



Raoul Wallenberg's War

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Synopsis

Raoul Wallenberg could never have imagined that he would end up in the inferno that was Hungary in the autumn of 1944. Even less that he would save the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews, or that he would, half a year later - on January 17 1945 - be taken prisoner by the Soviets and disappear forever.

There are only a few photographs of Wallenberg left from this time, but he is all the more present in the testimony of those whose lives he saved.

Budapest in the autumn and winter of 1944 is the backdrop for what would turn out to be one of the most remarkable and heroic undertakings by a civilian person in the 20th Century.

The film brings to us the moving personal narratives of both those whom Wallenberg saved and who worked for him.

Unique film clips from Hungarian National film and private archives reveal the extent of the horror that struck Hungary's Jewry in the final months of the war and led to the murder of about three-quarters of Hungary's 800,000 Jews.

Following up on his TV series about Sweden's major dynastic families, Gregor Nowinski directed and produced this new documentary in association with Bengt Jangfeldt, Raoul Wallenberg's biographer. The music was specially composed by Wlodek Gulowski and the film was shot and edited by Markus Junghard.