

PuSh International Performing Arts Festival

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Information about strobe like flashing effect & how to avoid it

ZVIZDAL by BERLIN (BELGIUM)



Jan 31 - Feb 2 at 8PM

Feb 1-2 at 4PM

Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre

\$39 | Group Rate \$28.20

This show contains a strobe-like flashing effect created by rapid switching between a blank screen and a black and white image. In the beginning that effect is gentle but it becomes harsher and harsher and lasts for 1 full minute before it fully switches to the video image.

For people who may want to cover their eyes, the instructions below tell you when to cover your eyes, when it is safe to look again and what is in the subtitles during that minute.

For the first 6 minutes of the show the screen will be blank. We hear someone walking around and we hear conversations in Ukrainian, there will be titles telling us where we are and what is said. The strobe-like effect happens in the last minute of those 6 minutes.

The titles will say "Malenki Klischi checkpoint", indicating they have arrived at the checkpoint.

The first voice will say (English translation):

"According to a decision of the Ukrainian government, the village of Zvizdal, from the Narodichi district, has been classified Zone1: Compulsory Exclusion Zone."

Close your eyes when a second man starts speaking.

This is the translation of the conversation you will hear:

"It is forbidden to live on the evacuated territory. That is why people have been evacuated, where it was impossible to live. Shortly after the accident. So, entering the reserve territory is forbidden."

Different male voice: "It simply doesn't exist anymore.

That is, not the village itself, all the houses are, let's say... in ruins. Overgrown with vegetation, bushes, trees, etc. All that is left are wild animals. And that's it."

Different male voice: "Procedure would depend on the reasons... for the visit.

Why would you go there for?"

Woman: "Well to... to go and visit friends for example... or family."

Man: "Friends, family? But if no-one lives there?"

Then the music starts, a menacing static-like soundscape.

About 20 seconds after the music starts, the flashing stops.

When you hear a man talking again (35 seconds after the music starts), it is safe to open your eyes.

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