



KOTLOVAN

A documentary by Nikolay Bem



The movie explores the history of the giant quarry “Mir”, the fate of people living on its edge, and its possible future. It is as if people became participants of a great experiment, in isolation from the rest of the world created their own unique world, proving that man can adapt to the most incredible conditions for life.

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(foundation pit)

77 min 2,39:1 Color DCP En Sub. 2025

Director Statement

For me, the giant pit is a symbol of a contradiction, of an unresolved generational dilemma. What should we do with the pit left to us as an inheritance from the last generation? What is this inheritance? Is it a pit to build a new common house that did not exist before ? Or a symbol of the inevitable catastrophe on earth, which man creates with his own hands ?





TEAM

Writer, director - Nikolay BEM

Producer - Xavier ROCHER

Cinematographer - Arthur SOKOLOV

Montage - Camille MOUTON

Sound - Nelli TUNINA



Biography of Director

Nikolay Bem was born in Yakutia in Neryungri in 1977. Lives in Krasnoyarsk. Member of the "Union of Cinematographers of the Russian Federation", "Guild of Non-Fiction Film and Television". Founder of the SiberiaDOC project (siberiadoc.com). Participant of the Producer workshop at the Marche du Film Festival de Cannes and LAB French-Russian Film Academy 2012 in Paris. Participant of the Ex-Oriente IDF program (Czech Republic) in 2018. In 2021 he became a laureate of the award of the Russian Society of Knowledge "For contribution to education in the field of "Culture and Art".



Director's filmography:

2024 - "Bless Andrey!", 63 min

2022 - "Ivan's Ladder", 60 min

2015 - "Snowdrop", 15 min

Producer's filmography:

2023 - "Scene by Scene", 56 min

2019 - "Moths", 52 min

2014 - "Territory of Freedom", 67 min

2012 - "The Halves"

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