

DOCUMENTARY FILM

MYTH

WHAT HAS WASSYL SLIPAK DIED FOR

DIRECTORS: LEONID KANTER, IVAN YASNIY

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Documentary, 63 min

Release year: 2018 • **Directors:** Leonid Kanter, Ivan Yasniy

Music: Eugene Galperin, Roman Grygoriv, Illia Razumeiko, Eduard Prystupa

From the filmmakers that brought you “The Ukrainians”, Leonid Kanter and Ivan Yasniy, now present “MYTH”. The release date is January 2018 in Ukraine.

The film is the remarkable and tragic story of **Wassyl Slipak**; a talented opera singer whose unique voice brought him world recognition.

Born in Lviv, young Wassyl won many performance competitions with his gifted voice.

His talent eventually brought him to France, where he lived for 19 years. Wassyl had everything that could bring one happiness and fulfilment in life. He had dear friends and loved ones. He had fame and success in his career as an opera singer. He had conquered the world stage.

Wassyl actively participated in the Revolution of Dignity, leading rallies in France. But he felt like he needed to do more for his beloved homeland. Although, he did more than enough as an artist, Wassyl volunteered to help Ukraine. Despite the comforts and opportunities of his life in France, Wassyl decided to leave and join the volunteer Ukrainian defense forces when war came to his homeland.

Wassyl, tragically, was killed in combat action by a sniper.

The filmmakers used a lot of archival videos of Wassyl in his everyday life and on stage. There are two storylines within this documentary that mirror each other. Although, one is fiction, it is analogous to Wassyl's story. A story of using your voice to speak out against evil and stepping forward to do what is possible in that fight. A fight that needed to be fought. A fight that cost Wassyl his life. A fight, whose story must be told.

Ukrainian cartoonist, **Yurii Zhuravel** created the animation for the film.

“MYTH” is the third film, made jointly by **Leonid Kanter** and **Ivan Yasniy**. The other films they have already made together are: “The War for Your Own Expense” and “The Ukrainians”. These films have been shown in 23 countries around the globe.

The music for the film “MYTH” was created and provided by some of the best composers of our time. Among them; **Eugene Galperin**, who worked together with **Luc Besson**. **Barry Sonnenfeld** who was a close friend of Wassyl Slipak. **Roman Grygoriv** and **Illia Razumeiko**, who represent contemporary Ukrainian opera and were involved in the formation of **NOVA OPERA**. As well as **Eduard Prystupa**.

Trailer:

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