

Press report:

MAKANNA (2015)

Music documentary film from the orchestra performance **MAKANNA**, based on the novel of the Jewish writer **Jiří Weil**, about the rise and fall of the 7th century false prophet with his face covered with the green veil and his eyes glowing as embers.

Music documentary film **MAKANNA**, based on the novel of the **Jewish writer Jiří Weil** (1900 - 1959), from the concert performance of the ballet **MAKANNA**, composed by composer **Irena Kosíková** for voice (**Jan Židlický**), solo cello (**František Brikcius**) and orchestra (**Jan Talich** - conductor, **Talich Chamber Orchestra**), was held at the Convent of St Agnes of Bohemia under the auspices of **Sir Tom Stoppard** and **Václav Havel**.

The film premier took place at the Vaclav Havel Library in Prague to commemorate the 115th anniversary of birth of the Jewish writer Jiří Weil. Under the auspices of the Mayor of Prague 1, the premiere was part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days, the 17th Poetry Day Festival and the 4th Festival Brikcius.

The novel Makanna - The Father of Miracles describes the rise and fall of a historical person - the 7th century false prophet. "Unearthed from ancient times, this unfamiliar oriental world becomes in this novel a living, colourful picture reminding us of not-so-distant historical tyranny. The novel Makanna was written in 1940 and published in 1941 under a cover name, whose owner was tortured to death in Mauthausen."

Trailer is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUY6-N_NasQ .

Contact us for a link to the film screener.

For more details visit <http://Festival.Brikcius.com> and <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5346634> .

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Film MAKANNA

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Irena Kosíková

Producer:
Festival Brikcius

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Pavel Lukáš
Tomáš Měšťan

Sound:
Ivan Horák

Starring:
Jan Talich - Conductor
Jan Židlický - Narrator
František Brikcius - Cello
Talich Chamber Orchestra

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