GOODBYE VESNA, A SHORT FILM BY CRISTIAN SULSER, CAN MAKE YOU RETHINK YOUR LIFE…

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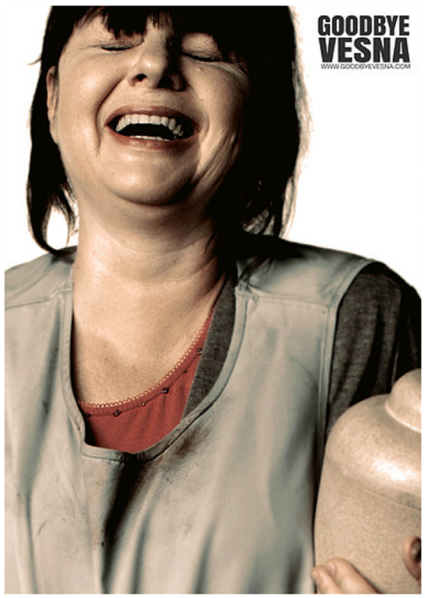
In the short film "Goodbye Vesna", you are following Vesna, a grumpy immigrant cleaning woman, on her journey to find happiness on her own terms. As part of his graduate thesis work with the Directing Class of the American Film Institute (AFI), Cristian Sulser wrote and directed "Goodbye Vesna"–but not without challenges for the small student production.

Irina Dubova as Vesna

Finding the "perfect Vesna" presented another big obstacle for Sulser to tackle. "Because choosing the right actors makes my job as a director so much easier," Sulser jokes. Looking for an experienced leading lady who could speak Romanian, and casting over a hundred actresses, he found the extraordinary Russian-born stage actress, Irina Dubova. "It's not that easy to find a grumpy Romanian cleaning lady in Los Angeles. But I couldn't be happier with Irina's performance. She played the comedic character of the clumsy cleaning woman with a dead serious approach," Sulser explains. "That made the humor of the script come alive".



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