


# MUTINY

THE TRUTH SHALL SURFACE

A 7 X 45' MINISERIES  
BASED ON TRUE EVENTS





A compelling 7-part miniseries based on the true events that inspired Tom Clancy's novel ***The Hunt for Red October***

## INTRODUCTION

**Riga, 1975. After an escalating series of events, a Soviet Officer finds himself at the centre of a corrupt regime, prompting him to stage a coup and change the course of history.**

When Valery Spagin is appointed to the Soviet naval ship Storozhevoy as Captain of the Third Rank, he embraces the opportunity to serve his country and vows to uphold its communist ideals. But as he and his family find themselves unwelcome by their new neighbours in Riga and he is exposed to widespread military abuse of power, Spagin is forced to confront his own belief system. With mounting threats from a corrupt political system that puts his existence and others' at risk, Spagin incites a riot aboard the ship, the scale of which becomes much bigger than intended. Unwilling to face international disgrace and permit the ship to fall into hands of the West, the Soviet authorities sink the Storozhevoy together with its crew.

Told from the perspective of both the Occupier and Occupied, Mutiny is a story of humanity and justice at the turn of a totalitarian regime.

## GENRE

War, Drama

## FORMAT

7x 45'

## ORIGINAL RELEASE

April 2024 (Latvia)

## DIRECTED BY

Andrejs Ēķis

## CAST

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## TRAILER

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## THE HISTORICAL EVENT

In 1975 during the Cold war, a fragile geopolitical balance was kept by the constant arms race and total secrecy. The Soviet Union was a grim, stagnating totalitarian state – nothing near to socialism ideals of justice and equality.

### A FORGOTTEN STAND AGAINST THE KREMLIN: MUTINY ON THE “STOROZHEVOY”

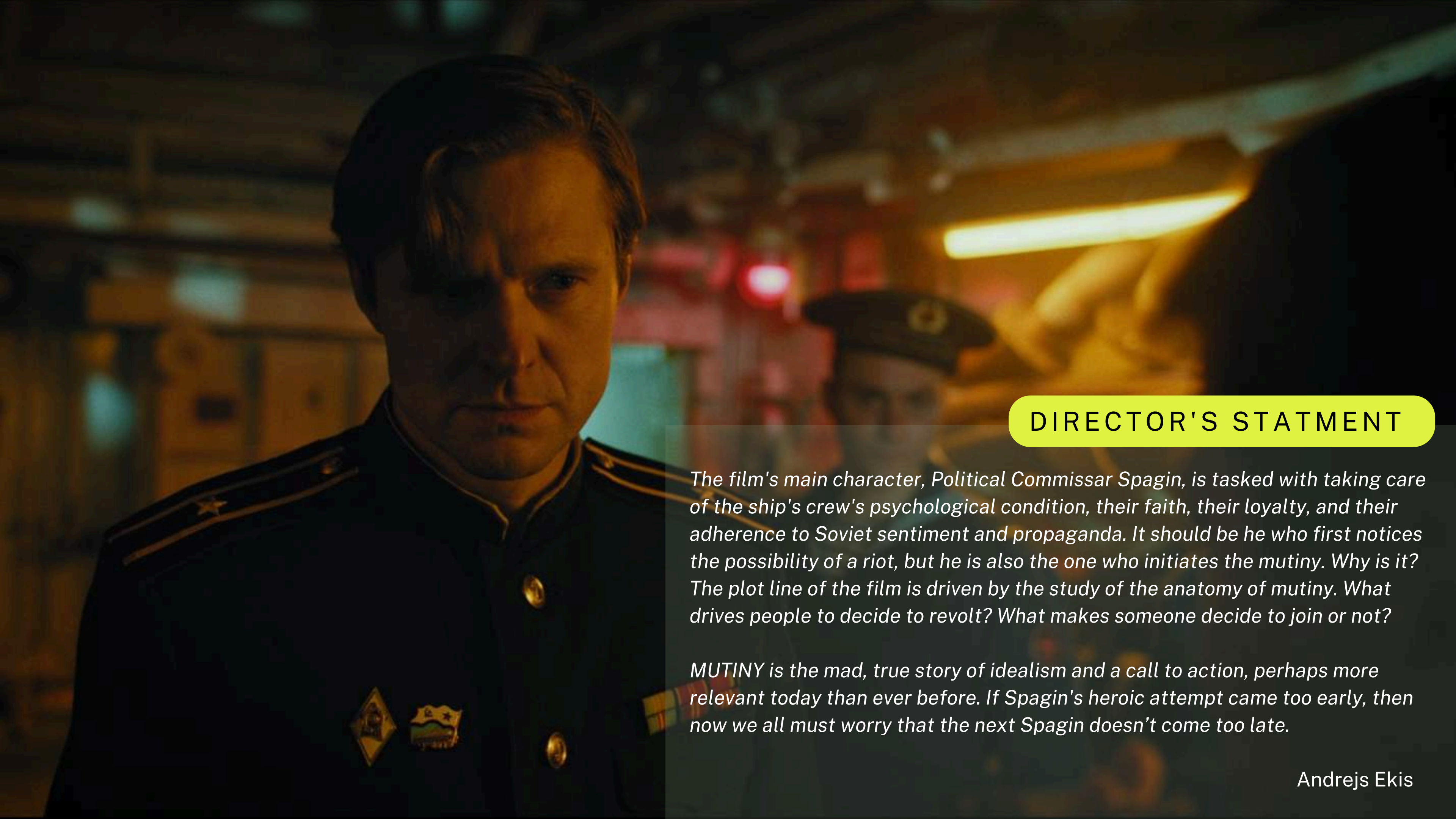
in November 1975, on-board the state-of-the-art Soviet frigate Storozhevoy, a mutiny was incited by the ship's political commissar, Captain of the Third Rank Valery Sablin, as a protest against the rampant corruption of the Leonid Brezhnev era.

Sablin was able to convince half of the crew to hijack the frigate from Riga harbour and head to Leningrad. The other half of the crew, including the Captain, were locked up. According to Sablin's plan, the frigate would broadcast a radio message on all channels to wake up the sleeping nation for a revolution. When Soviet radars spotted the ship's departure from the port of Riga towards Sweden, they acted immediately. The possibility of losing something this valuable to a rival country was not an option for the Soviet leadership. An order to sink the ship was issued.

On August 3, 1976, Valery Sablin was charged with betraying the nation and executed.







## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

*The film's main character, Political Commissar Spagin, is tasked with taking care of the ship's crew's psychological condition, their faith, their loyalty, and their adherence to Soviet sentiment and propaganda. It should be he who first notices the possibility of a riot, but he is also the one who initiates the mutiny. Why is it? The plot line of the film is driven by the study of the anatomy of mutiny. What drives people to decide to revolt? What makes someone decide to join or not?*

*MUTINY is the mad, true story of idealism and a call to action, perhaps more relevant today than ever before. If Spagin's heroic attempt came too early, then now we all must worry that the next Spagin doesn't come too late.*

Andrejs Ekis

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