



Cultural Palace of Lensovjet

(Metro Petrogradskaya, 42, Kamenoostrovskiy prospekt)

«Festival of Festivals» - 2008

International Film Festival in St. Petersburg

June, 23-29, 2008

June, 23, 6.30 pm

Opening Ceremony of the Festival:

With the participation of the ballet of Valery Mikhailovsky;

- Screening of the film «Shultes» (by Bakur Bakuradze), which was shown at the Film Festival of Cannes.



«Shultes»,

Director: Bakur Bakuradze,

Russia, 2008, 100 min., colour

Lesha Shultes, a former athlete, that has received a serious injury in a car accident and becomes a pick pocket. This is his only way of communicating with the outside world. He lives a lonely life with his sick mother, only occasionally visits his younger brother in the army. Love and affection have no place in Shultes life. His only encounter with feelings occurs when he gets a video from a girl he robbed earlier. This contact with a stranger's life and feelings leads Shultes to rash decisions.

June, 29, 6.30 pm

Awards Ceremony (Closing of the Festival):

Elevated awards ceremony. Awards of the “Festival of Festivals” are given to the film most voted by audience, to the film chosen by the organization of the festival and the press.

- With the participation of the musical «Prorok»

- Screening of the film «Katyn» (by [Andrzej Wajda](#)), which was shown at many festivals including the Berlinale in Germany.



«Katyn»,

Director: Andrzej Wajda,

Poland, 2007, 118 min., colour

(with Russian subtitles)

As a result of Soviet Union invasion on Poland on 17 September 1939, 4,500 of Polish were taken captive and imprisoned in prisoner camp in Kozielsk in USSR. Most of them were executed in Katyń near Smolensk in April and May 1940. All together about 22 thousands of officers, soldiers and policemen imprisoned in three camps: Kozielsk, Ostaszkovo and Starobielsk were murdered. The film tells about the Katyń lie. Families of the murdered had to live with awareness of not only a great harm, but also a cynical lie. Their fate is the main subject of this film.

During the „Festival of Festivals“ you will also have the possibility to meet with Russian and foreign actors and directors.

Detailed and regularly updated information about our festival and the program of 2008 you can get on our website www.filmfest.ru or call the free-toll-number 089.

Tickets are sold at the box office of the Cultural Palace of Lensovjet, at the theatre box offices in the city (phone: 380-80-50, www.bilet.ru), on the website www.kassir.ru (или по тел: 703-40-40), and at the box office Sofit (тел: 327-74-00, www.sofit.spb.ru).