



Karlovy Vary
International Film Festival

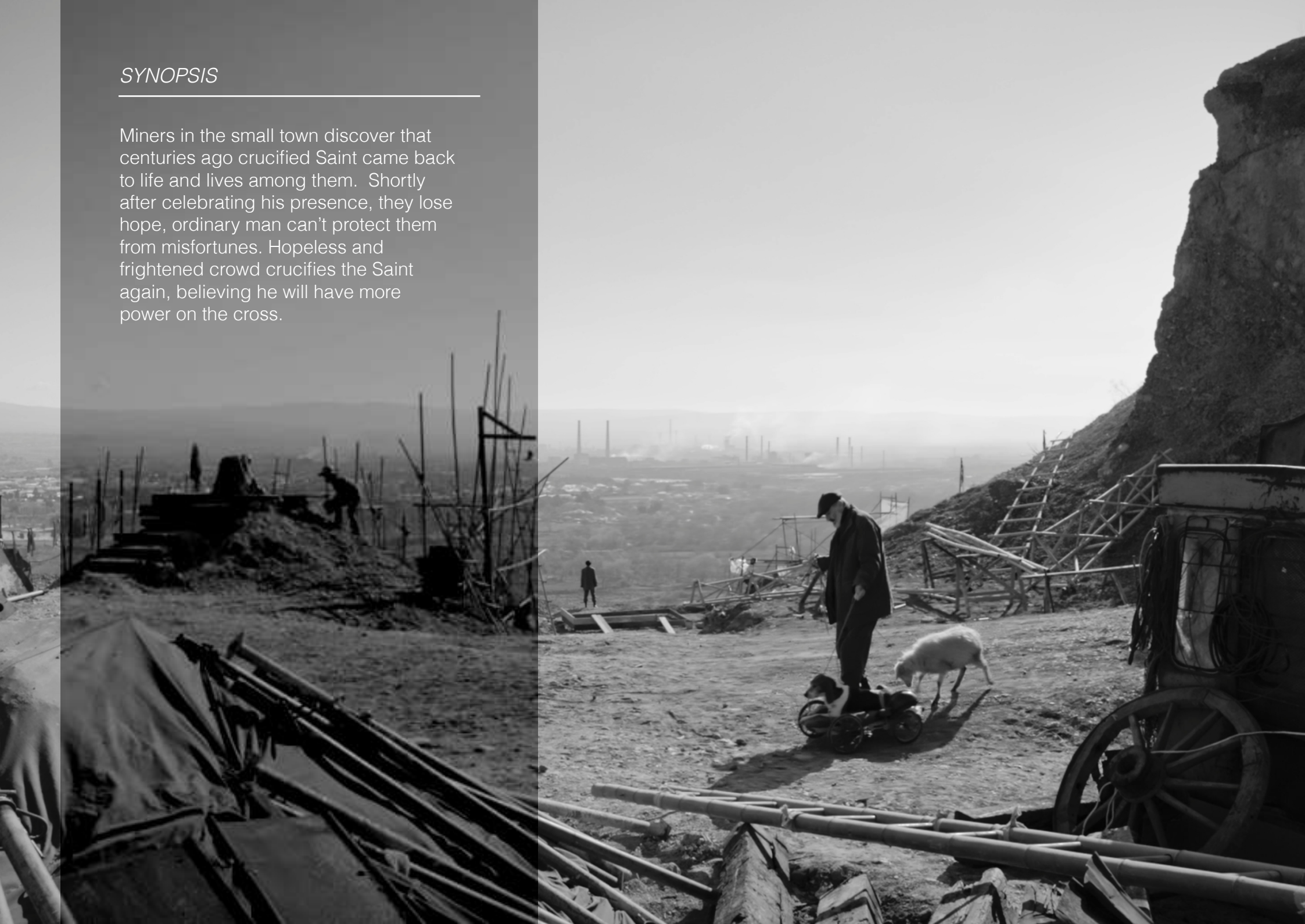
ARTIZM, GEMINI, MANDRA FILMS, CHOCHKOV BROTHERS PRESENT

CITIZEN SAINT

A FILM BY TINATIN KAJRISHVILI

SYNOPSIS

Miners in the small town discover that centuries ago crucified Saint came back to life and lives among them. Shortly after celebrating his presence, they lose hope, ordinary man can't protect them from misfortunes. Hopeless and frightened crowd crucifies the Saint again, believing he will have more power on the cross.





DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Observing how far people can go in search of hope and miracles made me to write the script. I start exploring and dive deep into the parables created by people from ancient times till today. Illusionary hopes, which are stronger than reality around, desperate desire to miracles, unrealized expectations and fear of loss, leads people to take extraordinary decisions. It's an endless circle.







TINATIN KAJRISHVILI

Director, Script Writer, Producer

Tinatin Kajrishvili was born in Tbilisi, Georgia in 1978. In 2001 she graduated from the State Theatre and Film University of Georgia with the qualification of Film Director.

In 2014 she directed and wrote the screenplay to her first feature Film "Brides". In 2018 she directed and wrote the screenplay to her second feature Film "Horizon". Both films premiered at Berlin International Film Festival.

She is a member of Georgian Filmmakers Union.

Filmography

2018 "Horizon" (feature film) 105min, Georgia – Sweden.
World Premiere at 68th Berlin International Film Festival.
North American premiere - Cinequest IFF. Balkan premiere - Sarajevo IFF. Middle East Premiere - Aswan IFF (Best actor and critics prize), Asian premiere - Hong Kong IFF. Other festivals: Almaty IFF (Best actor), Sochi IFF (Best film, Best production design), Golden Apricot IFF (Fipresci award), Santa Fe IFF (Best film), Haifa IFF, Moscow Horizons IFF (Best cinematography), Valladolid IFF, Batumi IFF (Best director), Transatlantic IFF and others.

2014 "Brides" (feature film) 93 min, Georgia – France.
World Premiere at 64th Berlin International Film Festival (Panorama Audience award). North American premiere - Tribeca IFF. South American Premier - Rio IFF. Asian premiere - Busan IFF. Middle East premiere - Cairo IFF (Best director), Balkan premiere - Sarajevo IFF (Jury prize, Best actress), Other festivals: London BFI, Stockholm IFF, Scanorama IFF, Tallinn Black Nights, Sofia IFF, Romania IFF (Best actress), Varna IFF (Best director), Batumi IFF (Best director), Milan IFF, Trieste IFF and others.







LASHA KHALVASHI

Producer

Lasha Khalvashi was born in Georgia. From 2006 he worked in different fields of the creative industry. Managed several film production studios before he found his own company "Artizm" in 2013. Produced films which had international success and won prestigious prizes on festivals. Participated in many film industry activities (workshops, platforms, panel discussions, jury). Was selected for "Producers on the move" by EFP. Named among "10 to Watch" producers by "Variety". In 2018, film produced by Lasha Khalvashi was selected as OSCARS entry from Georgia.

Lasha Khalvashi is a member of EAVE network, ACE network, European Film Academy, APSA Academy, Georgian Film Academy and The Film Producers Guild of Georgia.

Company profile

Studio "ARTIZM" was established in 2013. Focuses on emerging talents and international co-productions. Produces full length films, shorts, tv series, documentaries and animations.

Selected filmography

"Citizen Saint" (Georgia, France, Bulgaria/2023) Feature, Director – Tinatin Kajrishvili

"Horizon" (Georgia, Sweden/2018) Feature, Director – Tinatin Kajrishvili

"Scary Mother" (Georgia, Estonia/2017) Feature, Director – Ana Urushadze

"Brides" (Georgia, France/2014) Feature, Director - Tinatin Kajrishvili.





CAST AND CREW

Lead Cast:

Saint – George Babluani

Berdo – Levan Berikashvili

Mari – Mari Kitia

Security officer – Gia Burdjanadze

Mines manager – Temiko Tchitchinadze

Vano – George Bochorishvili

Berdo`s wife – Lia Abuladze

Crew:

Director – Tinatin Kajrishvili

Scriptwriter – Tinatin Kajrishvili

Co writer – Basa Janikashvili

Director of Photography – Krum Rodriguez

Production Design – George Gordzamashvili

Costumes Design – Ira Shengelia

Sound Design – Emmanuel Soland and
Thomas Jaeger

Producers:

Lasha Khalvashi /Artizm/

Tinatin Kajrishvili /Gemini/

Denis Vaslin /Mandra Films/

Carine Chichkovski /Mandra Films/

Borislav Chouchkov /Chouchkov Brothers/

Gergana Stankova /Chouchkov Brothers/

Georgia-France-Bulgaria 2023, 100min



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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Film project was developed at EAVE

Film script is developed at MFI Script2Films

Film project took part in La Fabrique Cinema
De L'institut Francias

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Award at the Baltic Event.

Winner of the award CIneLink Work
in Progress.

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Georgian National Film Center.

Aide aux cinémas du monde - Centre national
du cinéma et de l'image animé - Institut français.
Bulgarian National Film Center.



PREVIOUS FILM OF THE DIRECTOR

