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*Poland, 1990, 35mm, 113 min, color, Polish w/English subtitles. Director: Andrzej Wajda. Print Source: New Yorker Films, 16 W. 61St, New York, NY 10023.*

“Great lives are just like legends – difficult but beautiful,” wrote Janusz



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Korczak. On August 6, 1942, Korczak, the famous physician, writer and teacher, became a legend. On that day, the SS forced him to gather together the two hundred orphaned children under his care in the Warsaw Ghetto. Korczak had fought for several years to protect them and give them hope. He made no attempt to save his own life, although he could have escaped through his connections with influential people. He led his children, who proudly carried a banner with the Star of David, quietly and calmly to the train that took them to Treblinka. Scripted by Agnieszka Holland (Wajda's protégé and the director of *EUROPA, EUROPA*), *KORCZAK* is a tribute to one heroic Polish Jew who maintained incredible dignity and humanity in the face of unspeakable events.

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