

Tour de Force

In Russia with the World's Strongest Man



a film by Antoine PRUM and Boris KREMER

featuring: Georges CHRISTEN & Andreï VOLFSON speaker: Evgueni KOCHERGIN camera: Mikhaïl NIKITINE, Terry WINN

sound: Pavel LAPCHINE light: Sergueï PETROV editing: Milos HLAVAC

music: Willi TOKAREV, Andreï VOLFSON executive production: Andreï TRETIAKOV

producer: Paul THILTGES

Documentary, 80 minutes, colour, 35mm Dolby SRD, original version Russian/French, subtitles available: French or English

For their debut film, directors Antoine Prum and Boris Kremer stuck to the heels of Luxembourg strongman Georges Christen bending, towing and twisting his way through Russia.

Proud holder of 23 Guinness Book World Records in feats of strength - such as bending nails, towing trains, planes, and ships with his teeth, or tearing up the yellow pages - this modern-day gladiator has been touring his unique PowerShow for more than twenty years. Muscles, sweat, and blood make his performing routine a unique mixture of genuine power and vintage-style entertainment, appreciated by audiences the world over. Looking back on an impressive track record, Christen felt the time had come for the ultimate challenge...

Russia, the country of a strongman¹s childhood idols, provides the backdrop to this unconventional film, a road movie that is at once melancholic and jubilatory. In a succession of tableaux vivants, TOUR DE FORCE draws an intimate picture of Russia today, caught between the burden of history and the repercussions of fast-paced Westernisation. A parade of truer-than-life characters and faces completes this modern-times ballad of the itinerant artist, where reality at times appears to outdo fiction.

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