

HENRY THOMPSON

INNA BAGOLI

MAURO MERCATALI

La Mia Italia

A FILM BY JAY MANARI

MANARIFILMARTS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH MIRABAN LTD

"LA MIA ITALIA" WRITTEN BY JAY MANARI BASED ON A TRUE STORY

STARRING HENRY THOMPSON INNA BAGOLI SARA RIZZANO IVANO CAVALIERE MAURO MERCATALI ATHOS LEONARDI

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY COSMIN VLAD PROPS MASTER DAVIDE CAVALLO HAIR STYLIST CARMEN MERLETTI MAKE UP ARTIST KAREN IANNUCCI MAKE UP ARTIST MARIA MADDALENA CALABRESE

EDITED BY JAY MANARI VISUAL EFFECTS BY ATA CAN AKDENIZ HUSEYIN CAY ZAIDI MUHAMMAD COLORIST ALEKSANDR KOROLEV

SOUND DESIGNER NIKOLA VUKOVIC PRODUCED BY JAY MANARI MUSIC BY JONATHAN MCKINNEY DIRECTED BY JAY MANARI



LA MIA ITALIA

SYNOPSIS

"La Mia Italia" is a war drama/romance short fiction set during the Second World War and based on the melange of two true stories.

Fighting in the battlefield, Sante (20 years old), a young Italian partisan, has been held in an Albanian prison camp, nearby the Devoll river.

The memory of his long-lasting Love for Elsa is all that keeps him going.



LA MIA ITALIA CAST





LA MIA ITALIA CAST BIOS

HENRY THOMPSON - SANTE



Henry is a Bristol-based actor, originally trained at East 15 theatre school in London where he spent four years working in plays such as Anthony and Cleopatra, Tom's Midnight Garden, and some new writings premiering at Stratford Circus called The Edward Black Foundation.

In 2021, Henry was cast in the Spanish feature film *The Anarchist's Dream*, selected for Best Thriller Awards (Paris IFF, Cannes Award, Budapest FF) and Best Feature (LA Cinematography Awards, Rome Prisma, Sea of Art, Berlin Film Awards).

He was awarded a scholarship to the Lee Strasberg Institute in Los Angeles and completed a years' conservatory training before being cast as the lead in a new play, *Beach People*, for which he was nominated for a Best Actor award.

INNA BAGOLI - *ELSA*



Inna Bagoli is a Ukraine-born, London based actress and model. Inna was born in Shkarivka village in Kyiv region.

She trained at Ivana Chubbuck Studio in Hollywood and Kimball Studio in New York. Her international credits include film, TV and theatre work in Ukraine, the UK, the USA and Italy. In 2017-2018, she was part of the ProEnglish Theatre in Ukraine and performed in the dark comedy plays that were part of the theatre repertory.

Inna is also trained in stage combat, is an activist and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Her most recent work includes two radio plays about the war in Ukraine for BBC Radio 4. She's also part of the AllArt Ukraine

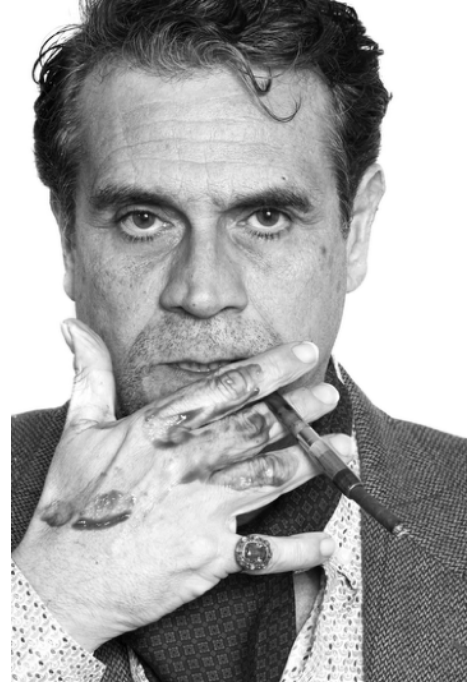
project the goal of which is to save Ukrainian art from the Russian aggression, by turning it into NFTs and creating a digital collection of all Ukrainian art that will be available for the world and the future generations.

MAURO MERCATALI - *FATHER*

Mauro Mercatali is an actor, author, presenter, performer and theatre trainer. He trained at the Centro Teatro Attivo in Milan, attending the first course in Italy dedicated to the techniques of television communication and conduction.

He attended the European Film School studying screenwriting and followed an acting path comparing styles and methodologies learned from his prestigious Masters. He deepened the 'Method' with Argentinean actor and director Raul Manso and the work on the 'God Clown' with Philippe Hottier (Théâtre du soleil).

A film and television actor in the late 1990s, he worked on set in numerous productions.





LA MIA ITALIA

CREW BIOS

JAY MANARI - *DIRECTOR/ WRITER/ PRODUCER*



Jay Manari is an Italian Film Director, Writer and producer with experience working in films and TV series in Europe, UK, and in the U.S.

In the independent film Industry, Jay has held numerous professional

roles, such as assistant director and production coordinator.

In LA, Jay began as Executive Development Assistant and Camera Operator for director Simone Bartesaghi at the prestigious Los Angeles Film School. In 2018, Jay founded MiraBan Ltd, an Art, Events & Entertainment Company based in London, running international art exhibitions and film festivals.

He works as director/producer for indie film productions and as producer's and director's PA on High-end TV shows, like 'The Ballad of Renegade Nell' (Disney Plus), produced by Lookout Point Productions, with series producer Jon Jennings, directors Ben Taylor and Amanda Brotchie.

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CAST

Sante - Henry Thompson
Elsa - Inna Bagoli
Sante Flashback - Athos Leonardi
Elsa Flashback - Sara Rizzano
Father - Mauro Mercatali
Welsh soldier - Ivano Cavaliere

CREW

Written and directed by Jay Manari
Produced by Jay Manari
Production Secretary by Giulia Sapone
Production Assistant Evelina Rosa

Cinematographer - Cosmin Vlad
1st Assistant Camera - Giuseppe Raspa
Construction Manager - Davide Cavallo
Sound Operator - Marvin D'Orazio

Hair Stylist - Carmen Merletti
Make up artist - Karen Iannucci
Make up artist - M. Maddalena Calabrese
Costume Designer - Jay Manari
Props Master - Davide Cavallo
Transportation Captain - Marco Manari

Editing - Jay Manari
Colorist - Alexandr Korolev
Sound Designer - Nikola Vukovic
VFX Artist - Ata Can Akdeniz
VFX Artist - Zaidi Muhammad
VFX Artist - Hüseyin Cay
Composer - Jonathan McKinney

“Romanzo Epistolare” Song in credits by
Giulio Wilson

Locations
Comune di Montesilvano
Comune di Spoltore
Comune di Loreto

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Main Cast Interviews:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=KUZtlmySxyU&ab_channel=Manar%C3%ACFilmArtsProductions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUZtlmySxyU&ab_channel=Manar%C3%ACFilmArtsProductions)

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Further promotional materials can be found here:

<https://www.jaymanari.com/la-mia-italia/>

Key Backstage Stills uploaded in digital folder:

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hJNTFTCAuAIUc1YvIB?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X5dYRPgd4-T1D-hJNTFTCAuAIUc1YvIB?usp=sharing)

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