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STJEPAN & MALENA - THE OLD MAN AND THE STORK

52', 45' (ENG, GER, FRE)

For 24 years, the retired Stjepan has dedicated himself to caring for the stork Malena, who after being injured by a bullet can no longer fly.

A female stork has captured the heart of Stjepan Vokic. The trust between man and wildlife is so steadfast that in autumn when Malena's male stork Klepetan flies south, she stays at home with Stjepan. Caring for Malena dictates Stjepan's day. He barely has any time for himself or his friends. He neither allows himself vacations nor visits his sons. Rain or shine, every day he goes fishing for Malena. The film tells a story of a unique friendship between man and animal; of selfless caring and boundless devotion. There is no sacrifice too great for his stork.

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