



costa-gavras

Z

Francia-Algeria/France-Algeria, 1969, 35mm, 127', col.



Z, L'ORGIA DEL POTERE

regia/director
Costa-Gavras
soggetto/story

dall'omonimo romanzo di/
from the novel of same title
by Vasilis Vasilikos

sceneggiatura/screenplay
Costa-Gavras,
Jorge Semprún

fotografia/cinematography
Raoul Coutard
montaggio/film editing

Françoise Bonnot
scenografia/
production design

Jacques D'Ovidio
costumi/costume design

Piet Bolscher
musica/music

Mikis Theodorakis
suono/sound

Sidi Boumedienne
Dahmane, Jean Nény,
Alex Pront

interpreti e personaggi/
cast and characters

Yves Montand (Z), Irene
Papas (Hélène),
Jean-Louis Trintignant
(il giudice/judge),
François Périer

(il procuratore/prosecutor),
Jacques Perrin (il
fotoreporter/photoreporter),

Charles Denner (Manuel),
Pierre Dux (il generale/
gen. Missou),

Georges Géret (Nick),
Bernard Fresson (Matt)

produzione/production
Valoria Films,
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The military controls the puppet government of an unspecified country in the Mediterranean. The members of a pacifist left-wing movement are the only ones standing against the dictatorship. While they are organizing a protest, a rumor spreads that someone is going to try to assassinate their leader, a charismatic and determined man who brushes the threat aside and confirms his participation nonetheless. But on the day of the protest, the rumor turns true: a vehicle runs over the politician, who dies shortly thereafter in the hospital. According to the police, the accident was caused by a drunk driver. Clearly a cover up that the prosecutor intends to debunk, but the investigation will open his eyes on the actual state of his country.



Costa-Gavras (Loutra-Iraias, Grecia, 1933) ha esordito dirigendo film polizieschi e thriller, per dedicarsi poi a un cinema di natura politica, con cui ha criticato le malversazioni di regimi dittatoriali e i loro legami con le potenze internazionali. Titoli come il *13° uomo* (1967), *Z, l'orgia del potere* (1969), nominato per due premi Oscar e vincitore del premio della giuria a Cannes, *La confessione* (1970), *L'amerikano* (1972), *L'affare della sezione speciale* (1975), per cui ha vinto il premio per la regia a Cannes, *Missing - Scomparso* (1982), suo primo film hollywoodiano, insignito della Palma d'oro, dell'Oscar e del Bafta alla sceneggiatura, gli altri film americani *Betrayed - Tradita* (1988) e *Music Box - Prova d'accusa* (1989), che ha ottenuto l'Orso d'oro, e ancora *Amen.* (2002), con cui ha vinto il Berlinale Camera Award, e *Verso l'eden* (2009).

Costa-Gavras (Loutra-Iraias, Greece, 1933) started his career directing crime dramas and then shifted to political cinema to shine a critical light on the malpractices of dictatorships and their relations with major foreign powers. Masterpieces like: *Un homme de trop* (1967); *Z* (1969), nominated for two Academy Awards and winner of the Jury Award in Cannes; *L'aveu* (1970); *Etat de siège* (1972); and *Section spéciale* (1975), which earned him Best Director in Cannes. His first Hollywood movie, *Missing* (1982), received a Golden Palm, an Academy Award and a BAFTA Award for Best Screenplay. He then directed a few more movies in the States, like *Betrayed* (1988); *Music Box* (1989), which won the Golden Bear; *Amen.* (2002), winner of the Berlinale Camera Award; and *Eden à l'Ouest* (2009).

filmografia/filmography

Compartiment tueurs (*Vagone letto per assassini*, 1965), *Un homme de trop* (*Il 13° uomo*, 1967), *Z* (*Z, l'orgia del potere*, 1969), *L'aveu* (*La confessione*, 1970), *Etat de siège* (*L'amerikano*, 1973), *Section spéciale* (*L'affare della sezione speciale*, 1975), *Claire de femme* (*Chiara di donna*, 1979), *Missing* (*Missing - Scomparso*, 1982), *Hanna K.* (*id.*, 1983), *Conseil de famille* (*Consiglio di famiglia*, 1985), *Betrayed* (*Betrayed - Tradita*, 1988), *Music Box* (*Music Box - Prova d'accusa*, 1989), *La petite apocalypse* (*La piccola apocalisse*, 1992), *Lumière et Cie* (*coregia/codirectors aa.vv., ep., cm*, 1995), *Mad City* (*Mad City - Assalto alla notizia*, 1997), *Amen.* (*id.*, 2002), *Le Couperet* (*Cacciatore di teste*, 2005), *Eden à l'Ouest* (*Verso l'eden*, 2009), *Le capital* (2012).