

# Birzhan Sal

Kazhakistan/2009/35mm/Colour/110'/Khazak

**Direction:** Doshan Zholzhaksynov,  
Rymbek Alpiyev

**Producer:** Yermek Amarshayev

**Screenplay:** T. Assemkulov

**Cinematography:** R. Tbragimov

**Sound:** A. Baigarin

**Cast:** Doshan Zholzhaksynov, A. Mata, C. Orazbaev, K.  
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The film is about the dramatic life story of a legendary “singer of steppe” – singer and composer, Birzhan Kozhagulov. This is also about a choice of way, a choice between pride and tolerance, dignity and disrespect, honour and dishonour. Moreover, this is a story of a lost love and loneliness. In the film the authors have paid very much attention for the details of costumes, language and behaviour of the end of 19th century. The story of Birzhan-sal is mixed with complex changes in the traditions of Kazakhs.