

Rival

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“ His mother belongs to him. Only to him. ”



Synopsis

9-year-old Roman follows his mother Oksana, who left to work illegally in Germany. There she lives with Gert, a 62-year-old German widower who suffers from diabetes. Gert tries to make friends with the boy, but Roman struggles for his mother's attention. Suddenly Oksana becomes ill, and Roman is left alone with his rival. Surprisingly Gert turns out to be a good playmate until he dies from a stroke. Roman is now trapped in a remote place, along with a corpse.

Credits

Director: Marcus Lenz / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Rivale / **English title:** RIVAL / **Country of production:** Germany / **Year of production:** 2020 / **Length:** 96 mins / **Screening format:** DCP 2K (2048x858) (1:2,39; 5.1, un-encrypted) / **Original language:** German, Ukrainian / **Cast:** Yelizar Nazarenko, Maria Bruni, Udo Samel, / **Scriptwriter:** Marcus Lenz, Lars Hubrich / **Director of photography:** Frank Amann / **Production designer:** Beatrice Schultz / **Editor:** Hansjörg Weissbrich, Bernd Euscher / **Sound design:** Jonathan Ritzel / **Sound mixing:** Dominik Avenwedde / **Music:** Caroline Siegers + Evgueni Galperine / **Producers:** Gunter Hanfgarn & Andrea Ufer / **Co-producers:** Patrick Waldmann / **Production company:** HANFGARN & UFER / **Co-production company:** Wildfilms / **Supported by:** BKM, Filmstiftung NRW, Nordmedia

Festivals / Awards

Busan IFF - Flash Forward Competition - World Premiere; AFI Fest, USA - *New Auteurs*

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