



KOKO'S NEW ADVENTURE

THE MYSTERIOUS BOY



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*His secret will become
their adventure*

feature film

adventure, family

88 min, 2013

**adapted from the novel by Ivan Kušan
Zagonetni dječak (The Mysterious Boy)**

director Dražen Žarković

The Mysterious Boy is a story about a witty and resourceful fourteen-year-old Koko, who solves yet another mystery – aided by his friends. One of them, Tomo, has recently moved to the city and longs for adventure. The boys notice that their new classmate acts curiously. Step by step, joined by their classmate Marijana, they unveil the boy's dark secret.

But are Koko and his mates up to the challenge? Will their meddling put their friendship to trial?

Is the revelation more than they have bargained for?



CAST

Antonio Parač, Karlo Maloča, Toma Budanko,
Vanja Markovinović, Filip Ružić, Nina Mileta,
Kristian Bonačić

CREW

DIRECTOR: Dražen Žarković
SCREENWRITER: Hana Jušić
CO-WRITERS: Dražen Žarković, Daniel Kušan
PRODUCER: Ankica Jurić Tilić
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Mario Sablić
COMPOSER: Dinko Appelt
EDITOR: Slaven Zečević
SOUND DESIGNER: Dubravka Premar
SET DESIGNER: Ivan Veljača
COSTUME DESIGNER: Emina Kušan

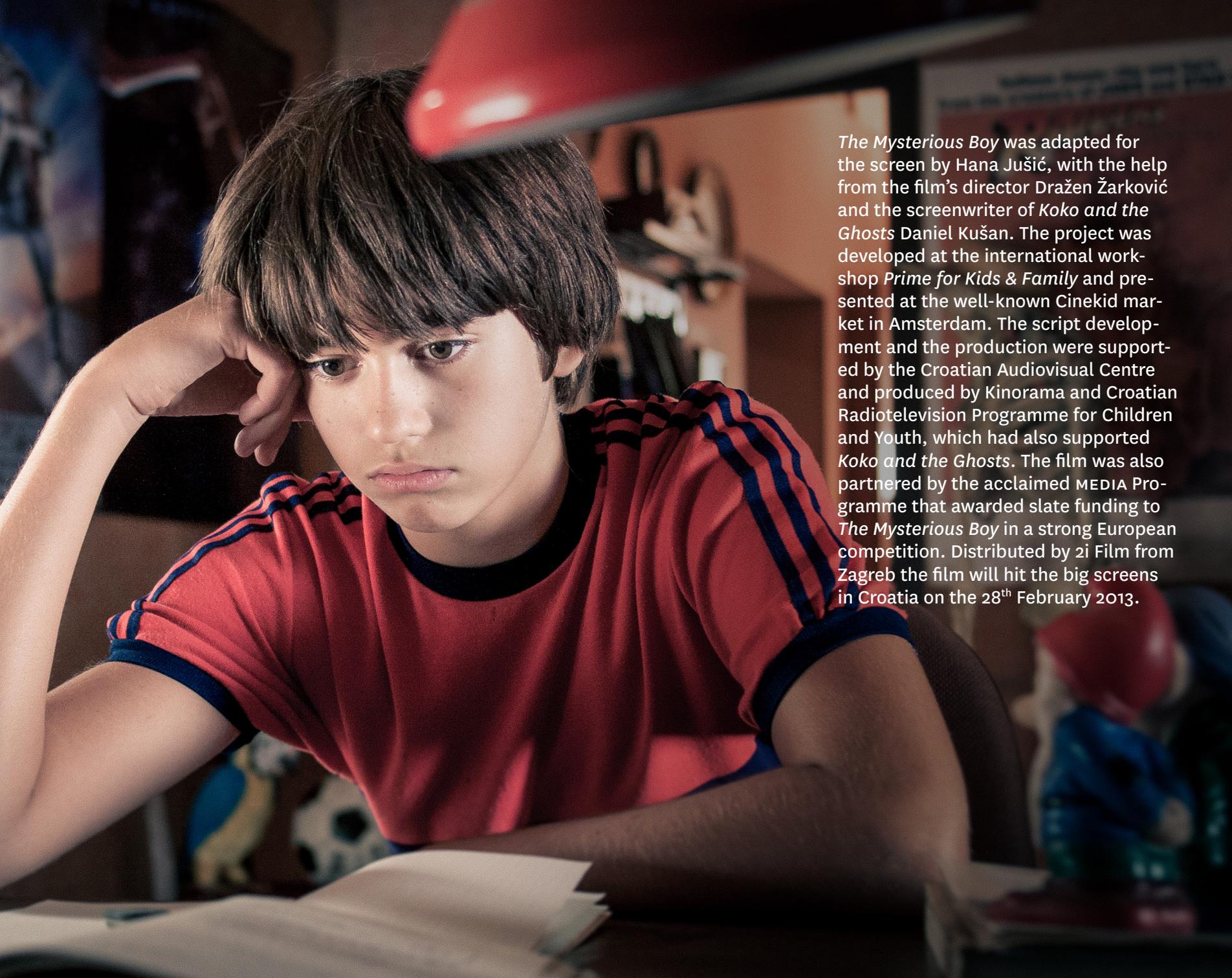
PRODUCTION: Kinorama & HRT
DISTRIBUTION: 2i Film



The Mysterious Boy is the second in a series of film adaptations of Ivan Kušan's novels for children. The first film *Koko and the Ghosts* was a hit last year with over 86 thousand viewers and thirty-odd film festival appearances all over the

world. The authors of the serial are making two more films: *Love and Death*, an intriguing story in which Koko and his friends have to solve a riddle beside the detective riddle, and more poignant than the first – love. The other is *The Mystery of Green Hill*, a prequel

to *Koko and the Ghosts*, taking our protagonists back to their native place called *Zeleti Vrh (Green Hill)* as they try to catch the thieves stealing from locals at night.



The Mysterious Boy was adapted for the screen by Hana Jušić, with the help from the film's director Dražen Žarković and the screenwriter of *Koko and the Ghosts* Daniel Kušan. The project was developed at the international workshop *Prime for Kids & Family* and presented at the well-known Cinekid market in Amsterdam. The script development and the production were supported by the Croatian Audiovisual Centre and produced by Kinorama and Croatian Radiotelevision Programme for Children and Youth, which had also supported *Koko and the Ghosts*. The film was also partnered by the acclaimed MEDIA Programme that awarded slate funding to *The Mysterious Boy* in a strong European competition. Distributed by 2i Film from Zagreb the film will hit the big screens in Croatia on the 28th February 2013.



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