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Russia/Germany
2002
Russian with
English subtitles
Dolby Digital 2.0
Colour
96 minutes
ART 256 DVD

Special Features

'Making of'
documentary
Hubert Robert,
A Fortunate Life –
documentary film by
Alexander Sokurov
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Studios

Theatrical trailer

Sergei Dreiden
Maria Kuznetsova
Leonid Mozgovy
Mikhail Piotrovsky

A groundbreaking feat of filmmaking, Alexander Sokurov's amazing journey through 300 years of Russian art and history is the first ever feature to be shot in a single, unedited take – the ultimate director's cut. Magically transported to St Petersburg's Hermitage museum in the early 1700s, a contemporary filmmaker and a cynical 19th Century French diplomat become accomplices in an extraordinary voyage through Russia's turbulent past to the present day. As they explore the splendid corridors and salons of the Palace, the two men witness prominent historical figures enacting startling scenes from the Tsarist Empire. Digitally shot with a state-of-the-art high definition steadicam and featuring a masterfully orchestrated cast of 2,000, 'Russian Ark' is destined to stand as a defining moment in cinema history.



Alexander Sokurov

Russian Ark

★★★★★ 'This truly is poetry in motion. Anyone with an eye for beauty, a yearning for the past or a passion for pure cinema is going to be spellbound' Empire

'Magnificent... A film like no other... Proof that cinema's a miracle' The Sunday Times

★★★★★ 'Breathtaking... a cinematic love letter to the Hermitage museum' The Guardian

Director, Visual Concept &
Principal Image Design
Alexander Sokurov

Script
Alexander Sokurov, Anatoly Nikiforov

Dialogue
Alexander Sokurov, Boris Khaimsky, Svetlana Proskurina

DoP, Steadicam Operator
Tilman Büttner

Produced by
Andrey Deryabin, Jens Meuer, Karsten Stöter

Produced by The Hermitage Bridge Studio (St Petersburg) & Egoli Tossell Film AG (Berlin).

Co-produced by KOPP MEDIA, WDR/ARTE, FORA FILM M, AST Studio & NHK.



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A film by Alexander Sokurov

Russian Ark

★★★★★ A miraculous work;
I cannot remember ever
being so enchanted by a movie'
Roger Clarke, The Independent



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