Magic Mountains

Afbeelding met boom, buiten, persoon, gras

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**A FILM BY URSZULA ANTONIAK**

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Lex (Thomas Ryckewaert), a Dutch writer of popular novels, has money and fame but no peace of mind since Hannah (Hannah Hoekstra) left him years ago. Lex wants to close the relationship in a symbolic gesture and asks her to go with him to the mountains for a last climb together. Voytek (Marcin Dorocinski) a professional mountain guide, is hired to take the two to the remote starting point and leave them there. But Voytek senses that Lex is unstable and refuses to leave Hannah alone with him.

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**Director’s note Urszula Antoniak**

We don’t have rituals for closing relationships. After we are left by the person who was the center of our life, there is no funeral that will symbolically make him or her pass and leave our life. In ‘tinderised’ times, people move in-and-out of relationships in search of happiness ‘leaving behind’ is part of the search. Lex needs to give a meaningful end to his relationship with Hannah, once his partner in life and climbing. Their last climb together, his symbolic gesture to close his past with her, will be the start of his new life.  “Help me to forget you” - Lex almost obliges Hannah and I think he is right in that. Relationships come with responsibility.

Mountain climbing and relationships have similar symbolic. Both are based on trust. “She was always second.” - says Lex to Voytek about Hannah. Both in life as in climbing Hannah was always following Lex.  “Now she goes first” - answers Voytek and he lets Hannah climb alone as anticipation of the final countdown between her and Lex.

In MAGIC MOUNTAINS the action sequences belong to her, rather than him. Actress Hannah Hoekstra demanded to do the climbing scenes herself. Like her character in the film, she is unstoppable and unbeatable.



**CV Acteurs**

**Hannah Hoekstra – Hannah**

Hannah Hoekstra (1987) graduated in 2010 from the Amsterdam Theatre School. Hannah was selected as Berlinale Shooting Star (promising talent) in 2017. She won awards for Best Actress for her leading roles in *Hemel* (Sacha Polak – Berlinale 2012) and *De Helleveeg* (André van Duren – 2016). In 2019 Hannah won the Theo d’Or, award for Best Theatre Actress in The Netherlands for her role as drug addict Emma in *People, Places and Things*.

**Thomas Ryckewaert – Lex**

Thomas Ryckewaert (1979) graduated in 2006 from drama school at the Antwerp Conservatory. He is known from his leading role in the international drama series *The Spiral*, that was nominated for an Emmy award. In 2017, Thomas was nominated for Best Actor for his role in *Waldstille* (Martijn Maria Smits – San Sebastian 2016). He also starred in the feature *Cobain* (Nanouk Leopold – Berlinale 2018).

**Marcin Dorocinski - Voytek**

Marcin Dorocinski (1973) is a Polish film, television and stage actor. He is well known for his portrayals of conflicted, troubled characters. He is widely regarded as one the most talented and respected Polish actors. Dorocinski gained critical acclaim in the early 2000s, culminating in his Zbyszek Cybulski's Award for Best Young Polish Actor (2005), Polish Eagles nomination for Best Actor (2008) followed by Golden Lions Award as best supporting actor for *Reverse* (2009) and best actor in a leading role for *Rose* (2011). Dorocinski gained worldwide acclaim for his role in TV series *Into deep water* (52 MonteCarlo Television Festival nominee for Best Actor), won Best Actor award at Porto Film Festival and International Film Festival of India for *Rose* (2012)

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**CV Makers**

**Urszula Antoniak** is an established writer and director. Her feature debut ***Nothing Personal*** (2009) was nominated for two European Film Academy Awards (2010), won 6 prizes including the prize for best debut film and Best Actress in Locarno. ***Code Blue*** (2011) was selected for the Cannes’ Director’s Fortnight. Lead actress Bien de Moor won various international prizes for best actress. ***Beyond Words*** (2017) had its international premiere in Toronto and its European premiere in competition in San Sebastian.

**Family Affair Films** produced the acclaimed films **Light as Feathers** (Toronto 2018), **Beyond Words** (Toronto and San Sebastian 2017), the family film **Life according to Nino** (best film Cinekid 2014) and **Code Blue** (Cannes 2011). **Bloody Marie** by Guido van Driel & Lennert Hillege premiered during the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2019 and will have its US release in November 2019. Family Affair Films is currently developing Urszula Antoniak's fifth feature film **Stranger** and Steve McQueen's documentary **The Occupied City**.

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*Urszula Antoniak, Hannah Hoekstra and Lennert Hillege on set in Slovakia.*

**CREDITS**

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**Lex** Thomas Ryckewaert

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**Sound design**  Mark Glynne

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**Co-producer NTR** Marina Blok

**Co-producer Arina Film** Silvia Panáková

**Producer** Floor Onrust

**Writer & director** Urszula Antoniak