

Aurora

by Cristi Puiu

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'There is no such thing as a murderer, only people who kill.'

Cristi Puiu

Aurora is the story of the fall of an ordinary man – an imperfect fall without glory. The film follows Viorel for two days as he wanders Bucharest. A recently divorced father of two young daughters, Viorel is a metallurgical engineer. At work, he has an altercation with one of his co-workers who owes him money and drops in on another employee who hands over two hand-made firing pins, prepared in secret, for a hunting rifle. Viorel wanders around Bucharest. Wherever he is, he feels the same strange nervousness, the same muffled anxiety and the same urge to end the instability that rules his life. He buys a rifle and ammunition, then goes back home to test his weapon...

By the director of *The Death of Mr. Lazarescu*

'With his bold third feature, he proves that he is one of the most distinctive artists working in cinema anywhere today... undoubtedly the work of an audacious, intelligent writer-director who's both ready and very able to deal with areas of human experience of which many other filmmakers seem barely to be aware. It was the inescapable fact of mortality in 'Mr Lazarescu'; here it is the pain and confusion of

just being alive. And Puiu's special approach to the realist aesthetic ensures that 'Aurora' rings unusually true. Superb stuff.'

Geoff Andrew, *Time Out*

'An epic on the banality of evil'

Jacques Mandelbaum, *Le Monde*

'A slow-burning tour de force'

Manohla Dargis, *New York Times*

'The world of "Aurora" dominates the tone even more than its eerily calm protagonist, as moments slowly tick by and the environment seeps under your skin.'

Eric Kohn, *Indiewire*

CAST	CREW
Cristi Puiu (Viorel) Clara Voda (Gina) Valeria Seciu (Pusa) Luminita Gheorghiu (Mioara) Catrinel Dumitrescu (Mrs Livinski) Gelu Colceag (Mr. Livinski) Valentin Popescu (Stoian)	Written and Directed by Cristi Puiu Director of Photography: Viorel Sergovici Sound: André Rigaut Editing: Ioachim Stroe Production Manager / <i>Directeur de production</i> : Gilda Conon A Co-Production: Mandragora, Parisienne de Production, Bord Cadre Films, Essential Filmproduktion Co-Producers: Philippe Bober, Dan Wechsler Supported by: Centrul National al Cinematografiei Romania, Eurimages, SC Serv Invest SRL, OFC Section Cinéma, Centre National de la Cinématographie In collaboration with: ARTE France Cinéma, ZDF/ ARTE, Societatea Romana de Televiziune, TSR/SSR, HBO Romania