

## THE LAST NOTE

**Director: Pantelis Voulgaris** 

Writers: Ioanna Karystiani, Pantelis Voulgaris

Starring: Andreas Konstantinou, André Hennicke, Melia Kreiling, Tasos Dimas, Enea Camati, Vassilis Koukalani, Loukas Kiriazis, Michalis Aerakis, Dimitris Kalogerakis, Konstantina Chatziathanasiou, Manolis Mavrakis, Giwrgos Karamalegkos, Io Asithianaki, Manolis Psaroudakis Vassilis Syrros, Charis Argyropoulos, Minas Misoris, Nektarios Ksanthoudakis, Markos Renieris, Tasos Kaisarlis, Theoni Koutsounaki, Yannis Sinis, Kyriakos Kotsoglou, Christos Konstantakopoulos, Andreas Chatzimarkakis, Antonis Palierakis, Gary James Borland, Stella Psaroudaki

Four years after the successful and award-winning "Little England", Pantelis Voulgaris, director of the great and beloved films "Brides", "With Heart and Soul", "The Striker with No 9", "Stone Years" returns to the big screen with "The Last Note". In his new film, Voulgaris deals with one of the most important chapters of modern Greek history: the execution of 200 Greek resistance fighters by the German occupiers on May 1st, 1944 in Kaisariani, as reprisal for the Greek Resistance ambush against Nazis.

Pantelis Voulgaris, with Ioanna Karystiani ("Little England", "Brides") who wrote together the script, will take us to the concentration camp of Chaidari, the period before Labor Day (1<sup>st</sup> May), and will introduce us to the people behind the tragic events.

Leading character of the story is the 34-year-old Napoleon Soukatzidis, a Cretan with Asia Minor origin, who fought and was held in prisons and exiles since 1936. During his imprisonment in Chaidari, he served as an interpreter to the German commander of the camp, Karl Fischer. He witnessed the drama of German savagery during the occupation, the tortures, the tragic incidents and the heavy atmosphere in the chambers of those imprisoned. Many different lives, many personal stories of fear, friendship, companionship, hope, dreams.

Outside the camp, Napoleon's fiancée, Hara Lioudaki, with vigor, patience and deep love stood next to her fiancé, even if their meetings lasted only for a few moments during visiting hours, and always under the supervision of armed guards. The fate of Napoleon, and his 199 co-imprisoners in Chaidari, was determined as a result of the Greek Resistance ambush against the German Military General in Laconia, in a canyon of the Molaoi region. It was decided that the death of General Krech and three German escorts had to be retaliated with the execution of 50 Greeks for each German.

Soukatzidis is on the list, along with 200 other people. On the day of execution, he faces a life dilemma, when Fischer, who had developed a particular interest for the Greek interpreter, gives him the opportunity to be excluded from the execution, replacing him with another prisoner.

"The Last Note" stars Andreas Konstantinou ("Ouzeri Tsitsanis", "Little England") as Napoleon Soukatzidis, German actress André Hennicke ("A Dangerous Method", "Pandorum", "The Fall") as Karl Fischer and the Greek-American actress Melia Kreiling ("Tyrant", "The Last Tycoon", "The Borgias") as Hara Lioudaki.

Alongside them we will see a great number of well-known and new actors such as Tasos Dimas, Enea Camati, Vassilis Koukalani, Loukas Kyriazis, Michalis Aerakis, Dimitris Kalogerakis, Konstantina Chatziathanasiou, Manolis Mavrakis, Giwrgos Karamalegkos, Io Asithianaki, Manolis Psaroudakis Vassilis Syrros, Charis Argyropoulos, Minas Misoris, Nektarios Ksanthoudakis, Markos Renieris, Tasos Kaisarlis, Theoni Koutsounaki, Yannis Sinis, Kyriakos Kotsoglou, Christos Konstantakopoulos, Andreas Chatzimarkakis, Antonis Palierakis, Gary James Borland, Stella Psaroudaki.

The film is directed by Pantelis Voulgaris and written by Voulgaris and Ioanna Karystiani. The behind the scenes team include director of photography Simos Sarketzis ("Notias", "Little England"), editor Takis Giannopoulos ("Little England", "JACE", "Brides"), production designer Spyros Laskaris ("Rosa of Smyrna", "Notias", "Wednesday 4:45"), costume designer Yioula Zoiopoulou ("Rosa of Smyrna", "Little England") with music by Alexandros Voulgaris [The Boy] ("Nima", "Kissing?", "Park").

The "Last Note" is a production of Yannis lakovidis and Black Orange ("Little England", "Soul Deep", "Bank Bang"), co-produced by COSMOTE TV and Little England S.A., with the support of the Greek Cinema Center.

"The Last Note" was filmed on location in the island of Crete, among which the Izzeddin Fortress. The Region of Crete, the Municipality of Chania, actors and hundreds of citizens have embraced the project from the beginning.

The new film by Pantelis Voulgaris, "The Last Note", combines story and fiction. It is a cinematic "memo" of remembrance, modesty and reflection.





