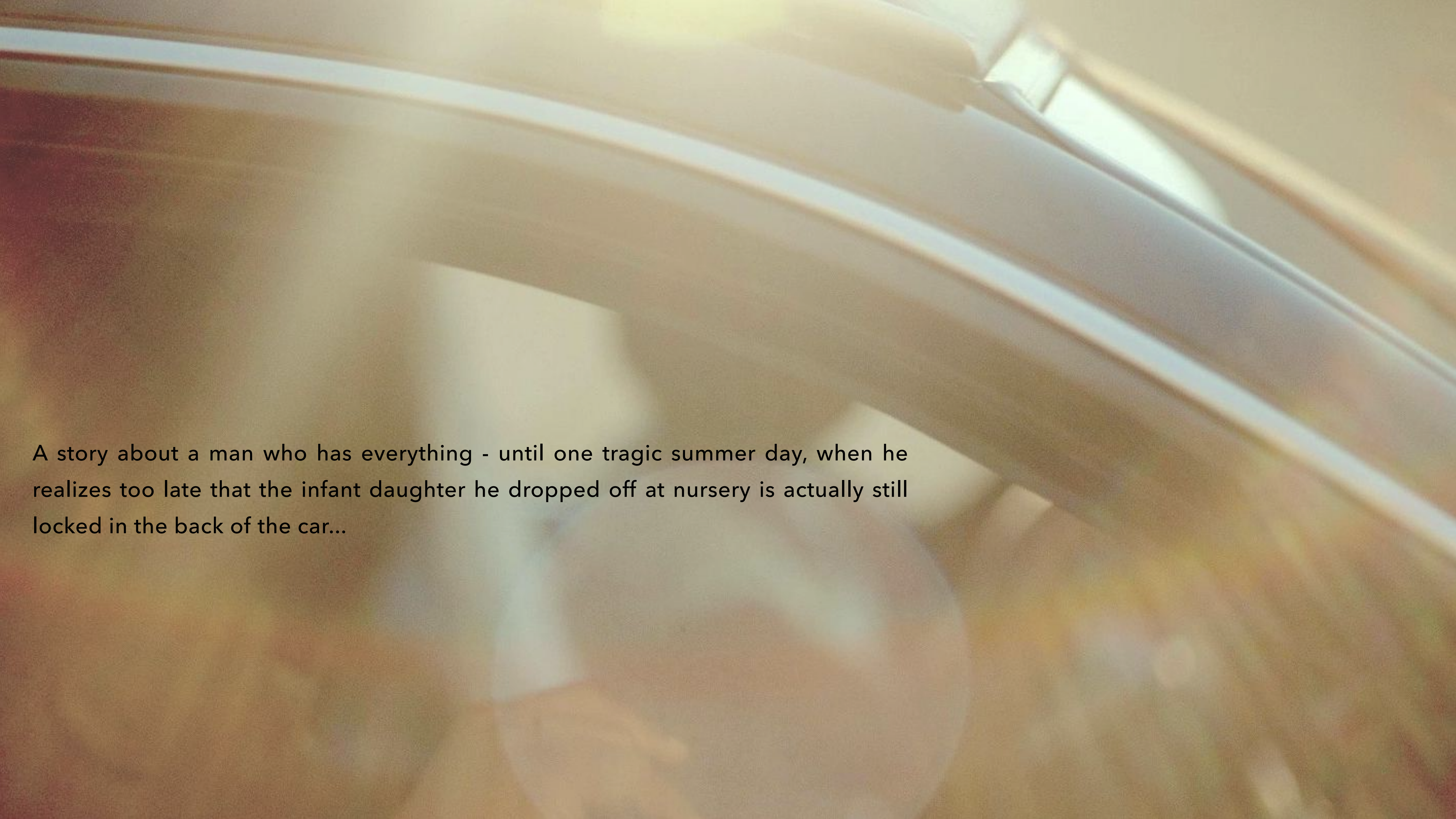




FATHER



A story about a man who has everything - until one tragic summer day, when he realizes too late that the infant daughter he dropped off at nursery is actually still locked in the back of the car...



"If you're capable of forgetting your cellphone, you are potentially capable of forgetting your child."

There may be no act of human failing that more fundamentally challenges our society's views about crime, punishment, justice and mercy.

When I first heard the story of a father that forgot his daughter in a hot car, I felt that it was unfilmable. I thought that such tragedy - in a film - would be too much for an audience to process.

A couple of days later, I asked myself what film of this story would I like to see? What possible film would I *not* turn off in frustration and disgust?

Answering myself, I had a vision that I wouldn't only not turn off, but one I was eager to make: unconventional in its execution, a film that could incite empathy, shake up our inner worldview, and compel the audience to ask significant questions of themselves.

The film 'Father' aims to inspire compassion in the increasingly divided world.

Tereza Nvotová, director, screenwriter





VISUAL APPROACH

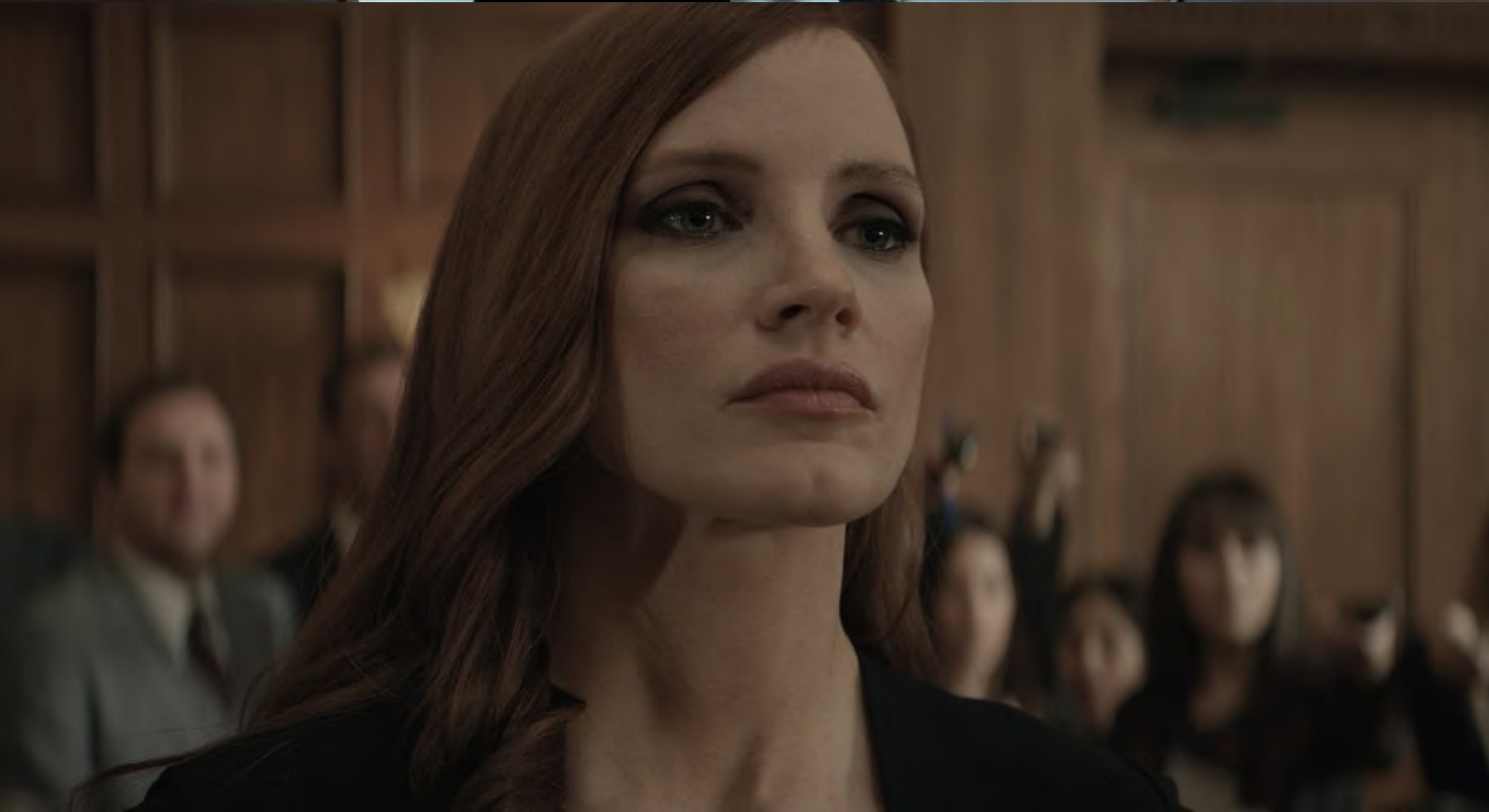
The Father will be a subjective film. Similar to movies like Victoria (2015), Son of Saul (2015) or Elephant (2003), Father will consist of several long shots. The audience will experience father's moment-to-moment reality, first on the day of the tragedy and then during the crucial moments of the following months.

This form might seem limiting, but unlike a more conventional movie, it allows us to dive deeper into the psychology of the main character. At its most intense moments the sound and picture will change to reflect his inner turmoil.



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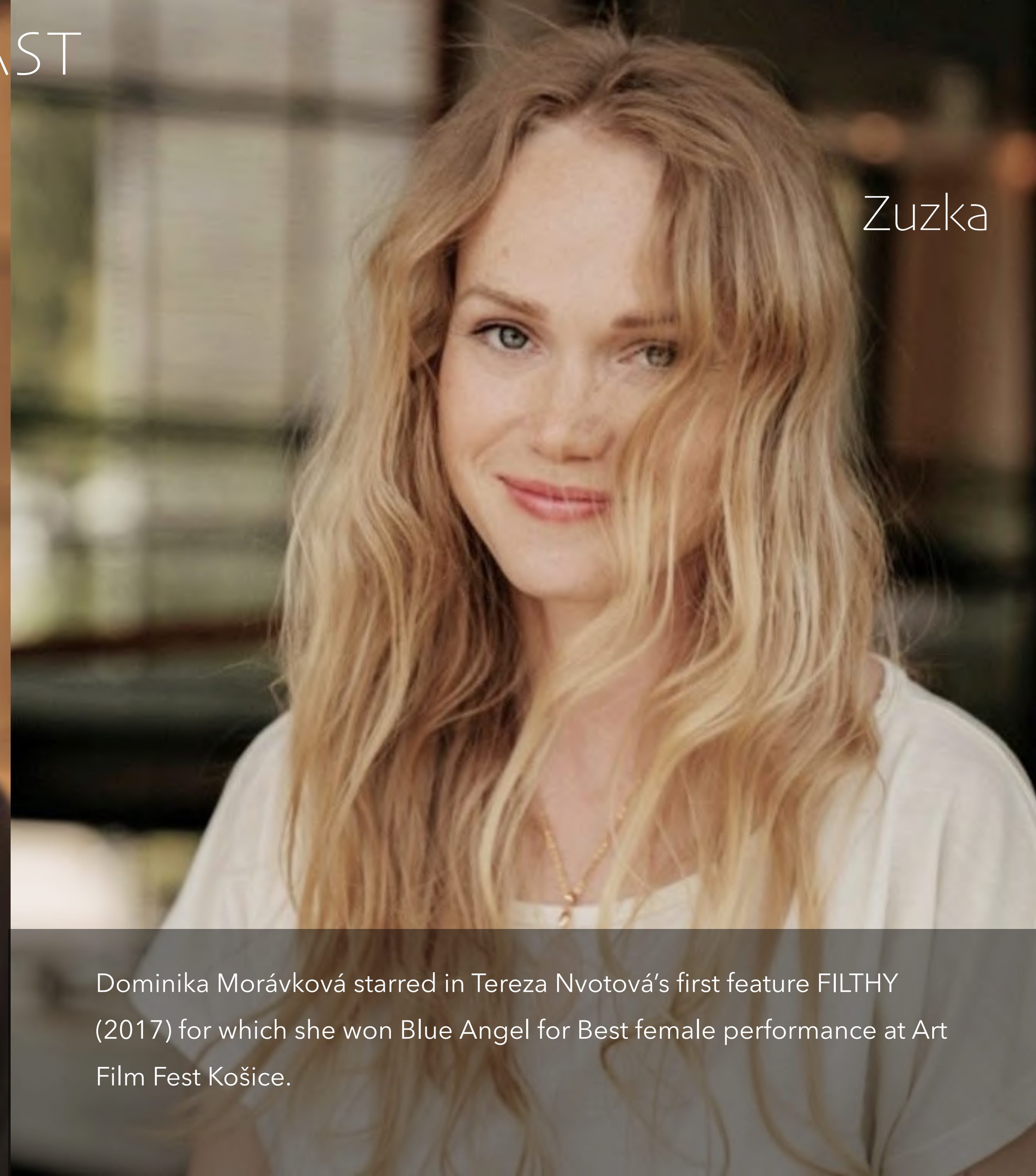
CAST

Michal



Milan Ondřík is one of the most popular actors in Slovakia. He won Crystal globe in Karlovy Vary IFF for his lead role in LET THERE BE LIGHT (2019, supported by Eurimage). He is a member of Slovak National Theatre and he's playing a lead in three international features films in post-production.

Zuzka



Dominika Morávková starred in Tereza Nvotová's first feature FILTHY (2017) for which she won Blue Angel for Best female performance at Art Film Fest Košice.

the family



Dáša



Juro



Eva



new manager



judge



defence attorney



SYNDROME

Every year, all around the world, dozens of children die in exactly this way. Often, the facts are the same: one day, the loving parent gets confused by a change to their daily routine, and while busy... forgets their child inside a vehicle.

Experts call this phenomenon 'Forgotten Baby Syndrome' - it is a legally recognized condition across the world (not in Slovakia, however).



When a lifelong friend of mine, Jozef, forgot his two year old daughter in a hot car, I came to see him on the evening of the tragedy, I remember awkwardly saying something like “You fucked up, Jo”. Like the vast majority of the public, at that time I had no knowledge of Forgotten Baby Syndrome.

I did everything I could to help Jozef’s family in their suffering, but it was impossible for Jozef to forgive himself, his feelings of guilt and failure far surpassed any punishment which could be meted out by the courts.

After his death, I kept hearing that it was only right, that he had deserved it. I realised then that all of us must embark on a journey. However unimaginable it may seem, instead of passing our righteous judgement, we should seek empathy and understanding.

Dušan Budzák, screenwriter

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SET DESIGN





DIRECTOR and SCREENWRITER

Tereza Nvotová's (1988, Czechoslovakia) sophomore feature, NIGHTSIREN (supported by Eurimage), premiered in 2022 Locarno IFF - Cineasti del presente, where it won the Golden Leopard for the Best Film. Following, in Sitges IFF the film won the Silver Melies for the Best European Production. The film has been screened at more than 40 international film festivals on every continent and sold for distribution in the USA , Japan, UK, South Korea, Poland, Portugal, Germany and to streamers such as Netflix and Amazon.

Her debut feature, FILTHY (Špina, 2017), premiered at IFF Rotterdam and has won 20 awards at festivals worldwide. HBO co-produced her feature debut and two documentaries. Her latest documentary THE LUST FOR POWER (2017) was critically acclaimed and has caused heated debate about populism and corruption in politics.

Tereza is teaching students of direction at Film Academy FAMU in Prague.

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PRODUCERS

SLOVAKIA

DANAE Production's fundamental focus is in powerful, profound, and ambiguous stories. The stories that disrupt the status quo. The founder Veronika Pastekova has worked as development executive at production companies such as DNA Production (CLEANER, 2015, THE AUSCHWITZ REPORT 2021), or Trigon Production.

CZECH REPUBLIC

MOLOKO FILM films have screened in major festivals such as Cannes, Locarno, Rotterdam and Karlovy Vary, winning Golden Leopard and 8 Czech Academy Awards as well as dozens of prizes from international festivals. Miloš Lochman is a member of ACE Producers, Czech Film and Television Academy and European Film Academy.

POLAND

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