

ASHES OF COURAGE

Press kit — proof of concept

In 1944 Slovakia, when Nazi soldiers invade their village, a mother must protect her six children as her husband flees to join the resistance.

Genre	True World War II survival drama
Setting	Nová Bošáca, Slovakia, 1944
Stage	Proof of concept (development)
Funding goal	£10,000 for a 3-minute proof-of-concept film
Timeline	3 months from funding to delivery
Backer credit	Associate Producer credit on the proof-of-concept film
Production co.	LEVM Studios

Synopsis

Ashes of Courage is a true survival story set against the 1944 Slovak National Uprising. As Nazi soldiers occupy their village, a mother is left to protect her six children alone after her husband flees to join the resistance. The story is drawn directly from the filmmaker's own family history in Nová Bošáca, giving the project a rare depth of authenticity and personal stake.

Visual style

The film's approach favours anamorphic widescreen photography and considered handheld camerawork over conventional coverage, with sound design carrying much of the emotional weight rather than a traditional score. The story unfolds across three visual movements: the mountains that frame the family's isolation, a hidden warning that sets the danger in motion, and a flawless escape that closes the film's central tension.

Director & producer

Michal Indrak is the director and producer of Ashes of Courage, working through his production company, LEVM Studios. His ancestors lived through and survived the Slovak National Uprising in Nová Bošáca, and the film is built directly from that family history. Serving as both director and producer gives the project a unified creative and commercial vision from development through to delivery.

"Ashes of Courage is rooted in my own family history — my ancestors lived through the Slovak National Uprising in Nová Bošáca."

Team

Tiolina Puteh — Lead Screenwriter & Casting Director

Bob Husband — Historical Researcher & Location Scouting Director

Emily Calvert — Marketing & Social Media Manager

Stills & lookbook

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