



Retrospective (Pavel Lungin)

Country : Russia

Bednye rodstvenniki

Poor Relatives

1973 / Colour / 103 minutes / French



Director : Pavel Lungin

Producer : Pavel Lungin

Cinematographer : Mikhail Krichman

Editor : Sophie Brunet

Music : Michelle Arbatts, Roche Ave, Yuval Misenmasher

Cast : Konstantin Khabensky, Leonid Kanevsky, Sergei Garmash, Natalya Kolyakanova

Synopsis : Entrepreneur Edik Letov brings USSR-born foreigners, who are searching for their relatives, to a small provincial town in the former USSR. In truth, he bluffs them into meeting totally random people, sometimes from entirely different places. This time the group arrives to the town of Golotvin, which its Mayor agrees to rename as Golutvin for the duration of the visit, for a price. The movie takes place at the present day, in a small Southern town in the former USSR. The protagonist, Edik Letov, helps people search for relatives. He finds them in Canada, Israel, Switzerland. For Edik, it's a failure free business. If he cannot find real relatives, he arranges for substitutes. But as his clients are lonely people, they are so affectionate to their foreign guests, that they do not realise their ostensibility, and start to reciprocate their feelings.



Festivals and Awards :

- ▶ 63 Honfleur Russian Film Festival, France, 2005.