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VACLAV LIVING IN FREEDOM HAVEL

THE FIRST DOCUMENTARY PRESENTING
A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE REMARKABLE
STORY OF THE PLAYWRIGHT, POLITICIAN
AND FREEDOM FIGHTER VACLAV HAVEL



DOCUMENTARY

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THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY FILM DEPICTING THE ENTIRE LIFE OF A GREAT EUROPEAN AND HIS CHEQUERED LIFE: FAMILY, CHILDHOOD, HIS LOVES, HIS WORK AS A PLAYWRIGHT AND ESSAYIST AND ALSO POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. VACLAV HAVEL IS SHOWN IN ALL HIS LIFE'S PHASES AND ROLES: AS AN INTELLECTUAL REBEL, A LOVER OF WOMEN AND LIFE, AN ADMIRER OF THE UNDERGROUND SCENE AND ROCK MUSICIANS, A REVOLUTIONARY, PRESIDENT AND FILM DIRECTOR; AS A MAN WHO WAS ABLE TO BE FREE AT EVERY STAGE OF HIS LIFE, WHETHER AS A DISSIDENT IN PRISON OR AS PRESIDENT IN PRAGUE CASTLE.



AS VACLAV HAVEL HIMSELF SAYS: IT IS A UNIQUE STORY THAT HAS TINGES OF ABSURDITY, FAIRY TALE, TRAGEDY AND COMEDY.



THE PRINCIPAL NARRATOR OF THIS COLOURFUL STORY IS VACLAV HAVEL HIMSELF, DESCRIBING AND MEDITATING ON HIS FATE AND HIS LIFE'S WORK. HIS NARRATION WAS PUT TOGETHER BY THE DIRECTOR ANDREA SEDLACKOVA, DRAWING ON CZECH AND INTERNATIONAL SOURCES AND UNIQUE AUDIO AND VIDEO ARCHIVE MATERIALS, INCLUDING FAMILY AND PRIVATE ARCHIVES, MANY AS YET UNPUBLISHED, AND ADDING HER OWN COMMENTARY.

