



## New Czech drama **LIFELINE** starring Jiří Langmajer premiered at Prague IFF – Febiofest 2021

The 28<sup>th</sup> edition of Prague International Film Festival – Febiofest, which showcases the best of current cinema, has had the honour to include a very special event on its programme: the premiere of the new Czech drama **Lifeline**. The red-carpet delegation who came to introduce the film consisted of the film's director and screenwriter **Rudolf Havlík**, producer **Petr Erben**, lead actors **Jiří Langmajer** and **Martina Babišová**, and other crew members. "There were nine of us in Iceland, a sort of Fellowship of the Ring, and it was a great experience," Babišová reminisced at the premiere. "It was fascinating work in a fascinating place," added Jiří Langmajer. The well-known heart surgeon **Jan Pirk** was among the premiere guests.

Petr (played by Jiří Langmajer), an introverted and taciturn man, is a renowned heart surgeon whose 21-year-old daughter Lucie (Martina Babišová) has a congenital heart condition. Her father decides to operate on her himself, and they decide to take an adventurous trip to Iceland together after the surgery. Lucie had been mostly out of touch with her father, still unhappy about the fact he left her mother. Here they finally have the time and space to reconnect... until Lucie collapses in the middle of Icelandic wilderness. Petr feels helpless in the infinite nature all around them, doubts start creeping in, and the line between reality and fiction starts becoming blurry: has Petr made a mistake somewhere? Was the surgery really a success, as he had thought? Have Petr and Lucie really gone on an expedition to a faraway land? For the first time in his life, Petr finds himself in a situation he is not in control of, forcing him to undergo a tough battle with his own conscience and consciousness to figure out what really happened and how he got to this place.

The director, Rudolf Havlík, said this about having chosen the wild Icelandic landscape for this film: „*The Icelandic landscape is in fact the third main character in the film. And it forced us to overcome technical difficulties that we never encounter during a normal shoot... Iceland's nature is unique, wild and raw. The inland is full of lava fields, geysers, waterfalls and glaciers, but also meadows and mountain ranges tinted with colours unlike anywhere else in the world, thanks to the specific climate.*”

The intimate adventurous drama **Lifeline** will be screened also on **22 September**, as well as later during the **Febiofest Regions tour**: in **České Budějovice, Brno, Prostějov, Zlín, and Ostrava**.

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