



SLOVAK FILM

ATTITUDE

ON THE PRESENT
OF PEOPLE WHO WERE
SUPRISED BY THEIR
OWN PAST

Story and screenplay: Martin Sulik and Marian Zachar using motives of a short-story written by J. Johanides

Director: Vladimir Balco Photoghraphy: Zoltán Weigl Scenography: Ján Svoboda Music: Igor Jančár

Starring: Jiří Kodeš, Jindřich Světnica, Andrej Kraus, Jitka Asterová, Juraj Hraško and others

This film elucidating the problems. of our contemporaries is situated in an archeological location in the south of Slovakia were diggings are taking place. Each protagonist is trying to find a way or to steer a roundabout course for working his way up. The main character of the story, Hatala, an archeologist, is always in defiance of conflicting egoistic interests of others, but first of all of the interests of his former colleague Hlavsa and his protégé, a social climber assistent Holka. The attention of all those present is focused at the young Veronika, the subject of their desires, longings, intentions and actions who starts her new life here ... The director Vladimir Balco sensibly maps out attitudes and lots of our contemporaries with a documentary accuracy. This film reflects the intricate struggle of a humane approach against indifference, of creative humbleness against utilitarianism and egoism in an unconventional way and thus presents a truthful image of our present.

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