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# New Directors



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## The Princess

*Adj király katonát!*

Sat 26 Nov 1.30 6.00

Director: Pál Erdőss

Production Company: Mafilm-Társulás Studio

Screenplay: István Kardos

Photography (B&W): Lajos Koltai, Ferenc Pap, Gábor Szabó

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Leading Players: Erika Ozsda, Andrea Szendrei, Dénes Diczházy, Árpád Tóth, Juli Nyakó, Lajos Soltis

Running Time: 113 mins

Festivals: Cannes, Locarno (Grand Prix)

It is the adolescent's privilege to escape, to dream. They flee from domestic discipline and the boredom in rural areas to capital cities, where they discover that they have not found an escape route to glamour and freedom but to uncomfortable bunks in hostels, monotonous work at machines – if they find work. Within this simplistic and over-exploited subject Pál Erdőss has woven a delicate, multi-patterned fabric, exposing reality from fiction. Erika Ozsda as Jutka has with her tough challenging face disguised a sensitive, vulnerable and lonely child growing up too fast as she cares for her friend's illegitimate child. That it is in black and white shows how much we have lost when we demand colour for all subjects. An outstanding work from the superb Hungarians.—*John Warrington.*