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(BATTLEGROUND)

a film by

# **GIANNI AMELIO**

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loosely based on "LA SFIDA"

by CARLO PATRIARCA publisher BEATBESTSELLER

screenplay GIANNI AMELIO

**ALBERTO TARAGLIO** 

cinematographer LUAN AMELIO UJKAJ music composer FRANCO PIERSANTI

publisher Creazioni Artistiche Musicali C.A.M. S.r.l.

editor SIMONA PAGGI
costume designer LUCA COSTIGLIOLO
production designer BEATRICE SCARPATO

set dresser LIA CANINO

assistant director PAOLO GIACOMO MARINO casting MAURILIO MANGANO camera operator EMANUELE CHIARI ROBERTO PASTORE

hairstylist ELISABETTA DE LEONARDIS

sound recordist EMANUELE CICCONI
boom operator ANDREA COLAIACOMO
sound editor ALESSANDRO FELETTI
sound mixer MARCO FALLONI

VFX CAOS ONLINE / DIGIMAX

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**SARA CONFORTI** 

produced by SIMONE GATTONI

MARCO BELLOCCHIO BEPPE CASCHETTO BRUNO BENETTI

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GIOVANNI SCOTTI SICILIAN SOLDIER

VINCE VIVENZIONEAPOLITAN SOLDIERALBERTO CRACCOSTEFANO'S FATHER

LUCA LAZZARESCHI THE GENERAL

MARIA GRAZIA PLOS NURSE

**RITA BOSELLO** WOMAN AT THE GATE

**featuring** (in alphabetical order)

GIUSEPPE AMELIO

ROBERTA BARBIERO

FRANCESCO BUSOLIN

MICHELE DE PAOLA

CALABRIAN SOLDIER

STEFANO'S SISTER

SOLDIER AT THE GATE

LUCANIAN SOLDIER

LORENZO DELLA PASQUA SOLDIER FROM ROMAGNA

**SAMUEL FANTINI** TUSCAN SOLDIER

MAURIZIO GRASSIA

GIANLUCA GUIZZARDI

LUCA LO DESTRO

NICOLETTA MARAGNO

GIULIO MARONCELLI

RICCARDO MORI

OTHER SICILIAN SOLDIER

SOLDIER FROM MARCHE

SOLDIER FROM MOLISE

SARDINIAN SOLDIER

MATTIA MUSA

SOLDIER FROM VALLE D'AOSTA

PIETRO NALESSO

SOLDIER FROM PIEMONTE

GUIDO RIGATTI HOST

MARCO RIVOLTAMEDICAL OFFICERSABINO ROCIOLASOLDIER FROM PUGLIA

STEFANO SCANDALETTISTEFANO'S BROTHER-IN-LAWSTEFANO SCHERINIOTHER SOLDIER FROM PIEMONTE

MASSIMO SCOLA OFFICER IN A CAR

MARCO SINCINI

SARA STABLUM

GIANLUCA ZACCARIA

GABRIEL ZAMA

CAPTAIN FIRING SQUAD

STEFANO'S NEPHEW

SOLDIER FROM BERGAMO

SOLDIER FROM EMILIA



World War 1 draws to a close.

Two medical officers, childhood friends, work in the same military hospital where every day the most seriously wounded arrive from the front.

Many of them have self-inflicted wounds, they are fakers who would do anything to avoid returning to combat.

Stefano, from an upper-middle-class family, whose father dreams of a future in politics for him, is obsessed with these self-harmers and, as well as being a doctor, he functions, in his own way, as a cop.

Giulio, apparently more understanding and tolerant, is uneasy at the sight of blood and more suited for research, he would have liked to become a biologist.

Anna, friends with both since her university days, pays the price for being a woman. At that time, without an influential family behind her, it was difficult for her to succeed in earning a degree in medicine. But she tackles the hard work with grit and volunteers with the Red Cross.

Meanwhile, something strange is happening among the patients: many mysteriously grow worse. Perhaps someone is causing complications to their wounds on purpose so the soldiers can be sent home, crippled, even mutilated, provided they don't go back into battle.

So there is a saboteur in the hospital; Anna is the first to suspect as much. But at the battlefront, just before the end of the conflict, a kind of infection is spreading that strikes more heavily than enemy weapons. And soon it contaminates the civilian population...

Born in Calabria. After studying Philosophy, he moved to Rome where he began working as an assistant director. He debuted as a film director in 1982 after a lengthy experience in television. He has won numerous international awards, including three EFA prizes for best European film.

## **Essential Filmography**

#### **CINEMA**

2022	IL SIGNORE DELLE FORMICHE (Lord of the Ants)
2020	HAMMAMET (Hammamet)
2017	LA TENEREZZA (Tenerezza - Holding Hands)
2014	FELICE CHI È DIVERSO (Happy To Be Different)
2013	L'INTREPIDO (A Lonely Hero)
2011	IL PRIMO UOMO (Le premier homme - The First Man)
2006	LA STELLA CHE NON C'È (The Missing Star)
2004	LE CHIAVI DI CASA (The Keys to the House)
1998	COSÌ RIDEVANO (The Way We Laughed)
1994	LAMERICA (Lamerica)
1992	IL LADRO DI BAMBINI (Stolen Children)
1990	PORTE APERTE (Open Doors)

COLPIRE AL CUORE (Blow to the Heart)

### **TELEVISION**

1988

1982

2019	PASSATEMPO (Pastime)
2017	CASA D'ALTRI (Someone Else's Home)
2016	REGISTRO DI CLASSE (School Register)
2000	LA TERRA È FATTA COSÌ (So is Our Earth)
	L'ONORE DELLE ARMI (The Honour of the Arms)
1999	POVERI NOI (When we were Poor)
1996	NON È FINITA LA PACE, CIOÈ LA GUERRA (Peace, meaning War, isn't over)
1983	I VELIERI (The Sailing Ships)
1979	IL PICCOLO ARCHIMEDE (Young Archimedes)
	EFFETTI SPECIALI (Special Effects)
1978	LA MORTE AL LAVORO (Death at Work)
1973	LA CITTÀ DEL SOLE (City of the Sun)
1970	LA FINE DEL GIOCO (The End of the Game)

I RAGAZZI DI VIA PANISPERNA (The Boys on Panisperna Street)

## **LITERARY WORKS**

2018	PADRE QUOTIDIANO, novel, <i>Mondadori</i>
2016	POLITEAMA, novel <i>Mondadori</i>
	L'ORA DI REGIA (con Francesco Munzi), Rubbettino
2010	UN FILM CHE SI CHIAMA DESIDERIO, Einaudi
2007	LO SCHERMO DI CARTA, Il Castoro
2004	IL VIZIO DEL CINEMA, Einaudi