

Arsen Anton Ostojic

Director, Writer, Producer

FEATURE FILMS (2004-2020):

F20 - 2018 (90 min, DCP)

Producers: Arsen Anton Ostojic, Hrvoje Vajic/Filmosaurus Rex

Until March of 2020 it received 7 awards and accolades from 11 competitive and non-competitive festivals

Festivals and Awards:

66th Pula Film Festival, Croatia

- *Gold Arena for Best Sound Design*

28th Cottbus Film Festival, Germany

22nd Tallinn "Black Nights" Film Festival, Estonia

47th FEST in Belgrade, Serbia

Chennai International Film Festival, India

Oniros Film Awards, Italy

- *Best Thriller*
- *Best Director*

4th Indian World Film Fest, Hyderabad, India

- *Best Director Award by Jury*
- *Best Editing Award*

Florence Film Awards, Italy

- *Best Director - Feature Film*

San Antonio Independent Film festival, Peru

Barcelona Indie Filmmakers Festival

10th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, Delhi, India

- *Best Editing*

World sales agent: Wide Management, France

HALMA'S PATH - 2012 (93 min, Super 16mm)

Producers: Arsen Anton Ostojic, Slobodan Trninic/Arkadena Zagreb

Croatia's Selection in 2013 for the 86th Academy Awards

Until July of 2014 it received a total of 31 awards and accolades from 50 competitive and non-competitive festivals and special screenings.

Festivals and Awards:

59th Pula Film Festival, Croatia

- *Audience Award*
- *Young Cinephiles Award*
- *Best Actress in a Supporting Role*
- *Special Mention FEDEORA*

22nd Cottbus Film Festival, Germany

- *Audience Award*
- *Special Mention FEDEORA*

16th Tallinn "Black Nights" Film Festival, Estonia

- *Special Jury Prize*

- 29th Mons International Film Festival, Belgium
- *Grand Prix*
 - *Best Actress Award*
 - *Cinefemme Award*
- 19th Int'l Mediterranean Film Festival, Tetouan, Morocco
- *Grand Prix for Best Film*
 - *Best Actress Award*
- 8th SouthEast European Film Festival, Los Angeles
- *Audience Award*
- 10th Bosnia-Herzegovinian Film Festival in New York
- *Jury Award for the Best Feature Film*
 - *Audience Award*
- 29th Festroia International Film Festival, Setubal, Portugal
- *Best Actress Award*
- 19th MedFilmFestival, Rome, Italy
- *Multicultural Jury's Best Feature Film Award*
- 21st Varna International Film Festival "Love if Folly", Bulgaria
- *Critics' Award*
- 3rd Balkan Film and Food Festival, Pogradec, Albania
- *Grand Prix for the best film*
- 5th Prishtina International Film Festival, Kosovo
- *MEDIA Award*
- 21st Raindance Film Festival, London
- *Best International Feature Award*
- 6th East-West Int'l Film Festival, Orenburg, Russia
- *Best Actress Award*
- 1st Chelsea Film Festival, New York City
- *Best Screenplay Award*
 - *Best Actress Award*
 - *Best Supporting Actress Award*
- 11th Daytona Beach Film Festival, Florida, USA
- *Best Foreign Film Award*
- 22nd St. Louis International Film Festival, USA
- *Honorable Mention*
- 9th International Festival of Oriental Films, Geneve, Switzerland
- *Special Mention*
- 23rd Chichester Int'l Film Festival, United Kingdom
- *Audience Award for the best film in the "East Meets West" program*
- 10th Kazan Int'l Film Festival of Muslim Cinema, Russia
- *Grand Prix for the best film*
- 4th Festival of European Films, Montevideo, Uruguay
- *Audience Award for the best film*
- 35th Cairo Int'l Film Festival, Egypt
- 20th Int'l Film Festival Febio Fest, Prague
- 37th Cleveland International Film Festival, USA
- 8th Festival of Bosnian Films, Chicago
- Days of Balkan Cinema, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 39th Seattle International Film Festival, USA
- 12th Transilvania Int'l Film Festival, Cluj, Romania
- 16th Motovun Film Festival, Croatia
- Festival Slovenskega Filma, Portoroz, Slovenia

10th Miskolc Int'l Film Festival Jameson Cinefest, Hungary
 2nd Let's CEE Film Festival, Vienna, Austria
 15th Film by the Sea Int'l Film Festival, Vlissingen, Holland
 26th Helsinki International Film Festival, Finland
 19th Int'l Festival of Authors' Films, Rabat, Morocco
 15th Napoli Film Festival, Napoli, Italy
 28th Ft. Lauderdale Int'l Film Festival, USA
 7th European Psychoanalytic Film Festival, London, UK
 27th Braunschweig Film Festival, Germany
 19th Kolkata International Film Festival, India
 39th Seoul Independent Film Festival, S. Korea
 13th Festival Cinema Mediterranee, Bruxelles, Belgium
 4th Human Rights Film Festival "Ubrzaj", Podgorica, Montenegro
 2nd Delhi International Film Festival, India
 14th Palm Springs International Film Festival, USA
 Irvine International Film Festival, USA
 6th Jaipur International Film Festival, India
 5th Cinema Mundi, Int'l Film Festival, Brno, Czech Republic
 Vama Veche Int'l Film Festival, Romania
 2nd SlavoniceFest, Czech Republic

Additional awards:

- *Best Croatian Film in 2012; survey by the website "filmski.net"*

World sales agent: House of Film, Los Angeles

NO ONE'S SON - 2008 (100 min, Super 35mm, Dolby Surround)

Producer: Jozo Patljak/Alka Film

Croatia's Selection in 2008 for the 81st Academy Awards

European Film Academy Selection 2009

It received a total of 16 awards and recognitions and participated at 21 festivals.

Festivals and Awards:

55th Pula Film Festival, Croatia

- *Gold Arena for Best Film*
- *Critics' award "Oktavijan" for the best film*
- *Best director*
- *Best lead actor*
- *Best music*
- *Best special effects*
- *Best sound design*

10th Bergen International Film Festival, Norway

- *Grand Prix for the Best Film*

54th Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain

- *Youth Jury Award, "Meeting Point" competition program*

East-West Int'l Film Festival, Orenburg, Russia

- *Best Actor Award*

2nd Balkan Film and Food Festival, Albania

- *Grand Prix for the Best Film*
- *Jury Award*

Additional awards:

- *Best Croatian Film in 2008; traditional award by the website "Film-Mag"*
 - *State Award "Vladimir Nazor" for Excellence in Filmmaking, 2009*
- 13th Pusan International Film Festival, South Korea
 24th Warsaw International Film Festival, Poland
 18th Cottbus Film Festival, Germany
 9th Palm Springs Int'l Film Festival, USA
 7th Spirit of Fire International Film Festival, Russia
 37th FEST in Belgrade, Serbia
 13th International Sofia Film Festival, Bulgaria
 33rd Cleveland International Film Festival, USA
 Vilnius International Film Festival, Lithuania
 44th Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, Czech Republic
 15th Film Summer Festival, Warsaw, Poland
 6th Cinefest Int'l Film Festival, Miskolc, Hungary
 17th Raindance Film Festival, London
- *Nominated for the Best Foreign Film*
- Sevilla European Film Festival, Spain
 4th Festival of European Cinema in Segovia, Spain
 1st International Film Forum, St. Petersburg, Russia

THE HUNTING PARTY - 2007

2nd Unit Director

Producers: Mark Johnson/Scott Kroopf

Dir: Richard Shepard

Starring: Richard Gere, Terence Howard

The Weinstein Company distribution

A WONDERFUL NIGHT IN SPLIT – 2004 (100 min, 35mm)

Prod: Jozo Patljak/Alka Film

Croatia's Selection in 2005 for the 78th Academy Awards

It received a total of 24 awards and recognitions and participated at 40 festivals

European Film Academy

- *Nomination: Discovery-Fassbinder Award - Best First or Second European Film*

Festivals and Awards:

51st Pula Film Festival, Croatia

- *Gold Arena for Camera*
- *Gold Arena for Editing*
- *Critics' Award for the best film (highest grade to date)*
- *Award for the Best First Film*

10th Sarajevo Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- *Special Jury Prize*
- *Best Actress Award*

14th Cottbus Film Festival, Germany

- *Special Prize for an outstanding artistic contribution*

11th Festival of creative films, Belgrade, Serbia

- *Critics' Award*

1st Black Sea International Film Festival, Romania

- *Grand Prix*
- *Critics' FIPRESCI Award*

- *Best Cinematography*
- 1st Pecs International Film Festival, Hungary
 - *Audience Award*
- 27th International Festival of Mediterranean Films Montpellier, France
 - *Special Jury Mention*
- 3rd Queens International Film Festival, USA
 - *Best Director*
- 8th RiverRun International Film Festival, USA
 - *Best Director*
 - *Best Narrative Feature*
 - *Best Screenplay*
 - *Best Cinematography*
- 9th Festival of Mediterranean Films: Brussels
 - *Grand Prix*
- 1st Balkan Festival of Film and Food, Pogradec, Albania
 - *Critics' Award*
- Additional awards:
 - *Best Croatian Film from 2000-2005; "Hollywood" film magazine critics survey*
 - *City of Zagreb Annual Award for Excellence in Filmmaking in 2004*
 - *Best Croatian film from 1998-2013; "Jutarnji List" daily newspaper*
- 6th Motovun Film Festival, Croatia
- 15th Ljubljana International Film Festival, Slovenia
- 5th Palm Springs International Film Festival, USA
- 16th Trieste Film Festival, Italy
- 40th Solothurn Film Festival, Switzerland
- 9th Sofia International Film Festival, Bulgaria
- Skopje International Film Festival, Macedonia
- Febio Fest, Prague, Czech Republic
- 5th Wiesbaden Festival of Central and East European Films, Germany
- Crossing Europe Film Festival, Linz, Austria
- 18th Finale Plzen, Festival of Czech Films, Czech Republic
- Dubrovnik International Film Festival, Croatia
- 31st Seattle International Film Festival, USA
- 21st Festroia International Film Festival, Portugal
- 4th Transylvania International Film Festival, Cluj, Romania
- 1st Alba Regia International Film Festival, Hungary
- 11th Lato Films & Artists Festival, Torun, Poland
- Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival, Brazil
- 26th Mostra De Valencia, Spain
- 14th St. Louis International Film Festival, USA
- Balkan BlackBox Film Festival, Berlin, Germany
- Camerimage Film Festival, Poland
- 6th Palm Springs International Film Festival, USA
- 5th MittelMeerFilmTage, Munich, Germany
- 23rd Love Int'l Film Festival, Mons, Belgium
- 30th Cleveland International Film Festival, USA
- Silverlake Film Festival, USA
- Distribution:
 - World sales agent: East West Film distribution
 - US Theatrical: Global Film
 - US DVD: First Run Features

SHORT FILMS: (1987-2001)**Life Drawing**, (15 min, 35mm) 2001

In competition at 10 International Film Festivals

- *Best Dramatic Short Film Award: New York International Independent Film & Video Festival*
- *Best Actress and Best Actor Awards: Las Vegas International Film & Video Festival*
- *Best Acting Award: Sulzbach-Rosenberg Short Film Festival, Germany*

Days of Croatian Cinema, Zagreb

1st Festival of Mediterranean films, Tanger, Morocco (*Jury Mention*)

Motovun Film Festival, Croatia

International Film Festival in Szolnok, Hungary

Los Angeles International and Independent Film & Video Festival

Tiburon Film Festival, Tiburon, San Francisco

The Bird Lover, (14 min, 16mm) 1993

In competition at 15 International Film Festivals; sold to several TV stations including Canal Plus in France and PBS.

- *Warner Bros. Pictures Film Production Award*
- *Audience Award: Hamburg Short Film Festival*
- *Jury Award: Schwenningen Film Festival, Germany*

Bilbao International Film Festival, Spain

"Henri Langlois" Film Festival, Poitiers, France

Bombay International Film Festival, India

Days of Croatian Film, Zagreb, Croatia

Huesca International Film Festival, Spain

Seattle International Film Festival, USA

Rimini International Film Festival, Italy

Welsh International Film Festival, United Kingdom

Stuttgart Film Winter, Germany

Interfilm Festival, Berlin, Germany

British Short Film Festival, London, United Kingdom

Distribution: sold to Studio Canal, Paris

The Day the Socks Dried, (12 min, 16mm) 1987

International Student Film Festival, Munich

TELEVISION: (1989)**Shadow of a Cross**, (20 min) 1989 (writer and director)

Croatian TV production

DOCUMENTARIES: (1979-88)**Decorations**, (20 min, 35mm) 1988

In competition at 4 International Film Festivals: aired on Croatian National TV

Belgrade Short and Documentary Film Festival

- *Gold Medal for Directing*

International student film festival, Munich, Germany

International film festival Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia

Days of Croatian Cinema, Zagreb, Croatia

The Lute, (12 min, 16mm) 1987
Aired on Croatian TV

The Stone Mason, (3 min, Super 8) 1979
Aired on Croatian TV: *Best Amateur Film*

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

- 1994 *Award for Excellence in Screenwriting – New York University*
 1992 *W.T.C. Johnson Scholarship, New York University, awarded: best student for "superior academic record and exceptional creative ability"*
 1987 *Annual Award for Best Student, University of Zagreb, Croatia*

PRODUCTION CREDITS:

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: (2017-19)

Trezoros, The Lost Jews Of Kastoria (feature length documentary)
Submission for the Academy Award

COPRODUCER: (2017-2018)

The Oddsocketers (feature length animated film)
Czech, Slovak, Croatian coproduction

PRODUCER: (1999)

NEW YORK:

ShortCuts (PBS TV Series) - 9 half-hour episodes – PBS
Hosts: Louis CK, Guests: Ted Demme, Billy Bob Thorton

LINE PRODUCER/PRODUCTION MANAGER: (1996)

NEW YORK:

- **TransAtlantic** (also, Pittsburgh, Niagara Falls)
Jadran Film production
- **Shampoo Horns**
Esicma Productions (Spanish-US Co-Production)
- **Minotaur** (also, Israel)
Top Line Communications (US-Israel co-production)
Starring: George Corraface, Mili Avital
- **The Find**
Starring: David Patrick Kelly, Frank Whaley

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: (1994-2003)

CROATIA:

- **Doctor Crazy**, 2003
Alka Film Production
- **The Sunken Graveyard**, 2001
Interfilm & HTV Production
- **Slow Surrender**, 2001
Gama Studio & HTV Production

- **Is It Clear, My Friend?**, 2000
Croatia Film Production
* *Silver Award at Houston Film Festival in 2001*
- **Virgina** – (Casting Director/Assistant Director), 1991
Constellation Films, Paris/Maestro Film, Zagreb
* *Grand Prix: Valencia Film Festival*
- **Charuga** – (2nd AD), 1990
Viba Film/Maestro Film production
* *Best Director at San Francisco Int'l Film Festival*
- **The Remembrance of Summer** – (2nd AD), 1989
Zagreb Film Production
- **That Summer of White Roses** – (2nd AD), 1988
AMI International/Jadran Film Co-Production
Starring: Rod Steiger, Tom Conti
* *Grand Prix and Best Director: Tokyo Film Festival 1989*

NEW YORK:

- **Boricua's Bond**, 1997
October Films/USA Films Distribution
- **King and Me**, 1996
- **Round 'n' Round**, 1995
- **Run for Cover** (3D), 1994
Starring: Adam West, Ed Koch

SLOVAKIA:

- **Kull The Conqueror** - (2nd AD), 1997
Universal/De Laurentis Productions
Starring: Kevin Sorbo, Tia Carrere

THEATER:

Billie Holiday, drama, 2006 (director and co-writer)
Produced by Croatian National Theater in Split
Running for 4 seasons; still touring

Three Sisters During Apocalypse, drama, 2018 (director and co-writer)
Produced by 16th Bok Fest in Bjelovar, Croatia
Awarded:

- *Jury Award for the Best Show*
- *Best Director Award*
- *Best Actress Award*
- *Audience Award*

TEACHING: (1993-present)

- Professor of Film production at the Academy of Dramatic Arts, Zagreb, Croatia (from 2004 to present)
- Teacher and Head of the Video Dept., School of Multimedia Arts, University of Applied Sciences and Technology, Salzburg, Austria (2003, 2004)
- "Directing Actors on Film" course: Susan Grace Cohen Studio, New York City (1998, 1999)

- Lecturer, School of Multimedia Arts, University of Applied Sciences and Technology, St. Pölten, Austria (2016, 2017, 2019)
- Directing & Production at New York Film Academy; basic and advanced courses (1997)

EDUCATION:

- Tisch School of the Arts New York University- (MFA degree)
Major: Film Production 1991 to 1994: *with honors*
- Academy of Dramatic Arts University of Zagreb, Croatia (BA degree)
Major: Film & TV Directing - 1985 to 1990: *with honors*