

Bless You! Zdrastvuyte!

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Tatyana Chistova
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Tatyana Chistova is a Russian director and screenwriter, born in Saint Petersburg in 1970. She graduated from the Philological Department of the Saint Petersburg University with a master's degree in 1998. From 2005 to 2010 she studied at the Higher Courses for Film Directors in Moscow. She worked as an assistant director for several production companies until she started making her first films as a director in 2007.

Filmography (Selection) Convictions (2016, DOK Leipzig, MDR Film Prize), Frau, Frau, Where's the Road to Pillau? (2012)

Language Russian **Producer** Maciek Hamela
Cinematographer Marina Levashova **Editor** Tatyana Chistova **Script** Maciek Hamela **Music** Patryk Zakrocki **Contact** Maciek Hamela, IMPAKT FILM, maciek@impaktfilm.com, impaktfilm.com



Sankt Petersburger Hinterhöfe während des Corona-Lockdowns. Tatyana Chistova verschmilzt Aufnahmen der fast leeren Stadt mit den aufgezeichneten Anrufen bei einer kommunalen Hotline. Sie soll Hilfe und Rat bieten. Das Themenspektrum reicht aber von Banalem bis zu existenziellen Fragen. Vor allem ältere Menschen sind von Armut, Hunger und Vereinsamung betroffen. Chistova zeigt auf, dass in einem System, welches seine Schwächsten vernachlässigt, das Virus nicht die einzige Bedrohung ist.

— *Against the backdrop of Saint Petersburg's back courtyards during the Corona lockdown, Tatyana Chistova fuses recordings of the almost empty city and calls to a municipal hotline tasked with offering help and advice, but topics range from the banal to existential questions. Elderly people in particular are affected by poverty, hunger and loneliness. Chistova highlights that in a system that neglects its weakest members, the virus is not the only threat.* **Kim Busch**