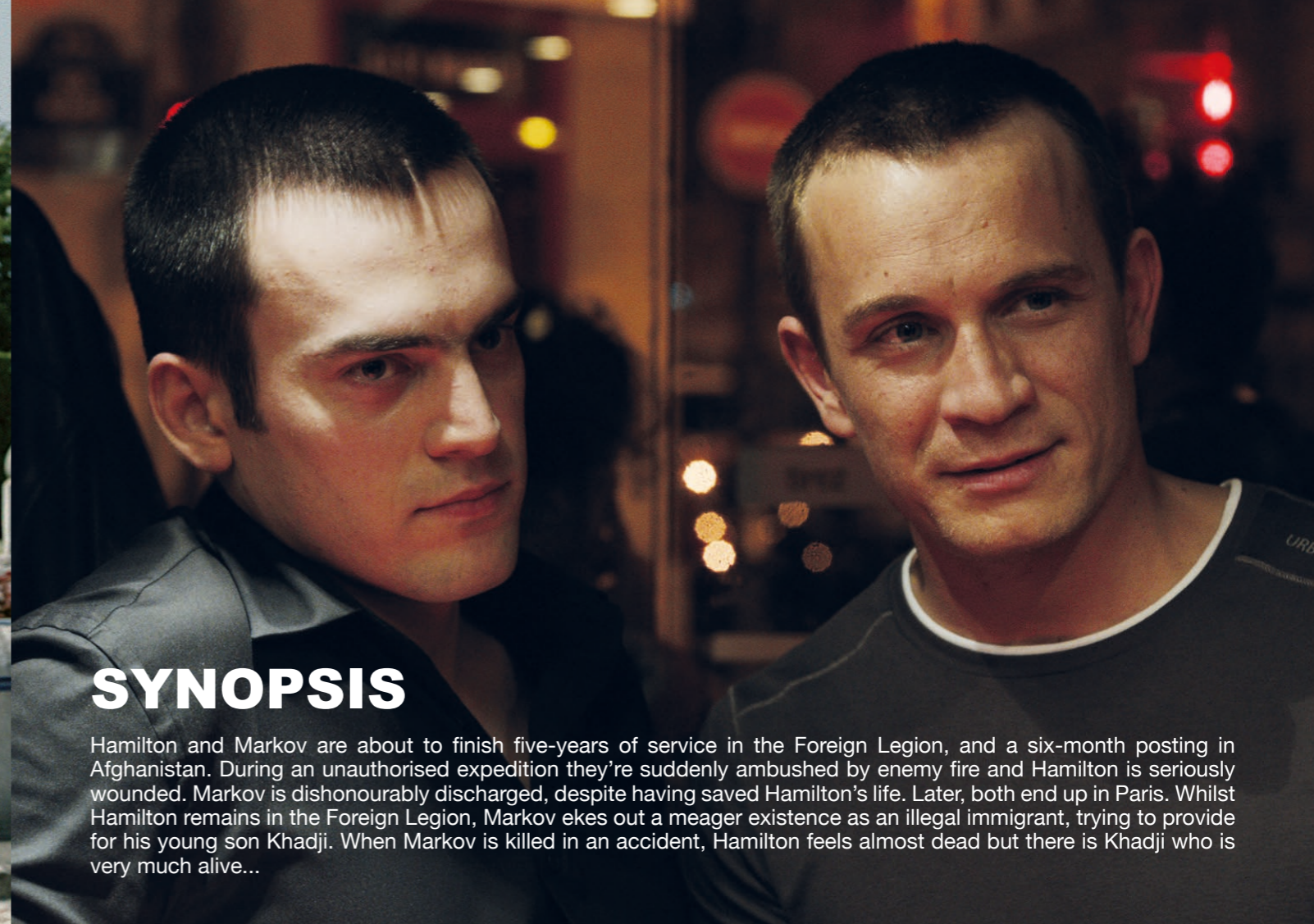
A FILM BY SARAH LEONOR

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SYNOPSIS

Hamilton and Markov are about to finish five-years of service in the Foreign Legion, and a six-month posting in Afghanistan. During an unauthorised expedition they're suddenly ambushed by enemy fire and Hamilton is seriously wounded. Markov is dishonourably discharged, despite having saved Hamilton's life. Later, both end up in Paris. Whilst Hamilton remains in the Foreign Legion, Markov ekes out a meager existence as an illegal immigrant, trying to provide for his young son Khadji. When Markov is killed in an accident, Hamilton feels almost dead but there is Khadji who is very much alive...



SARAH LEONOR

Sarah Leonor was born in Strasbourg, France, in 1970. After studying History of Art and Cinema Sarah Leonor directs her first short films in the 1990s. The collaboration with her present-day producer Michel Klein begins a little later with the short film L'ARPEUR that they codirect in 2001. Michel Klein follows her steps from then on and produces her films LE LAC ET LA RIVIÈRE, LA GOUTTE D'OR (directed under the name of Sarah Petit) as well as her first feature A REAL LIFE (AU VOLEUR) starring Guillaume Depardieu, Florence Loiret Caille and Jacques Nolot. A REAL LIFE is part of the competition of Locarno IFF in 2009 and Guillaume Depardieu is awarded as the Best Male Actor.

- 2009 **A REAL LIFE (AU VOLEUR)** (feature, 96')
Starring Guillaume Depardieu, Florence Loiret Caille, Jacques Nolot, Fejria Deliba
BEST MALE ACTOR AWARD FOR GUILLAUME DEPARDIEU
(Jury Italian Press – Locarno 2009)
PRIX FIPRESCI (International Competition - Indie Lisboa 2010)
- 2003 **LA GOUTTE D'OR** (short film, documentary, 10')
- 2002 **LE LAC ET LA RIVIÈRE** (short film, fiction, 56')
- 2001 **L'ARPEUR** (short film, fiction, 45')
Codirected by Michel Klein
Prix Jean Vigo 2002
Best Male Actor Award and Special Mention of the Jury,
Pantin Film Festival, France, 2002
- 1997 **LES LIMBES** (short film, fiction, 35')
- 1994 **NAPOLI 90'** (short film, documentary, 8'30)
Codirected by Benoît Finck

JÉRÉMIE RENIER

- 2013 **LADY GREY** by Alain CHOQUART
SAINT-LAURENT by Bertrand BONELLO
THE GREAT MAN by Sarah LEONOR
- 2012 **ELEFANTE BLANCO** by Pablo TRAPERO
BROTHERHOOD OF TEARS by Jean-Baptiste ANDREA
MY WAY by Florent EMILIO-SIRI
GREED by Eric GUIRADO
- 2011 **THE KID WITH A BIKE** by Jean-Pierre and Luc DARDENNE
PHILIBERT by Sylvain FUSEE
- 2010 **POTICHE** by François OZON
- 2009 **TOMORROW AT DAWN** by Denis DERCOURT
THE VINTNER'S LUCK by Niki Caro
- 2008 **LORNA'S SILENCE** by Jean-Pierre et Luc DARDENNE
IN BRUGES by Martin Mc DONAGH
COUPABLE by Laetitia MASSON
SUMMER HOURS (L'HEURE D'ÉTÉ) by Olivier ASSAYAS
ATONEMENT by Joe WRIGHT
- 2007 **PRIVATE PROPERTY** by Joachim LAFOSSE
- 2006 **PRESIDENT** by Lionel DELPLANQUE
DIKKENEK by Olivier VAN HOOFFSTADT
- 2005 **THE CHILD** by Jean-Pierre and Luc DARDENNE
- 2004 **VIOLENCE DES ÉCHANGES EN MILIEU TEMPÉRÉ**
by Jean-Marc Moutout
- 2001 **THE PORNOGRAPHER** by Bertrand BONELLO
BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF by Christophe GANS
- 2000 **THE KING'S DAUGHTERS** by Patricia MAZUY
- 1999 **CRIMINAL LOVERS** by François Ozon
- 1996 **THE PROMISE** by Luc and Jean-Pierre DARDENNE



SURHO SUGAIPOV

Born in Moscow in 1970 Surho Sugaipov is from Chechen descent and grows up in Grozny in the Chechen Republic. When the second Russian-Chechen war breaks out in 1999 he leaves the country with his family for Germany. Today he is studying economics in Cologne and practicing martial art on a professional level. THE GREAT MAN is his first film.

RAMZAN IDIEV

Ramzan Idiev was born in 2001 in Grozny, Chechen Republic, in the middle of the second war between Russia and the Chechen Republic. His family flees the country and finally arrives in Europe in 2004. Today he lives together with his parents and his brothers in Belgium.



CAST

with

Hamilton/Michaël Hernandez
Markov/Mourad Massaev
Khadji

Jérémie Renier
Surho Sugaipov
Ramzan Idiev

And by order of appearance

Officer Afghanistan
Colonel Lacour
Johnson
Sabina
Magomed
Madina
Issita
Principal
Camille
Maéva
Dr Arnold
Sergent Gao
Doorman
Barman
Employee mortuary
Policeman
Pharmacist

Daniel Fassi
Jean-Yves Ruf
Miglen Mirtchev
Sabine Massé
Paul Massé
Laura Arsangereeva
Issita Arslanov
Michel Klein
Daphné Dumons
Manon Gineste
Sava Lolov
Guillaume Verdier
Zaher Rehaz
Taha Lemaïzi
Lionel Codino
Adrien Michaux
Emmanuelle Jacob

CREW

Director
Screenplay

Casting

First Assistant Director
First Assistant Director (preparation)
DOP
Sound
Original music
Production design
Costume design
Costumes
Make-up
Editor
Sound editing

Sound mix
Producer
Line producer
Credits photos

Sarah Leonor
Emmanuelle Jacob
Sarah Leonor
Sarah Teper
Leïla Fournier
Valérie Roucher
Jérôme Brière
Laurent Desmet
Philippe Grivel
Martin Wheeler
Laurent Baude
Pierre-Yves Gayraud
Eudald Magri
Nelly Robin
François Quiqueré
Philippe Grivel
Jeanne Delplancq
Mélissa Petitjean
Michel Klein
Jérôme Petament
Claire Nicol
Les Films Hatari

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