

Katalin Varga

Romania-UK-Hungary/2008/35 mm/Colour/84'
Hungarian-Romanian

Direction, Screenplay: Peter Strickland

Producers: Tudor Giurgiu, Oana Giurgiu, Peter Strickland

Cinematography: Mark Gyori

Editing: Matyaf Fekete

Sound: Gyorgy Kovacs, Zoltan Karaszek

Cast: Hilda Peter, Tibor Palffy, Norbert Tanko, Melinda Kantor,
Sebastian Marina, Roberto Giacomello, Laszlo Matray

Awards/Festivals

Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic Achievement, Berlin Film Festival 2009, Edinburgh International Film Festival 2009

Set in the environment of the Hungarian minority living in Romania, the film tracks the doomed trek of Katalin Varga and her little son, Orban through the Carpathians. As soon as he discovers that he is not Orban's father, her husband throws her out of the house. Banished and left with no other choice she sets out on a quest to find the real father of her son. The long journey across the Carpathians takes her to a place to which she had vowed never to return. Memories of what happened years ago are reawakened and she decides to take fate into her own hands.