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SHADOWS OF A HOT SUMMER

FILM BY FRANTIŠEK VLÁČIL

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It's been two years since the Second World War ended. But the Czechoslovak border area is still not safe, as farmer Ondřej Baran (Juraj Kukura), who farms a remote homestead with his wife Tereza (Marta Vančurová) and two children, will find out. A band of partisans want to shoot their way through their land to get to Austria, and they choose Baran's farmhouse as a hideout. The family and the local doctor are taken hostage by five men with murderous intentions, and the stoic protagonist must come up with a way of protecting his loved ones. This ballad-like take from the Beskid Mountains was directed by František Vlácil, based on an idea and script by Jiří Křížan, who returned to the "Eastern", or "Wallachian Western" genre in the film *Je třeba zabít Sekala* (Sekal Has to Die). Zdeněk Liška's music amplifies the slowly tightening plot loops and suffocating atmosphere. Amongst other awards, the film won the Crystal Globe at the 21 st IFF in Karlovy Vary in 1978.

Czechoslovakia 1977 • 104 min. • drama, thriller • DCP & Blu-Ray • accessible

Director	František Vlácil
Screenplay	Jiří Křížan
Photography	Ivan Šlapeta
Set designer	Oldřich Okáč
Editing	Miroslav Hájek
Cast	Juraj Kukura, Marta Vančurová, Gustáv Valach and others

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