



STRANGLERED (A martfüi rém)

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Season
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Release: 2017

Cert (UK): 18

Country: Hungary

Language: Hungarian with English Subtitles

Runtime: 1 hour 41 mins

Director: Arpad Sopsits

Writer: Arpad Sopsits

Cinematographer: Gábor Szabó

Cast: Károly Hajduk, Gábor Jászberényi, Zsolt Anger



Based on real-life events, this psycho-thriller is set in the provincial Hungary of the 1960s, when a series of atrocious murders shock the small town of Martfü. A psychotic killer is on the prowl, who continues to slaughter young women while an innocent man is wrongly accused and sentenced for crimes he could never have committed.

A determined detective arrives on the scene and soon becomes obsessed with the case while under pressure from the prosecutor to see a man hang. Stuck in the suffocating social, political and psychological world of communist Hungary, we soon find ourselves entangled in a web of intricate conspiracy and disturbing drama.

There's some classy cinematography, lots of noir-style shadows and the novel setting — communist provincial Hungary in the Fifties and Sixties — adds a layer of Eastern Bloc intrigue and corruption to the predicament of the suspect who is falsely imprisoned for the first murder.

This is only the fourth film by Árpád Sopsits - the director - since 1989, though he is well known as a stage director and has made many short films. They have all done well on the festival circuit but he is yet to break through to the big time.

'A robust, atmospheric suspense thriller that shows how politics and personal ambition can have a toxic effect on justice' - Stephen Dalton, Hollywood Reporter.

