

OLOMOUC

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FILM OLOMOUC

CzechRepublic





„We wanted a city in the film where different ages and times could be seen and felt. Everything from the Romanesque style through Baroque until today. Olomouc is one of the few cities that has all of this.“

Miroslav Krobot – famous Czech director, screenwriter, actor
(for the Olomoucký deník newspaper 23. 4. 2016 on the film The Quartette)

OLOMOUC AS A FAVOURITE FILM LOCATION

A beautiful historic centre, many monuments, romantic streets and an unmistakable genius loci. All this lures not only tourists but also filmmakers. The city of Olomouc thus moves to different periods of time and experiences ordinary human stories as well as dramatic clashes and moments full of tension.

Olomouc has already hosted several epic film shootings. For example, the international co-production film **Doctor Zhivago** was shot here starring Keira Knightley. The space in front of the Saint Wenceslas Cathedral was used by filmmakers for the shooting of the Czech film **The Last Escape of Jerome of Prague** with Ondřej Vetchý.

Do you know the mysterious Shades (Stínadla)? Olomouc served as their backdrop even twice.

In the 1969 black-and-white **Mystery of the Conundrum** series and in the 1993 feature film of the same name.

A few years ago, an impressive metal sculpture of a space **Alien** appeared on a house in Šemberova Street in the city centre (photo from the cover). H.R. Giger, a biomechanical surrealist sculptor, and the owner of the house used this sculpture as a sign of the "**Krátký film Praha**" film production company's office.

In recent years, however, Olomouc has been teeming with detectives and criminals. The city was especially popular with the creators of **Czech crime series**. A Case of the Exorcist, Blue Shadows, Five Dead Dogs, Water Goblin or Live Targets, as well as several episodes of the **Cops and Robbers** series were filmed here.

Follow in the footsteps of these and other films and series and see the film locations of Czech and foreign crews.

** ČSFD Rating - film rating of Czech online project "Czech-Slovak Film Database"(www.csfd.cz)*





FILM LOCATIONS

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| 1 Bezruč Park | 27 Armoury |
| 2 Wurmova Street | - the UP Library |
| 3 Svobody Street | 28 Hrdinů Square |
| 4 Tram No. 223
from 1930 | 29 ČD Nostalgie
museum |
| 5 Vodární Street | 30 Veteran Arena |
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Education UP |
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| 8 Vila Primavesi | 33 Panská Street |
| 9 Kollárovo Square | 34 Crossing of
Křížkovského and
Akademická Streets |
| 10 Školní Street | 35 Michael's Hill |
| 11 Silo in Polská Street | 36 Wenceslas Square |
| 12 Horní Square,
Holy Trinity Column | 37 UP Rectorate |
| 13 Dolní Square,
Marian Plague Column | 38 Konvikt |
| 14 Fresco hall -
Komenium Primary
School | 39 Palác hotel |
| 15 ZOO Olomouc | 40 Norská Street |
| 16 Main train station | 41 Fischerova Street |
| 17 Arion fountain | 42 Archdiocesan
Museum |
| 18 Hercules fountain | 43 Přemyslid Castle |
| 19 Metropol Cinema | 44 Hradisko Monastery |
| 20 UP Arts Centre | 45 Regional Museum |
| 21 Žerotínovo Square | 46 Petráš Palace |
| 22 Univerzitní Street | 47 Church of the Virgin
Mary of the Snow |
| 23 Masné krámy | 48 S-klub |
| 24 Saint Wenceslas
Cathedral | 49 Olomouc University
Hospital |
| 25 Church of St. Michael | 50 I. P. Pavlova Street |

DOCTOR ZHIVAGO

76% ČSFD Rating



TWO-PART FILM

Drama / Romance

**Great Britain / Germany / USA /
Czechia / 2002**

Directed by: Giacomo Campiotti

Screenplay: Andrew Davies

Based on: Boris Pasternak

Starring: Hans Matheson,
Keira Knightley, Sam Neill and others



**Nobel Prize for
Literature (the novel)**

The novel Doctor Zhivago earned its author, Boris Pasternak, the Nobel Prize for Literature, an event that enraged the Soviet regime and forced him to decline the award.

Both the book and the magnificent film depict the life story of a doctor with the soul of a poet in the most dramatic period of modern Russian history. This international co-production has been the most significant filmmaking effort in Olomouc so far. Real movie stars

such as Keira Knightley, Hans Matheson or Sam Neill gathered here and hundreds of extras from Olomouc also got their chance.

Most of the urban scenes taking place in Paris and Moscow were shot here. For this, director Giacomo Campiotti used the Bezruč Park, Žerotínovo Square, Wurmova Street and, due to the similarity with wide Moscow boulevards, also the Svobody Street.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 1 Bezruč Park
- 2 Wurmova Street
- 3 Svobody Street

BEZRUČ PARK

www.floraol.cz

The Bezruč Park was set up at the end of the 19th century under the medieval and Theresian city walls which define its borders to this day. Here you can walk through the beautiful nature along the Mlýnský Creek and yet you'll still be a short walk from downtown – just go up a few steps inside the former city walls.



THE THREE MUSKETEERS

77% 

TV SERIES

Adventure film / Russia / 2013

Directed by: Sergey Zhigunov

Screenplay: Andrey Zhitkov

Based on: Alexandre Dumas


Starring: Rinal Mukhametov, Aleksey Makarov, Pavel Barshak, Yuriy Chursin, Vasily Lanovoy, Konstantin Lavronenko, Anna Starshenbaum and others


Almost everyone knows the story of the Three Musketeers. The young D'Artagnan, who aspires to become a musketeer, is drawn into the vortex of political intrigues of the royal court of Louis XIII. He overcomes all dangers without betraying his friends and his

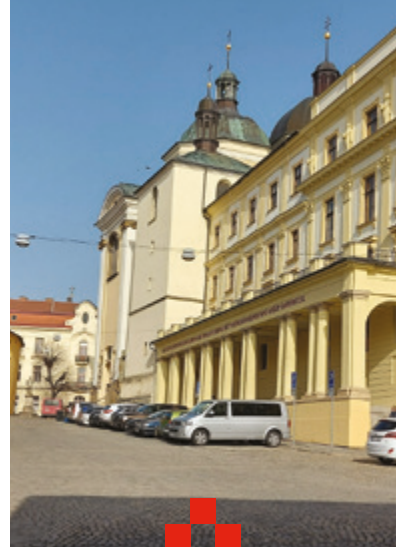
beloved Constance. Filmmakers like to choose Olomouc for two reasons. On camera, it looks like a real European metropolis, and yet the filming here is not that expensive. At the request of director Sergey Zhigunov, Olomouc was transformed into Paris of the 17th century.

A large part of the exterior scenes was filmed here and the famous characters Athos, Porthos, Aramis and D'Artagnan walked through the historic centre. You could meet them in Univerzitní Street or Žerotínovo Square.

FILM LOCATIONS

 **Žerotínovo Square**

 **Univerzitní Street**



ŽEROTÍNOVO SQUARE

tourism.olomouc.eu

This square is located on the highest of the three Olomouc hills. It got its name from the lords of Žerotín who built a Renaissance palace around 1610 at the corner of Panská and Purkrabská Streets. Come and experience for yourself the historical atmosphere of the Michael's hill where you will also find the St. Michael's Church, one of the landmarks of the city.



THE RED CAPTAIN

56 % ČSFD
Rating

FILM

Crime / Thriller

Slovakia / Czechia / Poland / 2016

Director: Michal Kollár

Based on: Dominik Dán

Screenplay: Miro Šifra, Michal Kollár, Anna Fifíková

Music: Petr Ostrouchov

Starring: Maciej Stuhr, Oldřich Kaiser, Marián Geišberg, Martin Finger, Michal Suchánek, Zuzana Kronerová, Ladislav Chudík and others

Tallinn Black Nights FF (NOMINATED)

- Best Film Debut

The Czech Lion Awards (NOMINATED)

- Best music
- Zuzana Kronerová / supporting actress

The Sun in a Net Awards (WON)

- Production Design
- Zuzana Kronerová / supporting actress
- Marián Geišberg / supporting actor

The story takes place in 1992, half a year before the division of Czechoslovakia. The young detective Richard Krauz investigates a new case connected to the crimes of the former StB secret police. He sets out to find the man to whom all clues lead – the specialist in „ultimate“ interrogations – the Red Captain. But he is not the only one looking for him. The filmmakers placed part of the investigation in Olomouc, specifically on Dolní Square near the Marian Plague Column opposite the historic Masné krámy houses. That is why we are even more pleased with the success the film has achieved in Czechia, Slovakia, and Estonia.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 13** Dolní Square, Marian Plague Column
- 23** Masné krámy



MARIAN PLAGUE COLUMN

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The Marian Plague Column is a dominant feature of Dolní Square. It was built according to the design of stonemason Wenzl Render after the plague that struck Olomouc in the years 1713-1715. The column is decorated with statues of eight saints and an oval opening in the lower part. It is ideal for taking a non-traditional photo of the historic city centre.



THE ADVENTURES OF CRIMINALISTICS

86 % 

TV SERIES

**Crime / Drama / Adventure /
Historical
Czechoslovakia / Germany /
France / 1989–1993**

Directed by: Antonín Moskalyk

Screenplay: Antonín Moskalyk,
Jan Šíkl, Pavlína Moskalyková

Starring: Boris Rösner, Daniela
Kolářová, Luděk Munzar, Ivan Trojan,
Viktor Preiss, Josef Vinklář,
Radoslav Brzobohatý and others

This series explores the history of
forensic science in an entertaining way.

Individual episodes deal with crimes
that gave rise to important forensic
procedures and methods, such as
identification of the gun by the bullet
fired. The series is thus set across history,
particularly in 20th century Europe.

A number of well-known Czech actors
and many of their German colleagues
took part in the filming. The film crew
also worked in Olomouc nearby the Saint
Wenceslas Cathedral on Wenceslas and
Žerotínovo Square where scenes from
17th century France were filmed. It was
at that time that the field of professional
handwriting analysis was created.

FILM LOCATIONS

21 Žerotínovo Square

36 Wenceslas Square – Archdiocesan Museum, Chapel of St. Barbara,
Church of St. Anne, Cathedral of St. Wenceslas



**WENCESLAS SQUARE –
CHAPEL OF ST. BARBARA,
ARCHDIOCESAN MUSEUM,
CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
CATHEDRAL OF ST. WENCESLAS**
tourism.olomouc.eu

Visit one of the three Olomouc
hills. Here you will find the remains
of the Přemyslid Castle and the
Bishop's Palace, the early Gothic
rectorate Church of St. Anne and
the Baroque Chapel of St. Barbara
in a Romanesque round tower. The
Archdiocesan Museum hides further
beauties – statues, religious objects,
a picture gallery full of valuable
works and an ornate ceremonial
carriage. The clear landmark of the
whole place, however, is the
St. Wenceslas Cathedral.



DETECTIVES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

TV MINISERIES

Crime / Drama

Czechia / 2015–2019

Directed by: Michal Kollár,

Jan Hřebejk, Viktor Tauš

Screenplay: Petr Jarchovský

Based on: Michal Sýkora

Starring: Stanislav Majer,

Miroslav Krobot, Klára Melíšková,

Tereza Ramba (Vofříšková),

Viktor Preiss, Kryštof Hádek,

Marek Taclík and others

You could see these purely

Olomouc detective stories with a stellar cast on the Czech TV.

They were based on a novel by Michal Sýkora, a teacher of Anglo-American literature at the Palacký University in Olomouc. Therefore, it is not surprising that the name of the series was inspired by an important Olomouc landmark – the Holy Trinity Column. The team of investigators is located right next to it.



FESTIVE FRESCO HALL - KOMENIUM SCHOOL

tourism.olomouc.eu

The Komenium building was built between 1873 and 1875 with the purpose to increase the prestige of education in Olomouc and it still serves as a primary school and kindergarten. However, the hall with its rich decorations on all the walls and the ceiling gets the most attention. Painters covered the hall with allegorical and mythological scenes in Neo-Renaissance and Baroque style.





HORNÍ SQUARE, HOLY TRINITY COLUMN

tourism.olomouc.eu

The Holy Trinity Column, one of the symbols of Olomouc, was added to the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List in 2000. It is the largest ever grouping of Baroque statues within a single sculpture in Central Europe. You can't miss it when visiting the city centre.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 11** Silo in Polská Street
- 12** Horní Square,
Holy Trinity Column
- 13** Dolní Square,
Marian Plague Column
- 14** Fresco hall - Komenium
Primary School
- 15** ZOO Olomouc
- 16** Main train station
- 17** Arion fountain
- 18** Hercules fountain
- 19** Metropol Cinema
- 20** UP Arts Centre
- 25** Church of St. Michael

DETECTIVES OF THE HOLY TRINITY MINISERIES

THE CASE OF THE EXORCIST

57% CSFD Rating

The Czech Lion Awards – Best TV Movie or Miniseries (NOMINATED)

A team of police officers investigates a murder linked to an exorcism ritual. It was filmed on the Horní and Dolní Squares where Olomouc residents could meet famous actors on the street or in a restaurant. The silo in Polská Street, i.e. the so-called villa on the silo, also served as a backdrop for the series. The villa is a modern architectural gem which even boasts the Best Family House award from the Grand Prix Architects competition.

LIVE TARGETS

64% CSFD Rating

A team of detectives solves the case of a serial killer who is murdering former classmates. During the filming, you could meet actors or the famous director Jan Hřebejk near the District Attorney's Office, on Horní Square near the Hercules fountain, on the Republiky Square or at the Metropol cinema. It was also filmed at the Palacký University Arts Centre.

BLUE SHADOWS

61% CSFD Rating

The Czech Lion Awards – Best TV Movie or Miniseries (NOMINATED)

The detectives work on a case of a docent who got shot right on the grounds of the Palacký University in Olomouc. They are trying to find out whether the murder is related to the victim's attempt to dismiss the university's bursar due to strange machinations during the reconstruction of a historic university building. This detective series was filmed for the most part directly in the premises of the ancient buildings of the University of Olomouc.



WATER GOBLIN

73% CSFD Rating

The Czech Lion Awards – Best TV Movie or Miniseries (WON)

The main character investigates on her own an incomprehensible murder of a small child which took place on the outskirts of Olomouc 25 years ago. The story takes place on two time levels – at the end of the 1980s and in the present. The filmmakers showed the Church of St. Michael, the District Attorney's Office, and the Kosinova Street.

FIVE DEAD DOGS **66%** CSFD Rating

The Czech Lion Awards – Best TV Movie or Miniseries (NOMINATED)

The film takes you into the world of dog fighting and animal smuggling. The mysterious disappearance of three bears develops into a complicated story full of illegal trade in animals, their abuse, and even murderous attacks. The Olomouc's environment is not missing here either. The detective story begins in the ZOO Olomouc on Svatý Kopeček.

COPS AND ROBBERS

80% **ČSFD**
Rating

TV SERIES

Comedy / Crime
Czechia / 2001–2007

Directed by: Antonín Moskalyk

Screenplay: Antonín Moskalyk,
Pavína Moskalyková and others

Starring: Tomáš Töpfer, Ivan Trojan,
Petr Kostka, Stanislav Zindulka,
František Švihlík, Zdeněk Junák,
Alena Antalová and others

The Cops and Robbers series, produced for the Czech TV by the team of Josef

Souchop and Darina Levová, will take you to the period of the first Czechoslovak Republic. You will get to know friendly Brno's constables and watch them solve both serious and humorous criminal cases. Although the story of this successful series takes place in Brno, it was also filmed in Olomouc.

The filmmakers were looking for places that architecturally correspond to the second half of the 1930s. They chose, among others, Kollárovo and Žerotínovo Square, Villa Primavesi, Školní Street and Palacký University.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 8** Vila Primavesi
- 9** Kollárovo Square
- 10** Školní Street
- 21** Žerotínovo Square
- 31** Faculty of Education UP
- 32** Purkrabská Street
- 33** Panská Street
- 34** Crossing of Křížkovského and Akademická Streets



VILA PRIMAVESI

www.vilaprimavesi.cz

The Art Nouveau villa was built as a city residence of the Otto and Eugenia Primavesi banking family. It is located in a garden above the city walls, and you can have a good look at it while walking in the Bezruč Park. The building is sensitively integrated into the historical core of the city and the interior decoration was done by leading artists of the time.



THE CASE OF THE DEAD MAN

45%  CSFD Rating

FILM

Crime / Comedy
Czechia 2020

Director: Miloslav Šmídmejser

Screenplay: Lumír Holčák,
David Ziegelbauer

Starring: David Novotný,
Hana Vagnerová, Martin Pechlát,
Lukáš Příkazký, Miroslav Táborský,
Milan Šteindler, Eva Holubová
and others

A comedy that parodies crime films of our times.

Detective Prubner, his new colleague Skálová and officers Rorýs and Dymák are tasked with investigating a murder of a woman. The comedy is based on funny, even absurd scenes and excellent acting performances. Director Miloslav Šmídmejser turned the Palacký University Rectorate into a police headquarters.

Filming also took place in Norská and Fischerova Streets.

FILM LOCATIONS

37 UP Rectorate

20 UP Arts Centre

39 Palác hotel

40 Norská Street

41 Fischerova Street



UP ARTS CENTER

www.konviktolomouc.cz

The building of Konvikt, a former Jesuit boarding school, belongs to the oldest parts of Palacký University. Its history dates to the middle of the 16th century when the first Jesuits came to Olomouc. In the premises of Konvikt, you can visit the Baroque Corpus Christi Chapel as well as the well-known bistro Konvikt.



I LOVE YOU BLUE

38%  ČSFD
Rating

FILM

Comedy / Romance
Czechia 2017

Director: Miloslav Šmídmajer

Screenplay: Jaroslav Papoušek,
Lucie Bokšťeflová, Pavel Brycz

Starring: Václav Jílek, Denisa
Nesvačilová, Taťjana Medvecká,
Vladimír Kratina, Rostislav Novák Jr.,
Marek Vašut, Hana Vagnerová
and others

Painter and art historian David Bárta still lives with his mom and has no girlfriend. He is going through a bad period in his life. All this changes, however, when he meets the beautiful shopfitter Tereza. But there is the third „one“ - Tereza's boyfriend, who cannot understand that love cannot be kept by force.

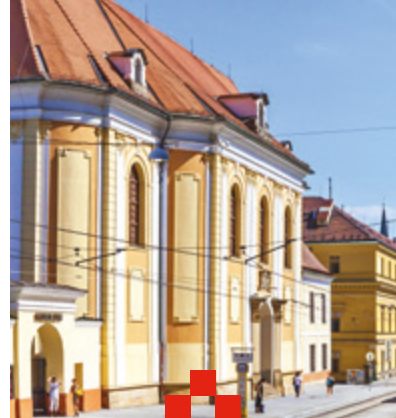
The film was shot in Olomouc in the Regional Museum, the Archdiocesan Museum and in the courtyard of the Armoury. These environments were perfectly suited to the protagonist's profession.

FILM LOCATIONS

45 Regional Museum

46 Archdiocesan Museum

27 Armoury - the UP Library



REGIONAL MUSEUM

www.vmo.cz

The main building of the Regional Museum in Olomouc is located on Republiky Square, but you can visit its exhibits on several other sites in the city centre as well. The museum will guide you through history, archaeological finds, and remarkable natural science collections.





THE QUARTETTE

46% **ČSFD**
Rating



FILM

Comedy / Drama
Czechia 2017

Director: Miroslav Krobot

Screenplay: Miroslav Krobot,
Lubomír Smékal

Starring: Barbora Poláková,
Jaroslav Plesl, Lukáš Melník,
Zdeněk Julina, Pavlína Štorková,
Lenka Krobotová, Jiří Schmitzer
and others

Czech Film Critics' Awards (NOMINATED)

- Barbora Poláková / best actress

The Czech Lion Awards (NOMINATED)

- Ondřej Zima / best film
- Miroslav Krobot / best director
- Barbora Poláková / best actress
- Jaroslav Plesl / best actor
- Pavlína Štorková / best supporting actress
- Lubomír Smékal, Miroslav Krobot / best screenplay
- Jan Daňhel / best editing
- Viktor Ekrť / best sound

Four members of a contemporary music quartet always meet at the next concert as a kind of second

family. On the way to their most free composition, this somewhat disparate foursome experiences several humorous situations and misunderstandings. Miroslav Krobot's film was shot entirely in the centre of Olomouc. The main characters spend time at the legendary local Ponorka pub, and there are many other places to see. The filmmaker was inspired by several local monuments and the architecture of the city centre. Psychologist Lubomír Smékal from Olomouc also participated on the film script.

HRADISKO MONASTERY

www.vnol.cz

The national cultural monument Hradisko Monastery is located outside the historical centre of Olomouc, but it is no less significant. Hradisko originally served as a Benedictine monastery and grew into a magnificent Baroque complex over the centuries. The Military Hospital is currently located here, but part of it is accessible for guided tours.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 42** Archdiocesan Museum
- 43** Přemyslid Castle
- 12** Horní Square
- 17** Arion fountain
- 44** Hradisko Monastery

THE LAST ESCAPE OF JEROME OF PRAGUE

61% 

FILM

**Drama / Historical / Adventure
Czechia / 2018**

Director: Lubomír Hlavsa

Screenplay: Milena Štráfěldová,
Lubomír Hlavsa

Starring: Ondřej Věchý,
Jitka Čadek Čvančarová,
Petr Kostka, Alois Švehlík,
Vladimír Kratina, Vladimír Javorský,
František Němec and others

The director of this film was most interested in the message that Jerome of Prague preached together with his friend Jan Hus. The film will bring you closer to the life of an extraordinary philosopher and martyr, about whom you cannot read much about today, even though he toured the whole of Europe together with Jan Hus. Ondřej Věchý played the main role of Jerome. The scenes taking place in Constance were filmed in Olomouc. The courtyard in front of St. Wenceslas Cathedral



was decorated into the mood of the early 15th century.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 36** Wenceslas Square
- 24** Saint Wenceslas Cathedral

SAINT WENCESLAS CATHEDRAL

www.katedralaolomouc.cz

The cathedral, also called the dome, had been originally a Romanesque basilica from the first half of the 12th century, but it was rebuilt several times. At the end of the 19th century, the dome underwent reconstruction in the neo-Gothic style which gave it its current appearance. It has been a national cultural monument since 1995.



MYSTERY OF THE CONUNDRUM

65% **ČSFD**
Rating



FILM

Adventurous

Czechia / 1993

Director: Petr Kotek

Screenplay: Petr Kotek, Ivan Arsenjev

Based on: Jaroslav Foglar

Starring: Ondřej Hošť, Jaroslav Richter, David Diviš, Martin Voldřich, Martin Vlasák, Matěj Hádek, Petr Čepek and others

The adventure story based on the book by Jaroslav Foglar takes place at the end of the 1930s. You will discover the poetic world of boyish adventures of the Rapid Arrows boys' club where nobility, honesty and friendship come first.

Probably the most memorable scene for Olomouc residents was the narrative scene in Pekařská Street which in the story formed the

border, the so-called Splitting Street, between two quarters – the gloomy Shades (Stínadla) and the Other Side. In the real Olomouc, you can find it halfway between two important churches, the Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snow, and the Church of St. Maurice. Here you can step into the narrow Vodární Street, the legendary Shades (Stínadla).

FILM LOCATIONS

3 Svobody Street

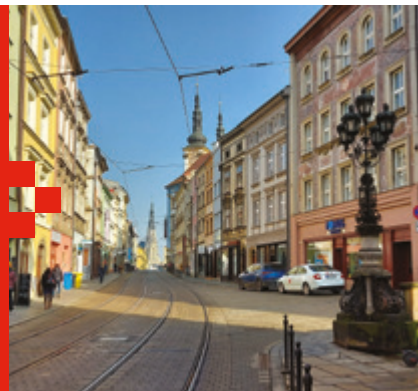
4 Tram No. 223
from 1930

5 Vodární Street

PEKAŘSKÁ STREET

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The imaginary border between the Shades (Stínadla) and the Other Side from the film *Mystery of the Conundrum* is located in Pekařská Street in the centre of Olomouc. Here you can see a historic streetlamp or visit one of the coffeehouses.



THE GREATEST OF THE PIERROTS

76% 

TV SERIES

Drama / Biographical
Czechoslovakia / 1990

Directed by: Ivan Balada

Based on: František Kožík

Screenplay: Alex Koenigsmark,
Nataša Krempová, Jaroslav Kotouč

Starring: Vladimír Javorský,
Drahomíra Hofmanová, Barbora
Hrzánová, František Janeček,
Miroslav Donutil, Ivan Trojan,
and others

The historical series is about the French mime of Czech origin, Jean-Gaspard Deburau. The film is a combination of an acting concert of Vladimír Javorský and an important Czech literary work. Javorský put his face and his heart into the main character.

The film was shot in Olomouc among other places. The scene of the guillotine execution takes place on the Michael's Hill near the Church of St. Michael.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

www.svatymichal.cz

The church was built on the foundations of a Gothic temple from 1251 which was destroyed during the Swedish wars. Starting in 1676, two Italian architects took part in its construction, and thus it became the first domed building of the Northern Italian type in Moravia. In the years 1892–1898, the church underwent a Neo-Baroque restoration and is still one of the landmarks of Olomouc.

FILM LOCATIONS

25 Church of St. Michael

33 Panská Street





THE JOKE

79%  CSFD
Rating



FILM

Drama / Comedy / Parable
Czechoslovakia / 1968

Directed by: Jaromil Jireš

Screenplay: Jaromil Jireš,
Milan Kundera

Based on: Milan Kundera

Starring: Josef Somr, Luděk Munzar,
Věra Křesadlová, Evald Schorm,
Jiří Sýkora, Jana Dítětová,
Jaromír Hanzlík and others

THE GOLDEN SHELL – San Sebastián IFF (NOMINATED)

- The best movie

One of the most famous films of the 1960s was based on Milan Kundera's novel of the same name. Ludvík Jahn, a student, sends his girlfriend the „cursed“ postcard with his text: „Optimism is the opium of mankind! A healthy spirit stinks of stupidity! Long live Trotsky!“ In the

1950s, the consequences won't be long in coming and Ludvík is sent to a penal labour camp known for extremely harsh treatment. Years later, the protagonist, severely affected by Stalinist repressions, tries to take revenge.

The part of the film where Ludvík sends the postcard was filmed in Olomouc. Here you can see the Astronomical Clock which can be found on Horní Square.

ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK

tourism.olomouc.cz

The Clock is set into the northern facade of the Town Hall and reaches a height of 14 meters. The present-day appearance reflects the socialist realism style of the 1950s when it was created according to the design of Karel Svoboda. The mosaic decoration depicts period motifs. Every day at noon, the figures of proletarians start to move.

FILM LOCATIONS

7 Astronomical Clock

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

53%  ČSFD
Rating

MINISERIES

Comedy / Crime
Czechia / 2022

Director: Jan Hřebejk

Screenplay: Michal Sýkora,
Petr Jarchovský

Starring: Jiří Havelka, Katarzia
(Katarína Kubištová), Petra Hřebíčková,
Jitka Čadek Čvančarová,
Martha Issová and others

The Czech Lion Awards
(NOMINATED)

• Best TV Movie or Miniseries

The Olomouc author of literary fiction and co-author of screenplays, Michal Sýkora, found common ground again with screenwriter Petr Jarchovský and director Jan Hřebejk and together they created this four-part series.

The story takes place at a university and was filmed in Petráš Palace, Konvikt and elsewhere in Olomouc. Relationships

between men and women, echoes of the #MeToo campaign, aggressive feminism and gender issues play a role in the story.

The characters Vojtěch and Soňa are siblings, and both teach at the Palacký University in Olomouc. Vojta writes detective stories and Soňa gets inspired by him. She publishes a very successful erotic novel. Ambitious Alice is elected to the position of dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, and she is determined to eradicate all manifestations of sexist stereotypes at the school. The situation at the university escalates when a sexually motivated murder of a female student occurs.

FILM LOCATIONS

- 37** UP Rectorate
- 38** Konvikt
- 46** Petráš Palace
- 7** Astronomical Clock
- 12** Horní Square
- 13** Dolní Square



PETRÁŠ PALACE

tourism.olomouc.eu

The original Gothic core of the palace was rebuilt in the Renaissance style in the second half of the 16th century. A Baroque reconstruction took place in the years 1725–1734. The palace gradually belonged to noble families from Vrbno, Žerotín, Zvole and others. In the years 1746–1751, it was the seat of the first learned society in the Habsburg Monarchy which was founded by the poet Josef Petráš. Since 2001, the National Heritage Institute has been seated here.



GRAND PREMIERE

47% **ČSFD**
Rating

FILM

Comedy / Drama
Czechia / 2022

Director: Miroslav Krobot

Screenplay: Miroslav Krobot,
Lubomír Smékal

Starring: Pavel Šimčík, Iva Janžurová,
Iva Pazderková, Klára Melíšková,
Jenováfa Boková, Miroslav Krobot
and others

Theatre and film director, screenwriter, playwright, and actor Miroslav Krobot collaborated with Olomouc psychologist Lubomír Smékal when writing this feature film set in the backdrop of the city of Olomouc. For the main character,

an actor named Šnajdr, life is one big game. Few people can tell when he's serious. His wife Markéta is already „allergic“ to him and is trying to resolve her marital crisis with a therapist. Šnajdr prefers to disappear to Olomouc where he seizes his first directorial opportunity.

The authors of the script partly drew on the knowledge of their professional environment. Krobot from theatre, Smékal from marriage counselling and psychotherapist practice. You could meet Miroslav Krobot with the film crew at Svatý Kopeček, at the S-club or at the main train station.

FILM LOCATIONS

15 ZOO Olomouc

47 Church of the Virgin
Mary of the Snow

16 Main train station

48 S-klub

13 Dolní Square



THE CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY OF THE SNOW

www.farnostsnezenka.cz

The Church of the Virgin Mary of the Snow on the Republic Square is currently the church of the Roman Catholic Academic Parish of Olomouc. It was built by the Jesuits in the years 1712-1722 as a university church in the High Baroque style on the site of an original Gothic church. Before the arrival of the Jesuits, it was part of the Minorite monastery.



REPORT ON THE RESCUE OF THE DEAD

51% **ČSFD**
Rating

TWO-PART FILM

Drama

Czechia / Slovakia / France 2021

Director: Václav Kadrnka

Screenplay: Václav Kadrnka,

Marek Šindelka, Jiří Soukup

Starring: Vojtěch Dyk, Zuzana Mauréry,
Petr Salavec and others



**HAF Award Asia Film Hong
Kong – Screenplay (WON)**



Director Václav Kadrnka based the film on personal experiences and touches on the topic of family relationships. The protagonists of the story act in an impersonal hospital environment of the Olomouc University Hospital at the intensive care unit, in the labyrinth of corridors and staircases, near elevators and in waiting rooms.

It is a story of a father who falls into a coma after a massive stroke. Mother and son suddenly stand over

his lifeless body. The person they love is far away and no one knows if he will ever come back. They humbly accept the diagnosis but resist the final verdict. At their father's bedside, they search for the right words to tell him.

The film was shot at the Olomouc University Hospital in the Franz Josef's building which was intended for demolition at that time. The film was made under the patronage of the Archbishop of Olomouc.

FILM LOCATIONS

49 Olomouc University
Hospital

50 I. P. Pavlova Street

OLOMOUC UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL - FRANZ JOSEF PAVILION

www.fnol.cz

The construction of the pavilion began in June 1894 and in 1896 it was solemnly consecrated. It was the oldest pavilion on the grounds of the University Hospital and named after the then Habsburg monarch. In 2023, this pavilion was demolished to be replaced by a new, modern building.



32 SECRET PAGES - A MESSAGE FROM HELL

66 % ČSFD
Rating

DOCUMENTARY FILM
Czechia / Slovakia / 2015

Screenplay and direction:

Ján Novák

The story is about the fate of two students at the University of Olomouc, Robert Vrba and Alfred Waltzer, who escaped from the Auschwitz extermination camp in April 1944. They wrote a 32-page report about their experiences, which reached the

Vatican, the Pope, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and journalists. Unfortunately, no one responded to their message.

The filmmakers chose the premises of the Armoury, today the Library of the Palacký University, and a stop on Hrdinů Square near the Hussite church. In 2020, the story of the two students turned into a very successful film in a Slovak-Czech-German co-production under the title The Auschwitz Report.



FILM LOCATIONS

- 26** Hussite church
- 27** Armoury
- the UP Library
- 28** Hrdinů Square

HUSSITE CHURCH

www.husuvsborolomouc.cz

The building by architect Hubert Aust combines elements of functionalism, antiquity, and Byzantine style. The church was ceremoniously opened in 1926, and Olomouc thus became the seat of the Moravian-Silesian diocese. The building assumed the role of a diocesan cathedral and remains so to this day.



FILM FRAME



Marek Mička, a film enthusiast, launched an amazing and remarkable project a few years ago. On his

Facebook account named „Film Frame“ (Filmové poličko), he publishes photos of film locations. You can see the most famous movie locations and compare how the place looked in the movie and how it looks today.

Mark, how did it all start and what do you enjoy so much about this hobby?

I always enjoyed visiting movie locations. I noticed that it is a favourite pastime for many Czechs as they can combine a trip with a visit to a movie location. It's the same for me, I came across this concept abroad and

thought it would be nice to transfer it to our countries. But I didn't just want to copy, that's why I also make videos about film locations and take historical photos. And what I enjoy most is taking a trip with my family to the photo location.

How do you choose the locations you visit? What brought you to Olomouc?

I always prefer locations of my favourite movies. I wouldn't photograph something I haven't seen. I get the greatest enjoyment when I can photograph a scene that somehow captures my heart or is essential for the film. A lot of great things was shot in Olomouc. Besides, I really like it when I can go somewhere outside of Prague.

What places did you visit in Olomouc? Which movies were you referring to?

I mostly walked around the city centre. So, of course, I was at Horní Square with the Astronomical Clock that appeared in *The Joke*, at Žerotínovo Square and the adjacent streets where the *Cops and Robbers* series were shot. I also hung around the university where the wonderful *Doctor Zhivago* was filmed, and I also took some photos on the May 1st Street where *The Case of the Dead Man* was shot. I tried to capture especially the nice places, but there are a lot of them here.

How do you rate Olomouc as a film location, did you like it here?

It's beautiful here. Since I'm from Prague, I was actually surprised that more films haven't been shot here and that filmmakers don't choose Olomouc as a location more often. There are beautiful spots here that are not spoiled by omnipresent advertising or of tourist crowds like in Prague.

If you're excited about Mark's work, check out his Film Frame account on Facebook, Instagram, or Stream.



HISTORICAL MONUMENTS ON WHEELS



HISTORIC „GRANNY“ TRAM www.dpmo.cz

This beautiful **tram number 223** used to run in Prague between 1930 and 1974 and then served in Olomouc as a service vehicle until 1981. Reconstructed, it went on its first ride around Olomouc in 2008. This historic „granny“ tram starred in *The Mystery of the Conundrum* (1993) and *Doctor Zhivago* (2002). It still goes to the streets of Olomouc several times a year on festive occasions.

4 tram no. 223 from 1930



RAILWAY GEMS OF THE PAST www.cdnostalgie.cz

In the very heart of Olomouc, not far from the main train station, there is a depository and workshop of the **ČD Nostalgie** museum where real gems of our railway history are exhibited. Steam locomotives and machines from the recent past can be seen here. The museum also participates in film production. It prepares trains for filmmakers according to their requirements, provides professional consultations and helps with selection of locations. Machines from this museum have appeared in several films, video

clips and documentaries (e.g. *Traveling with Steam*). The depository opens its doors several times a year on various occasions when historical trains are also dispatched to the area around.

29 ČD Nostalgie museum

KINGDOM OF ROAD VETERANS www.veteranarena.cz

The museum of historic cars called **Veteran Arena** is the biggest private, publicly accessible museum in Czechia. On an area of 400 m², you will find exhibits from the 1930s. The heart of the exhibition is a collection of Czechoslovak Tatra, Praga, Aero, Z and Škoda cars. Foreign brands include Mercedes, BMW, and VW. In total, around 160 exhibits are on display, so the makers of period films really have a lot to choose from including unique Wikov cars made in nearby Prostějov.

30 Veteran Arena



DO YOU KNOW THAT..

... the famous Czech actress **Hana Maciuchová** († 2021) started her acting career in Olomouc? She graduated from the Olomouc-Hejčín secondary school and was already involved in amateur theatre in those days. She was also a member of the Studio at the Oldřich Stibor Theatre in Olomouc (today the Moravian Theatre). She regularly and happily returned to Olomouc both for work and to see family and friends.



... the protagonists of the Czech comedy **Gentleman's Ride (2004)**, starring Martin Dejdar, Ondřej Vetchý and Josef Abrahám, had to cope without women at the Svobody Street, the market hall and Denisova Street?



... Mr. Tau went to work for the first time (1975) in Olomouc? He found a job at a local dairy in Pavelkova Street. He managed the first working day with his own charm, but for others it was a complete disaster. The family fantasy comedy **Mr. Tau (1971)** has been entertaining children for more than 50 years.



... an important role in Hermína Týrlová's animated film **The Curious Letter (1961)** is played by a mailbox placed by filmmakers on the corner of the Renaissance house At the Black Eagle on Horní Square in Olomouc? The film tells the story of a letter that desired to see the world and forgot about its timely delivery.

... the Czech comedy **The Heart full of Hopes (1985)** was also filmed in Olomouc? The heroes of the story are former friends who become archenemies not only because of their classmate Zuzana, who they both like. In the film, you can see, among other things, the Caesar fountain on Horní Square and the interiors of the ZŠ Hájkova primary school building.

... Olomouc is doubling for the beautiful European city, where the main character of the short-story drama **I Am Wandering (2010)** arrives? The city welcomes the woman four times, lets her wander in its Baroque labyrinth and experience four different stories. The actress in the lead role, Silvia Antolová, unfortunately did not see the premiere. She died of cancer at the age of 35 and the film is dedicated to her.

ACADEMIA FILM OLOMOUC

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Academia Film Olomouc (AFO), an international festival of science documentary films, ranks among the largest cinematography festivals in Czechia. The high number of accredited viewers only confirms this. The festival has been organized by the Palacký University since 1966. Originally a low-key, non-public initiative has turned into one of the **biggest educational events in Europe** over the years.

AFO focuses on the popularization of science and annually presents the best contemporary scientific films from prestigious world productions. Renowned icons of Czech and foreign science and representatives of film and television industry come to Olomouc to present them in person.

The **city has already hosted scientists** such as evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, robotics visionary Hiroshi Ishiguro or AI philosopher Susan Schneider.

Visitors can look forward to a rich festival programme presenting major shifts in scientific understanding in the **form of films, documentaries, discussions, lectures, and panel debates** with guests from the field of science and film industry. Viewers can delve into the secrets of distant planets, Earth's oceans, global warming, development of robotics and artificial intelligence.

Various topics discussed include the position of women in science and society, human addiction, as well as the importance of the science fiction genre for the popularisation of science.

The festival is inherently linked to the **music and entertainment programme** with its own fanbase. Performers from the world's alternative scene come to Olomouc for AFO, workshops and various competitions are held there.

www.afo.cz





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