

## Edited

Gakku (Gakku)

Kazakhstan /2011/90 mins/Kazakh, Russian/Colour/DCP

Director Gaziz Nasyrov

DOP Sapar Koichumanov

Editor Bakhtiyar Seitkaziyez

Music

Designer Alim Sabitov

Cast Elzhan Amirkulov, Kairat Kuanywbayev, Mariyam Gaibova, Elvira Yasanina

## Synopsis

Gakku, based on Didar Amantay's novel is a story about two graduates of the faculty of philosophy and economy, whose youth was spent in the years that followed the dissolution of Soviet Union. It's also a story about the generation that was lost between two different eras. The protagonists of the film are Temirlan and Kostya, who share a room in the university dormitory. It is the end of the '90s and the boys have every right to believe that the year 2000 could be the real end of the world. Two young philosophers, they both have their own moral views. But even being philosophers, they still remain two young pals with all the maximalism and dreams attributed to their age. And this story is nothing if not about friendship, love and the hopes of youth that can only happen when you're 20.

## About the director

Gaziz Nasyrov was born in Kazakhstan in 1965. After completing his studies, he became the co-director of the film *Dva Shaga V Somnenii* in 1999 and the writer for the film *Nebolshoe Otstuplenie*, which participated in Locarno Film Festival. The film *Kaladan Kelgen Kyz* (2003), which he also wrote, received the FIPRESCI prize. In 2004 he became co-author of Rustem Abdrashev's film *Ostrov Vozrozhdeniya* (Rebirth Island). He became famous for the 2006 feature film *Zymak Kystary* (The Birds of Paradise), which he co-wrote and co-directed with Talgat Asyrankulov. The film was praised with the Diploma of the Ministry of Culture of Tadjikistan at the International Film Festival - Didori Dushanbe-2. Nasyrov is also co-writer of the scripts for feature films *Seker* (2009) and *Zhas Ulan* (2011). *Gakku* is his first solo work as director.

## Festival Participation/Awards

33 <sup>rd</sup> Moscow International film festival

Production/Sales

JSC "Kazakhfilm Studios", Kazakhstan, Almaty, Al-Farabi street, 176