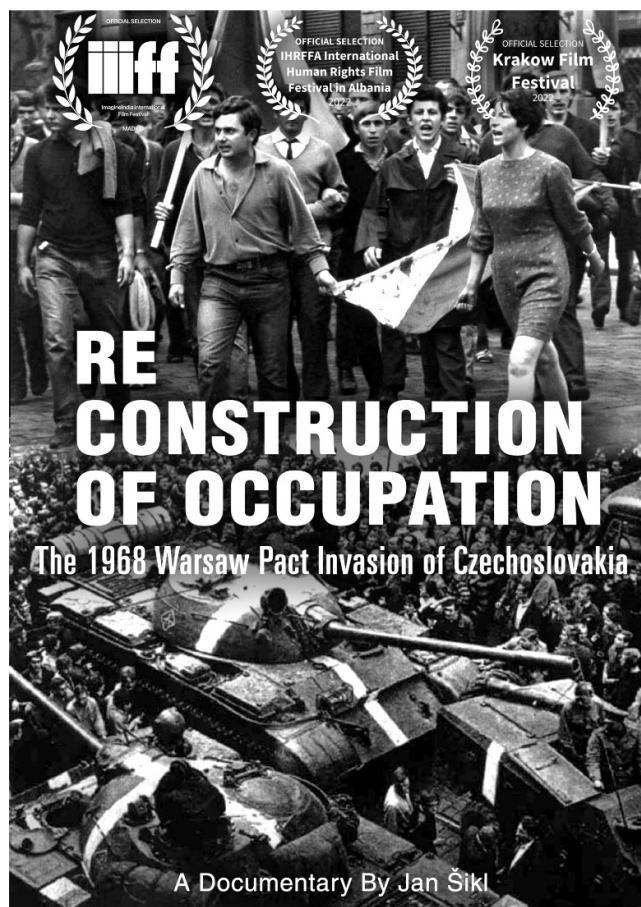


RECONSTRUCTION OF OCCUPATION



A FILM BY
JAN ŠIKL

99 mins / 2021 / Czech, Slovak, English Subtitles / Czech Republic, Slovakia



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SYNOPSIS

For 30 years, director Jan Šikl has collected amateur films from families in his community. Then one day, he was brought archival materials—films shot by Czech military cameramen—which had remained hidden for over half a century. Jan accomplishes what seems impossible; he searches for the people immortalized in the footage—soldiers, students, and workers. Memories of specific events are vividly brought back to life, portraying history and its relevance to the present.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Documentary filmmaker Jan Šikl has spent many years seeking out and collecting private film archives. Faded footage of family lives, celluloid echoes of celebrations and everyday moments. Through his work, Šikl came across several hours of footage showing the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. *Reconstruction of Occupation* is a cinematic adventure of a truly archeological nature in which anonymous faces are transformed into living witnesses of the days that sent Czechoslovakia into two more decades of bondage.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Director Jan Šikl, born on February 22, 1957, in Prague, Czechoslovakia, is a renowned Czech filmmaker. He graduated from the Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts (FAMU) in 1982. Šikl has an extensive career that includes working as a director at Krátký Film Praha from 1984 to 1990, where he produced several documentary films and screenplays. In 1991, he founded his own production company, Pragafilm. His notable works include "Reconstruction of Occupation" (2021) and "Private Century," a series of documentary films produced in collaboration with Czech Television and European TV companies. His films have been showcased at various international film festivals, including the Telluride Film Festival and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and have won several awards.

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director	Jan Šikl
Script	Jan Šikl
Director of Photography	Adam Ol'ha
Sound	Martin Stýblo
Music:	Jan Šikl ml.
Editing:	Šimon Špidla
Production:	Alice Tabery
Producer:	Cinepoint
Coproducers:	PubRes, Czech television, Pragafilm, Radio and television of Slovakia