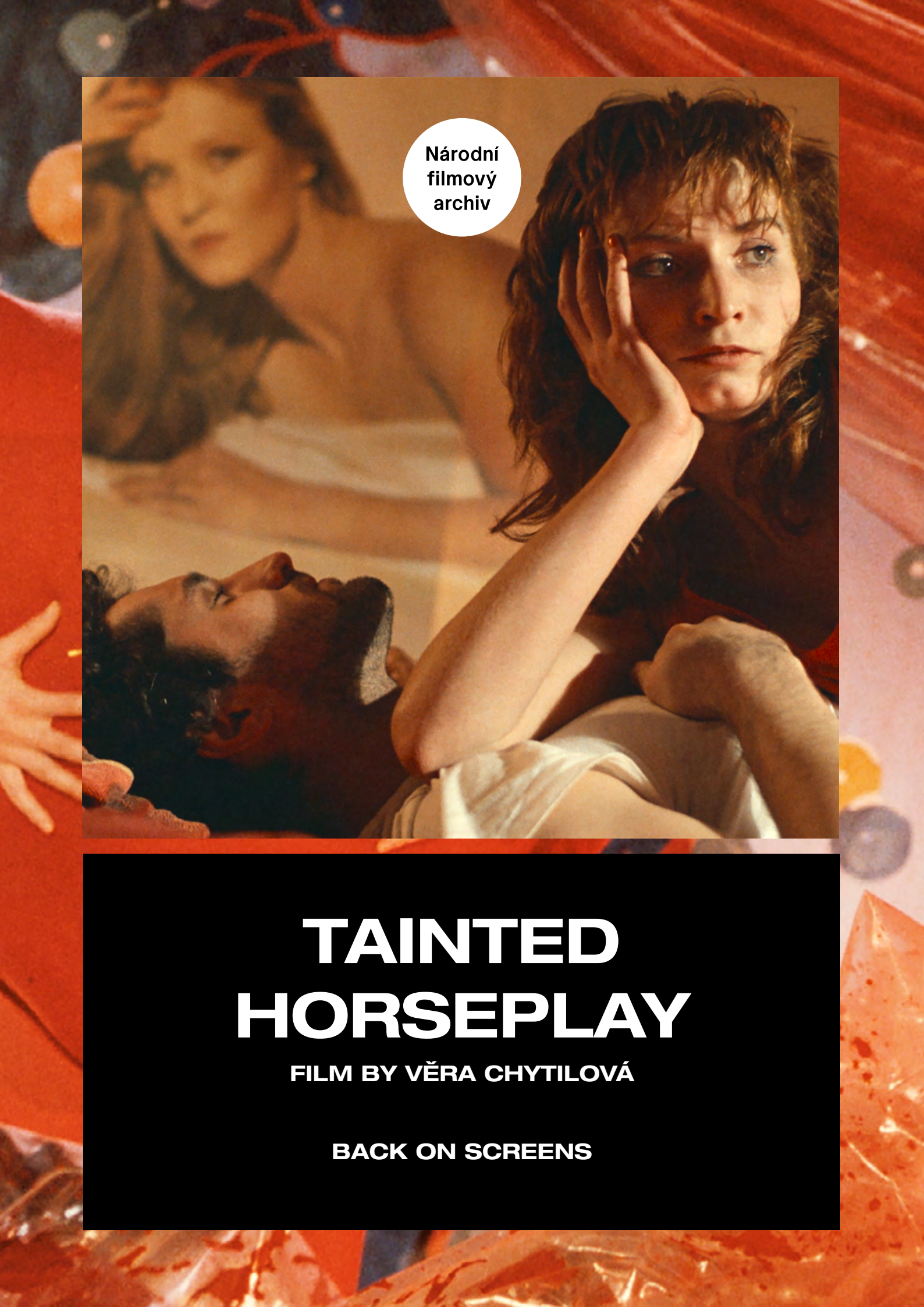




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FILM BY VĚRA CHYTILOVÁ

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The protagonists of Věra Chytilová's caustic character study are financially-secure thirty-somethings who enjoy boozing, getting up to hi-jinks and undertaking no-strings sexual escapades. Inspector Pepe (Tomáš Hanák), vet Dědek (Milan Šteindler) and restaurant manager František (David Vávra) are enjoying their life – until suddenly the impulsive Pepe collapses and ends up in hospital. It transpires that one of the group is HIV positive – and their hitherto joyfully shared promiscuity is replaced by the paranoid collapse of previously friendly relationships.

In this film, Chytilová unequivocally skewers not just the moral decrepitude of the late 1980s, but also the incompatible relationships between men and women, two of the film's core themes. The targets of her condemnation are both the stagnant official structures and the new ostentatiously non-conformist generation beset by boredom, alienation, amorality and spiritual hollowness. Chytilová collaborated with members of Prague's Sklep theatre group, who brought elements of their own distinctive poetic style to the narrative.

Czechoslovakia 1988 • 134 min. • Psychological, tragicomedy, morality • DCP, MP4, Blu-ray • Not suitable for persons under 15 years of age

Director	Věra Chytilová
Screenplay	Věra Chytilová, Pavel Škapík
Photography	Jaroslav Brabec
Set designer	Zbyněk Hloch
Editing	Ivana Kačírková
Cast	Tomáš Hanák, Milan Šteindler, David Vávra, Ivana Kuntová, Tereza Kučerová, Renata Beccerová, Barbora Dlouhá, Chantal Poullain, Josef Kobl, Jiří Bartoška

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