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AYA CRNIĆ

ALENA DZEBO

MARIO KNEZOVIĆ

# IMPORT

PUPKIN presents

a short film by

ENA SENDIJAREVIĆ

QUINZAINÉ  
DIRECTORS' FORTNIGHT  
CANNES 2016



this film was supported by the Netherlands Film Fund

director	of	photography	EMO	WEEHOFF	art	directors	MYRTE	BELTMAN	ad	MAEVE	HUMAN
costume	NEDDA	NAGEL	sound	TACO	gaffer	ARTHUR	VIS	first	VINCENT	ERIK	GLIJNIS
line	producer	JESSIE	MENTJON	editor	LOT	ROSSMARK	sound	design	JOLIJEN	VAN	SINCERETTI
composer	ELLA	VAN	DER	& PUPKIN	JUHO	NURMELA	poster	design	MEURS,	PIETER	HASSEL
delegate	producer	LAYLA	MEIJMAN	produced		IRIS	by	VAN			KUIJPERS
written		&		directed				ENA			SENDIJAREVIĆ

NL FILM  
FONDS

CAVANA LOT

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(PUPKIN)

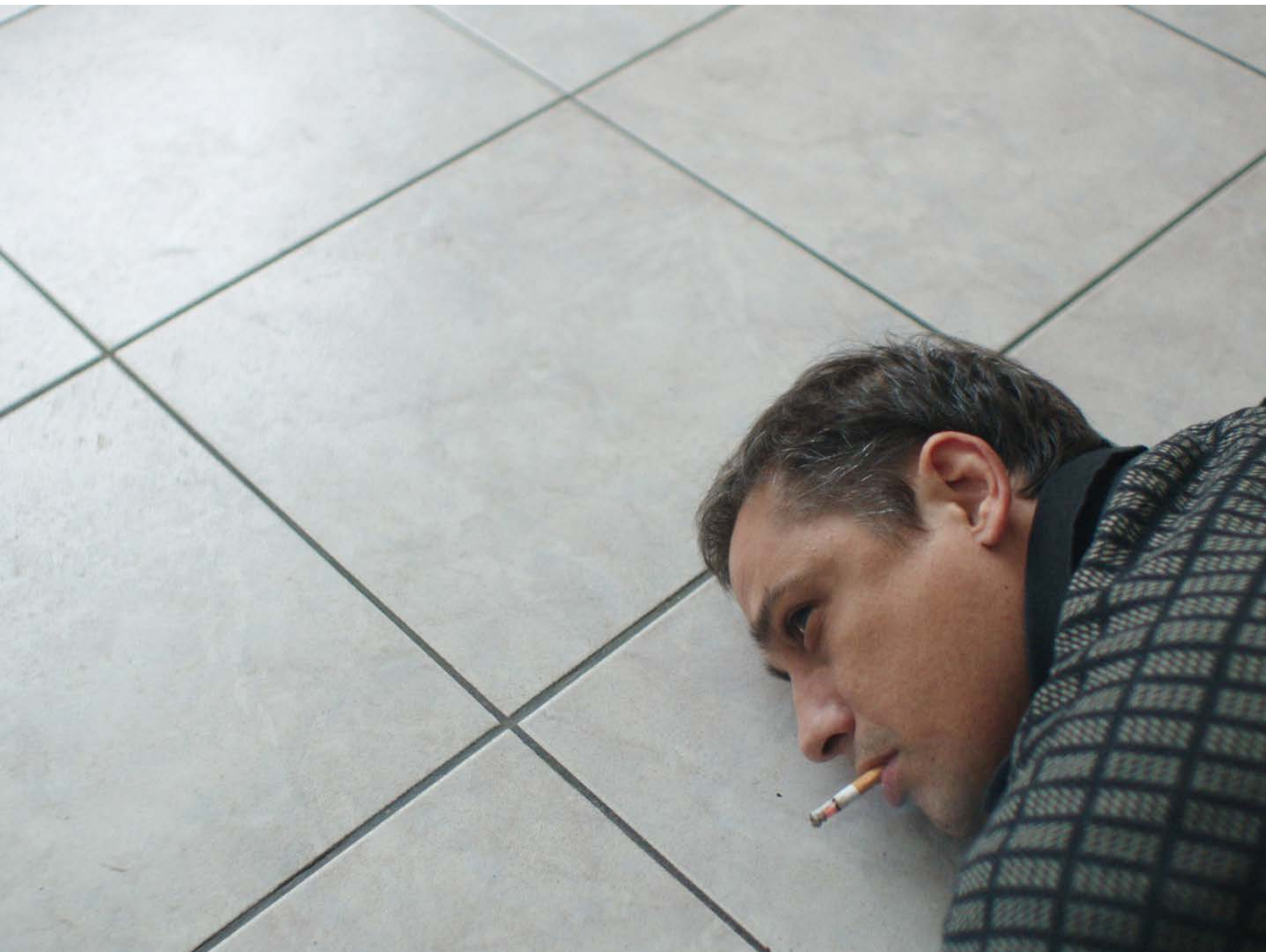


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## SYNOPSIS

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A young Bosnian refugee family ends up in a small village in the Netherlands after getting a residence permit in 1994. Absurd situations arise as they are trying to make this new world their home.





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## CAST

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Esma Hrusto  
Aya Crnić  
Alena Dzebo  
Mario Knezović

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## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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*"I moved from Bosnia to the Netherlands with my parents and sister just over 20 years ago. After spending a year in a refugee centre, we finally ended up in a small village called Almen. We didn't speak the language and the villagers were somewhat narrow-minded. The two years that ensued (we moved on after that), are etched in our collective family memory as two rather strange, at times hilarious, but also very difficult years. They constitute our very first encounter with the Netherlands and gave the onset of a relationship as regards the concept "homeland" that at the very least can be called schizophrenic.*

*I decided to make a short film about this initial period. In this film, IMPORT, I have focused on the absurdity of the life of a refugee. By maintaining a certain degree of distance from the characters and by setting a light tone, I have endeavoured not to diminish the characters to victims but have tried to emphasize their humanity. Integration is ultimately a process which takes place between one man and another, with all the discomfort, miscommunication and awkwardness that entails."*





Ena Sendijarević is an Amsterdam based, Bosnian filmmaker. She studied Film Studies at the University of Amsterdam and the Freie Universität Berlin, before graduating from the Netherlands Film Academy as a writer/director in 2014. She wrote and directed several awarded short films. Both her debut short TRAVELLERS INTO THE NIGHT (2013) as her graduation short FERNWEH (2014) premiered at the Palm Springs Filmfest and have been selected for over 80 international filmfestivals ever since, winning numerous awards. Ena just finished her latest short IMPORT (2016) which will premiere at the Directors' Fortnight (Quinzaine des Réalisateurs), Cannes 2016. Ena is now working on her first feature AMOUR FOU.

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**ABOUT THE PRODUCTION COMPANY****PUPKIN**

PUPKIN is one of the leading production companies developing feature films and television drama in the Netherlands. Our collaboration with fantastic writers and directors is based on personal involvement, trust and sustainability. We strive for a long-lasting cooperation with all of our business relations. We are constantly in search of a challenge: in our writers and directors, our projects, our audience and its expectations, and the challenge within ourselves.





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## HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

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Writer & Director	Ena Sendijarević
Delegate Producer	Layla Meijman
Line Producer	Jessie Mentjox
Cinematographer	Emo Weemhoff
Art Director	Myrte Beltman   Maeve Human
Costume Design	Nedda Nagel
Sound Recordist	Taco Drijfhout
Editor	Lot Rossmark
Sound Design	Vincent Sinceretti
Composer	Ella van der Woude & Juho Nurmela
Titels	Xander Nijsten & Ingrid Sanchez
Poster Design	Jolien van Hassel
Production Company	Pupkin   Iris Otten   Sander van Meurs   Pieter Kuijpers



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**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

IMPORT - 16'55" - Drama - DCP - 4:3 - 5.1 mix  
Colour - The Netherlands

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