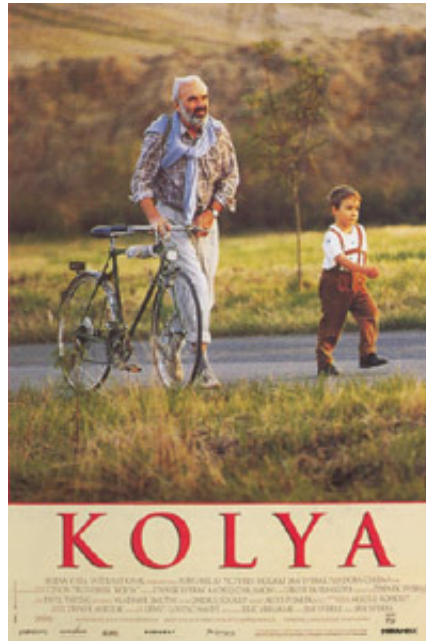


Kolya a Czech film drama (my first Czech movie)

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Kolya is the first Czech movie, I see. The movie is really good and I would classify it as a really art movie.

It also bears the sad melancholic atmosphere that we hold on the Balkans. The movie might be a hard to grasp one for Western people but would definitely be easily understood by someone who lived in the realms of the USSR.

The movie is also a movie that presents realities of the decaying communism, the times before the year of the fall the Berlin Wall (1989).

What was really worthy and edifying for myself was the sad realities of a falling Union (a false idealistic empire built for more than half a century).

The movie starts with the main actor Louka, a middle-aged Czech man dedicated to music (a cellist funeral crematorium orchestra player and a self-employed cello instructor).

Louka has one major muse which helps him follow his music career, the pursuit of new love and sexual relations with woman.

As the situation with falling-communism is harsh and the economic in the Soviet Union is in downturn this kind of trend is even more seriously felt among people who are in art like Louka.

Most of the movie is happening in Golden Prague (One of the most beautiful cities in the world IMHO).

Louka is working a couple of part time jobs next to his music career in the orchestra in order to be able to pay his daily life and bills, one of his other ways to get extra cash is the gravestone inscriptions.

Even though Louka is trying hard to earn money to pay back his loans and get a normal living, he is unsuccessful in getting enough money to make a decent living.

Suddenly he gets into huge debts which he is not able to pay with his earned money. As Louka is single

he is offered by one of his debtors to earn money by a small cheat (a false marriage) with a Russian woman who needs Czech citizenship in order to be able to later travel freely to the western part of Europe.

He is offered 30 000 of Czech crowns which for that time is a really solid money, which will allow him to pay back his loans and even get a small car **Trabant** !

Even though Louka tries his best to resist the temptation to do the criminal marriage at certain point the offered money convince him to accept the offering and he marries the young Russian fictiously.

As marriages of this type are quite common in Czech in this days of communism decay, he lives with the promise by the Russian woman family that they will get divorced after 6 months time.

Louka gets married and gets his money, but just a 2 weeks later the Russian young lady emigrates in Germany to her German lover and leaves her young Russian boy **Kolya** behind under the care of her old mother.

The old mother being unable to accept the sudden escape of her young Russian daughter, gets insane and enters into a mental hospital.

Since **Kolya** (who speaks only Russian and has not even basic knowledge of Czech) does not have a family to be placed in he is being brought to the apartment of his (father in law) Louka.

Louka enters into an unexpected hardships, where the policy could chase him for the illegal fictitious marriage and even worse with a foreign Russian child.

He has never before had any experience with children, so initially he faces the hell of taking care for a child.

To make things even worse the babushka (mentally unstable grandmother) of Kolya passes away after a heart attack in the Mental hospital.

Now Louka is the only "relative" who according to Czech law has to take care for the 5 year old kid **Kolya** !

The child suffers from suspected meningitis and has to be placed on a course of carefully monitored antibiotics. Louka is threatened with imprisonment for his suspect marriage ...

The movie is a serious drama but is a really touching one as it presents the power of love and how love can change human lives as Louka's gradual love for Kolya changes him for good.

Kolya is a wonderful piece of art movie and a real achievement for Czech cinema. Since it's the first Czech movie I see I want to see a lot of more.

In the mean time just watch the movie as it's a wonderful piece of all-time movie classic.