

Original Title: Otto Barbarul  
English Title: Otto the Barbarian  
Genre: social drama, coming-of-age story, teenage story  
Duration: 110 min.  
Year of Production: 2020  
Country of Production: Romania  
Country/es of Co-Production: Belgium  
Screening Format: DCP 2K  
Colour (Colour, Black and White or both): Colour  
Language: Romanian  
Subtitles: English

#### Short Synopsis:

Otto, a bright teenage punk, deals with the loss of his girlfriend. He continues to live inhabiting the void space left by her, but in order to survive, he needs to face his feelings and his guilt.

#### Long Synopsis:

Otto, a 17 year-old punk becomes involved in the social services investigation of his girlfriend's Laura death. He is caught in a vicious circle created by his parents, his mute grandpa and Laura's mother. Laura is still part of his life through the video recordings that the boy edits constantly, trying to make sense of the events. Throughout this process, Otto must take his part of responsibility for what happened.

Director: Ruxandra Ghițescu  
Screenplay: Ruxandra Ghițescu  
Director of Photography: Ana Drăghici  
Editor: Dana Bunescu  
Original Music: Octavian Albu, Cardinal  
Sound: Matthias Hillegeer, Cristian Tarnovețchi  
Casting Director: Florentina Bratfanof  
Production Design & Costumes: Mălina Ionescu  
Producer: Iuliana Tarnovețchi, Oana Prața  
Production: Alien Film  
Co-producer: Xavier Rombaut  
Co-production: Polar Bear  
Delegate Producer: Anda Ionescu  
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Cast: Marc Titieni, Ioana Bugarin, Ioana Flora, Iulian Postelnicu, Adrian Titieni, Mihaela Sîrbu, Constantin Drăgănescu, Ana Radu

#### Biography of Director:

Ruxandra Ghițescu is a Romanian visual artist and filmmaker. She is a graduate student of the Media Art School, in Karlsruhe, Germany. Ruxandra is working in present as a director on films, commercials and as a scriptwriter. She was selected as participant for Berlinale Talents 2015, Sarajevo Talents 2014 and Transylvania Talents 2014. Her debut feature "Otto the Barbarian", a Romanian-Belgian coproduction, was part of L'Atelier de Cinefondation 2017, Berlinale Script Station 2016, CineLink Sarajevo 2016 - winner of the Macedonian Film Institute Prize, CineLink Work in Progress 2019 and is premiering in 2020 at Sarajevo IFF.

#### Filmography of Director (as Director); YEAR, NAME OF FILM, TYPE OF FILM:

2020, About Us, short fiction  
2016, Ana is coming back, short fiction  
2013, Family issues, short fiction  
2010, Urban Groove, short fiction

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