



Retrospective (Pavel Lungin)

Country : Russia

Tzar

Tsar

2006/ Colour / 116 minutes / Russian



Director : Pavel Lungin

Producer : Vasily Bernhardt

Cinematographer : Tom Stern

Editor : Albina Antipenko

Music : Yury Krasavin

Cast : Pyotr Mamonov, Oleg Yankovskiy, Ramilya Iskander, Anastasiya Dontsova

Synopsis : Year 1565 marks the reign of *Ivan the Terrible*. Russia is devastated by famine and the Livonian War. The ruler sees treachery and betrayal in everything. The Oprichniks, his loyal servants, have drowned the country in blood. They are ready to see their tsar's enemy in anyone. The tsar is their highest law. The only man who went against tsar's will and Oprichniks' brutalities, is metropolitan Philip, Ivan the Terrible's loyal friend since childhood. He raised his voice and sacrificed himself. This confrontation shows what Russia was capable of both in showcasing downfall and greatness of soul.



Festivals and Awards :

- ▶ *Cannes Film Festival, 2009: Un Certain Regard Award;*
- ▶ *30th Moscow International Film Festival, 2009: opening film.*