

Eastern Plays

Sweden-Bulgaria/2009/35mm/colour/89' / Bulgarian-Turkish-English

Screenplay, Direction: K Amen Kalev

Producers: Stefan Piriyov, K Amen Kalev, Fredrik Zander

Cinematography: Julian Atanassov

Sound: Momchil Bozhkov, Boris Trayanov

Editing: K Amen Kalev, Stefan Piriyov, Jo Hannes Pinter

Cast: Christo Christov, Ovanes Torosian, Saadet Isil Aksoy, Niko Lina Yancheva, Ivan Nalbantov, Kr Asimira Demireva, Hatice Aslan, K Erem Ata

Awards/Festivals

Cannes Film Festival, 2009

Tokyo Film Festival, 2009

Itso, a frustrated artist prone to bouts of severe depression and anxiety happens to rescue a Turkish family from the attack of a neo-Nazi group. Realising that his brother Georgi was also involved in the attack on the family, Itso tries to warn him off the gang. Georgi, being asked to participate in larger events, starts to question his implication in the movement. Meanwhile, Itso develops a relationship with the Turkish girl whom he rescues. Her exuberant spirit and inquisitive mind raise his spirits but her sudden departure back to Istanbul leaves him desolate once more.