



## PROJECT TITLE: CYRIL AND METHODIUS (CZECH REPUBLIC)

### LOGLINE

This is an adventurous documentary drama (serial/movie) about the legacy and lives of Cyril and Methodius two Byzantine Greek brothers credited with devising of the Glagolitic alphabet, the first alphabet used to transcribe Old Church Slavonic, who received the title "Apostles to the Slavs" and "equal-to-apostles".

### CREDITS

**Director:** Petr Nikolaev

**Scriptwriters:** P. Hudský, M. Osčatka, M. Vaic

**Production Company:** Three Brothers, s.r.o., Czech Television

**Producer:** Viktor Kristof

**Total Budget:** €1.800.000

**Secured Financing:** €1.600.000

**Percentage of Secured Financing:** 83%

### SYNOPSIS

Cyril and Methodius were **two Byzantine Greek brothers** born in the 9th century. They became missionaries of Christianity. They influenced the cultural development of all Slavs and **received the title "Apostles to the Slavs"**. They are credited with devising the **Glagolitic alphabet**, the first alphabet used to transcribe Old Church Slavonic. They are venerated in the Orthodox Church as saints with the title of **"equal-to-apostles"**. Pope Leo XIII introduced their feast into the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church and **Pope John Paul II declared them co-patron saints of Europe**. In 2013 the Christians and many Europeans will celebrate the **1150th Anniversary**. For this occasion we want to shoot a cinema docu-drama, which will map their lives. The uniqueness lies in **the cooperation between Ortodox and Catholic Church**, despite their very divergent religious opinions on the history they decided to use this opportunity to **bring hundreds of millions** Christian together and to find an ecumenical solution.

### DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This project is an amazing opportunity to lit light on a topic **taboo** between **Catholics** and **Orthodox Christians**. I have had some dealings with representatives of both churches and they expressed their wish to shoot a documentary or a film. It lead into a meeting of the heads of both churches, where **Dominic Duka** (Archbishop of Prague) and **His Beatitude Metropolitan Krystof**, primate of the Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia have agreed on a joint project, which should put aside the historical differences and focus on the ecumenical content. The project is almost ready to be shot and the quality is ensured by nominated committee which is represented by scientists from churches, historians. Cyril and Methodius is a docu-drama, which will pitch out the most thrilling parts of the story using the combination of movie-like historical scenes aprox. 75%, "living map" aprox 10% and a narrator aprox. 15%. This docu-drama is aimed on **all Christians** starting with **1100 millions** of **Catholics** and **250 millions** of **Ortodox**, the entire central and Eastern Europe. This project was also introduced to His **All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW** (Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch) who has given it his "ave".

This film bears a very strong theme, which **outreaches the Czech borders** and it is a non-recurring chance to attract international audience. It is also an opportunity to show, that religious differences are important, but more important are the **similarities**.



## DIRECTOR'S PROFILE AND FILMOGRAPHY

### Director filmography

2011 Lidice (Cinema movie)  
2010 Klub osamelých srdcí (TV movie)  
2009 Jménem krále (Cinema movie)  
2009 Proc bychom se netopili (TV series)  
2007 ...a bude hur (Cinema movie)  
2006-2007 Eden (TV series)  
2005 Kousek nebe (Cinema movie)  
2002 Cerná slečna slečna Cerná (TV movie)  
2001 Vlci ve meste (TV movie)  
2001 Chaos (TV documentary)  
1997 Báječná léta pod psa (Cinema movie)  
1994 Mesíční údolí (Cinema movie)  
1980 Praga kaput regni (documentary short)

## COMPANY PROFILE

Three Brothers, s.r.o. (founded in 1991) focuses on creating films exclusively with historical content for TV and cinema. This specialization has allowed them to become extremely conscience of historical accuracy and continuity. Teaming up with the most talented, first-class authors, actors and directors they have worked to co-produce **more than 85 projects** for companies such as: **ZDF, ARD, ARTE, BBC, and The Discovery Channel**. They have also produced **4 cinema movies** and many video clips (Night Wish). Important Projects we have participated at: Dungeons and Dragons, Joan of Arc, Dune, Nomad, Knight's Tale, Avalon, Blade II., The children of Dune, League of extraordinary gentleman, Van Helsing, Hellboy, Doom 3, Narnia - Princ Kaspian, Die Papstin, Henry IV, Anonymous, Borgias, Black Death etc. .

Website: [www.historicalmovie.com](http://www.historicalmovie.com)

### Producer's recent filmography

2009 In The Name of The King (Movie)  
2009 Little Knights' Tale (Movie/TV serial)  
2008 Ice age (ZDF/ARTE)  
2008 Explorer (ZDF)  
2008 The Varus battle (ZDF/ARTE)