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Gyula Gazdag received his television and film director's diploma at the Budapest Academy of Film and Theatrical Art in 1969, and has been working for MAFILM ever since. Of his diploma works, the 1967 PRELUDE (Elöjáték) was awarded the Grand Prix of the Oberhausen Film Festival in 1968, together with four other diploma films. Betwen 1968 and 1975, he was a member of the BBS, and he was elected to the executive board of the institution three times. Since 1975 he has served as a director for the Gergely Csiky Theatre in the city of Kaposvár. From time to time he undertakes various projects for Hungarian Television.

FILM IN PROGRAM:

SELECTION (Válogatás), 1970

- b/w, originally 35mm, 41 mins.
- Camera: Péter Jankura
- Prod: BBS

"Early in 1970, one body of the Hungarian Communist Youth Organization operating in one of Budapest's industrial districts announced a competition for amateur rock groups that would be held at Hungarian Radio. The winner was to be employed by the Youth Organization—without payment. According to the leaders of the organization, a resident rock group was crucial to attract young members by providing entertainment. The contestants were first subjected to theoretical, ideological questioning, and later they played for the jury. The winning group's manager was the mother of one of its members: the Organization leaders felt that this group would surely 'have parental guidance.'"

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