

David Čálek C.V.

Film Director, DOP,

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DAVID ČÁLEK (born 28.4.1971, Prague) studied cinematography (1992-98) and documentary directing (1999-2002) at FAMU. Since 1999, he has been a member of the Association of Czech Cinematographers.

As a director, he has created 21 independent television and distribution documentaries released in cinema distribution, HBO and Netflix, and Czech Television.

As a screenwriter, he has created 3 screenplays for feature films. Puzzles (nominated for the Czech Lion), Kabul Dreams (realized as the animated film Moje slunce Mad by Michaela Pavlátová, based on the book by Petra Procházková Frišta), Animals/Wild Bastards (still in development). During his studies at FAMU in Prague, he twice won the main prize at the FAMU Festival for cinematography for the film Maruška and Dawn directed by Slobodanka Radun. The graduation film of the Department of Cinematography, Touch of the Image, won the Jaromír Kučera Award of the Association of Czech Cinematographers. The HBO documentary Heaven and Hell (2010) premiered in the US at the SXSW Festival in Austin and won the Student Award at the Pilsen Finale 2011. The documentary Berkát and Maršo - Happiness and Freedom was awarded the main prize at the Femina Film Festival 2007 and was distributed in several other countries. The film The Way Up was awarded the main prize for best direction at the BANFF Festival in Canada 2017. The film Stop Time was shown in the competition section of the One World Festival 2023, the film War Reporter won the Audience Award and the main prize for documentary film at the 40th Warsaw Film Festival 2024 and was nominated for the Czech Lion Award for best documentary film. The film Doctor on a Trip was released in Czech and Slovak distribution, won the main prize for best science communication at AFO 2025, the main jury prize at the Prague Science Film Festival 2025 and a special mention at the Pärnu Festival 2025.



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