



Lights in the dusk

Laitakaupungin valot

Finland-Germany-France/2006/35mm/Colour/ 78'/Finnish- Russian



Production, screenplay, Direction,

Editing: Aki Kaurismaki

Cinematography: Timo Salminen

Cast: Janne Hyytiainen, Maria Heiskanen, Maria Jarvenhelmi, Ilkka Koivula , Matti Onnismaa, Kati Outinen

Awards / festivals:

Cannes Film Festival-2006, Toronto International Film Festival-2006, Pusan International Film Festival-2006, Hong Kong International Film Festival-2007

Lights in the Dusk, is about a lonely security man who searches the hard world for a small crack to crawl in through, But both his fellow beings and the faceless apparatus of the society conspire to crush his modest hopes, one after another. Criminal elements exploit his longing for love and his position as a night watchman in a robbery they pull off, leaving Koistinen deprived of his job, his freedom, and his dreams. Though the film was chosen as Finland's nominee for the 79th Academy Awards in the category of Best Foreign Language Film, Kaurismaki decided to boycott the awards and refused the nomination as a protest against US President George W. Bush's foreign policy.