

SOME MEN MUST DIE

A motion picture by Thomas Mettler, 2019

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Some Men Must Die is a feature-length dance film based on the physical theatre production of the same name from 2015 by Swiss theatre director Thomas Mettler. The film's theme is the Ukrainian war, which stands exemplary for military conflicts all over the world.



The great challenge in the development of the stage play *Some Men Must Die*, which premiered at the *GOGOL-Fest 2015* in Kiev, was from the very beginning on the transposition of acts and effects of war into contemporary dance and Physical Theatre. This artistic work, together with the found forms of expression, is central in the film, which is to be premiered in 2019.



STORYLINE & IMAGINERY

The audience accompanies the film's protagonist, an Ukrainian dance and theatre director, to the shores of the Dnieper, where he ponders an upcoming dance piece about the Ukrainian conflict. His son also serves at the front. The director struggles with himself: How can he, who has stayed at home, allow himself to stage a play about the war? What does he know about the horror that soldiers and civilians experience? Will it not always stay completely abstract for every outsider? Those are the questions that accompany him - and with him also the viewer - in the staging of fights, injuries, hope, suffering and death.



The two main characters - Andrej and Dima - appear in the film as soldiers, but also as members of the dance company at the theatre. These double roles and the resulting transitions between field and theatre shots form the very heart and special magic of *Some Men Must Die*.

TEAM & CAST

Thomas Mettler (CH)	director/ author	(The Thinking Man)
Pavel Boyko (UKR)	camera/ cutter	
Lyuba Yakimchuk (UKR)	poems	
Oleksii Busko (UKR)	dancer	(The Senior Officer)
Dmitry Pohribnichenko (UKR)	dancer	(Officer Dima)
Andrey Kulinich Vladimirovich (UKR)	actor	(Soldier Andrej)
Oleksandr Formanchuk (UKR)	actor	(Officer Aleksandar; Private Sasha)
Natalia Khomenko (UKR)	singer	
Daria Tsyhipa (UKR)	dancer	(The Bride)
Irena and Vojtěch Havlovi (CZE)	film score	
Olena Zadorozhna (UKR)	advisor	
Olga Kebas (UKR)	production assistant UKR	
Helena Mettler (CH)	production assistant CH	
SieDäSpinnt!Productions	production company	

SHOOTING LOCATIONS

The movie will be shot entirely in Ukraine.
All the theatrical scenes will be filmed at the MALA OPERA, Kiev.
Nature scenes take place in and around the river Dnepr in Kiev.

TECHNICAL DATA

Duration: 102'
Release Date: Summer 2019.

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MORE INFORMATION

You can find a **film script summary** here:
http://somemenmustdie.com/images/storyline_SMMD.pdf

Read all the **news** about the project here: <http://somemenmustdie.com/news.html>

