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Director : Cristi Puiu

Producer : Anca Puiu

Cinematographer : Silviu Stavila, Ivan Grincenco

Editor : Sebastian Pereanu, Ecaterina Iaschevici

Music : Christophe Vingtrinier

Cast : Bianca Cuculici, Laur Bondarencu, Otilia Panainte

Synopsis : The young therapist Oana Pfifer gradually gets entangled in the web of the questionnaire she gives her client. Oana's brother Mihai, while fretting about his birthday, gets intertwined in a tale that is beyond his capacity to handle. Oana's husband, Septimiu, is worried about his health and he listens hazily to a strange story about a colleague who got swept up in it years ago. Detective Narcis Patranescu of organized crimes, handles a disturbing dark tale while questioning a young woman at a funeral.



Director's Biography : Cristi Puiu, born in 1967, in Bucharest, gained recognition for his writing and directing skills for his first feature film *Marfa si banii* (*Stuff and Dough*) in 2001. In 2005, he won the Cannes Un Certain Regard award for *Dommului Lazarescu* (*The Death of Mr. Lazarescu*), which was screened in the Eastern Promises retrospective at San Sebastian in 2014. He made a comeback to Un Certain Regard in 2010 with *Aurora*, in which he also starred. He opened the official Cannes competition with *Sieranavada* in 2016, which subsequently screened in Perlak, San Sebastian. He took home the Best Director Award for *Malmkrog*, in the Berlin Festival's Encounters category in 2020.