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## TRAP (PAST)

The film tells the story of the powerlessness of political prisoners in the 1950s and the brutality used to force false confessions. It describes not only the fates of the incarcerated, but also of their loved ones, who suffered harassment and intimidation. It also depicts the pervasive atmosphere of suspicion that was taking its toll on society. The main character is one of the best Czech actresses of the second half of the 1930s and the 1940s, Jiřina Štěpničková, whom the State Security set their sights on in the early 1950s as another of their victims. They led the actress into a trap, provoking her to attempt to flee to the West and then arresting her at the border. After a two-day trial, she was sentenced to fifteen years in prison. Despite her adverse fate, she never gave up and manged to successfully revive her beloved theatre and film career.

HD, 94', m/e track, © 2020

Starring: Zuzana Stivínová, Adam Vojtek, Štěpán Gajdošík, Igor Orozovič, Jitka Ježková, Prokop Koleňák, Kristýna Frejová, Lenka Zahradnická and others





Directed by: Viktor Polesný Screenplay by: Viktor Polesný Director of Photography: David Ployhar Editor: Lenka Polesná Sound: Miroslav Hřebejk Music: Zdenek Merta Costume Designer: Jitka Matyášková Art Designer: Petr Fořt Producer: Czech Television

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