

MY NAME IS SARA

by Steven Oritt

Genre: Drama, History

Country: USA

Synopsis

Based on the true-life story of a 13 year-old Polish Jew whose entire family was killed by Nazis in September of 1942. After a grueling escape to the Ukrainian countryside, Sara steals her best friend's identity and finds refuge in a small village, where she is taken in by a farmer and his young wife. She soon discovers the dark secrets of her employers' marriage, compounding the greatest secret she must strive to protect, her true identity.

Cast: Zuzanna Surowy, Michalina Olszanska, Eryk Lubos

Cast Bio

Zuzanna Surowy Zuzanna was discovered during an open casting call across 6 cities in Poland where she was chosen from over 650 other amateur actresses. *My Name is Sara* marks her first acting role.

Michalina Olszanska This rising young actress won Best Actress Awards at Minsk IFF and the Czech Film Critics' Awards for her role in *I, Olga Hepnarová* (Berlinale 2016). She also starred in *The Lure* (Sundance 2016) and Netflix' *1983*.

Eryk Lubos Eryk was named Best Actor at the 2012 Karlovy Vary Film Festival, received the Golden Lions Award at the Gdynia Film Festival for supporting role and is a recipient of the Zbigniew Cybulski prize for Best Polish Actor of the Young Generation.

Director's Biography

Steven Oritt began directing music videos and commercials. He then moved into documentaries with his feature-length debut *American Native*, earning three best director/documentary awards on the international film festival circuit, before launching his own production company.

Director's Statement

This is a deeply personal story that was first shared with me in 2014 by the woman who survived it. Her name was Sara Góralnik and for over 50 years, she hid the truth from her own family. Her memories were the basis for my film and while some elements were invented, most were not. I feel extremely grateful to be able to share Sara's story with the world and hope that in doing so, we may shed some light on the darkness of her past.

Crew

Director: Steven Oritt

Written by: David Himmelstein

Producer: Steven Oritt, Justyna Pawlak

Production Company: James Lucy Productions

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Original Title: My Name is Sara | 111' | Shot on Anamorphic Digital | English, Polish OV | USA 2019



LINKS

Trailer: https://medialuna.biz/screeners_detail.asp?screener=my_name_is_sara&type=trailer

WORLD PREMIERE: Giffoni Film Festival

Official Premiere schedule: Sunday July 21st 2019