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A) Chronicle of Amorous Accidents

directed by **Andrzej Wajda**
Poland
(*Out of Competition*)

■ Summer 1939, an idyllic village near Vilna in Eastern Poland. Witold, a young man about to graduate from school, falls in love with Alina, the daughter of an aristocratic family. Yet the shadow of war threatens everything not only the lovers but also the heterogeneous population which lives in this area close to the Russian border – including a large Jewish community. Witold's closest friends are a Russian and a German; the advance of war signals the end of their playful youth together. The Polish ulan cavalry prepares for battle. Witold receives visits from The Stranger, a spirit representing his own image in the post-war future. There comes the day when Witold and Alina meet once more in the fields by the river and pledge themselves for eternity in a romantic wedding ceremony. It is the first of September, 1939.