



# VITA NOVA – ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

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## FILM OVERVIEW

**Title:** *Vita Nova*

**Format:** Animated Short Film

**Runtime:** 7 minutes 20 seconds

**Genre:** Drama, Animated, Psychological

**Country of Origin:** Ukraine

**Language:** English

**Creator & Director:** Dmytro Zavora

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## LOGLINE

A grieving man enters a pharmacy for poison but finds a reason to live.

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## SYNOPSIS

A man in post-WWII Germany walks into a pharmacy to buy poison. It's a tough decision—full of uncertainty, regret, and buried emotion. He reflects on a life disrupted by war and imprisonment, struggling to find meaning in a world that has moved on without him. Fleeting memories—moments of joy—begin to surface.

Will they tip the scales?

*Vita Nova* is a Ukrainian CGI short film based on the short story “*Apotheke Vita Nova*” by Josef Reding. The film explores grief, guilt, and the fragile emergence of hope. Created with expressive motion capture, meticulous 3D animation, and powerful visual storytelling, *Vita Nova* speaks without excess—delivering a poetic meditation on survival and redemption.

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## MEANING

***Vita Nova*** – Latin: “*New Life*”

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## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

"I wanted to explore one of the hardest questions a human can face: whether or not life is still worth living after everything has been lost. *Vita Nova* is a visual poem, where silence speaks louder than words. It's a deeply personal work for me—created almost entirely solo—blending my background in VFX and CGI with emotional storytelling. At its heart, this is about rediscovering a reason to go on."

— *Dmytro Zavora*

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## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Official Selection** – Myrtle Beach International Film Festival 2025
  - **Winner – Best Animation** – Matera International Film Festival (Italy)
  - **Winner** – Tennessee International Indie Film Festival
  - **Winner** – BLASTOFF Film Festival
  - **Winner** – Santa Clarita International Film Festival
  - **Official Selection** – London Global Film Awards
  - **Official Selection** – Vienna International Film Awards
  - **Official Selection** – Orlando International Film Festival
  - **Official Selection** – RED Movie Awards
  - **Finalist** – San Benedetto Film Fest
  - **Finalist** – ARFF Amsterdam
  - **Finalist** – Stafford Film Festival
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## TRAILER

Watch the official trailer:

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5TH0UEuhk4>

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## DIRECTOR BIO

**Dmytro Zavora** is an award-winning filmmaker, animator, and VFX artist from Ukraine. With a background in both independent filmmaking and Hollywood-level visual effects, Zavora creates works that combine emotional depth with advanced technical craft. *Vita Nova* is his most personal film to date—crafted almost entirely solo, blending powerful narrative, classical inspiration, and modern CGI artistry.

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## PRESS & CONTACT

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