

The Prisoner (Genre: Drama Thriller)



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The bandits, deceiving the authorities and the British Embassy into thinking that she is in their custody, demand a huge ransom of the British Embassy. In the meantime, Ruslan (Andrey Chernichov), a despondent violinist, takes care of Julia's wounds, and in the enforced cohabitation of the cabin the two young people realize the great differences in their cultures, thus creating many arguments and conflicts between them. Eventually, through dialogue and respect and their mutual love of music the two find themselves falling in love.

In the meantime, the Russian Security apparatus continues its search of the lost English woman, and the British Embassy is prepared to pay the huge ransom demanded by the original kidnappers, unaware of the deception, creating a thriller subplot.

The film is an uplifting love story that shows another picture of Russia to the international audience; this is a multi-national multi-ethnic Russia where the mountaineer's traditions dictates behavior, even in love.

Cast & Credits

Julie Cox

Andrey Chernichev

James Wallace

Said Dashuk

Written/Produced/Directed Mohydeen Quandour

Producers: Luba Balagova (Russia)

Vesna Jovanoska (Germany)

Composer: Mohydeen Quandour

DOP: Frank Grunert

Sound: Robi Guever

Editor: Anas Shabsough

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