



Dear Ji.hlava, welcome to Brussels.

Nowadays, documentary cinema is one of the most important film genres, and I believe that it is currently gaining popularity with the viewers. The world is undergoing changes, most of our certainties have been shaken and no one dares to predict what tomorrow will bring. The pressure of these events lies not only on the shoulders of the governments and large institutions, but also on ordinary people.

The difficult task of documentary filmmakers is to capture this “atmosphere” of our times. The moments of upheaval are crucial, because they are the starting point for what is to follow. In textbooks, our descendants will one day find only a cursory paragraph describing the sequence of events of the Ukrainian or perhaps even the Third World War. But it is really like when it is happening? What aspects of our daily life can be affected by such developments? The textbooks don't tell us that. But the footage of the everyday life, which only genuine documentaries can capture, will convey this reality.

Create, dear documentary filmmakers, make films! Record for posterity the reason why nobody has wanted this to happen and never will.

Stay in good health and peace,

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