

Film idea from Ljubljana - "Holy places"

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One of the proposed ideas from our side is to do a film about 'Holy Places' of different religions which have certain importance or extraordinary role for religious / or non religious people / in their sacred or profane, personal or social life. Also in this context we can include different with religion connected curiosities - as maybe 'holy people', miracles, etc ...

Among the holy places we can count in also different 'pilgrimage roads' and holy places or icons that believers come to praise and also construct different rituals and ideas around it.

Some of the Catholic pilgrimage centers in Slovenia are Brezje, Ptujška Gora, Sveta Gora, ...

- 'Brezje' in Slovenia is a famous pilgrimage point, where each year Catholics gather to give praise to the picture of Mary - Mother of God, painted by Leopold Layer in 1814.

Also other pilgrimage centers in Slovenia are Sveta Gora near Gorica nad Ptujška Gora near Ptuj.

There are also options to film Međugorje in Bosnia, which is one of the biggest European Catholic pilgrimage centers. The story about appearances of Blessed Virgin Mary provided by Sandi from Mostar:

Medugorje On the afternoon of June 24, 1981, two girls, Ivanka Ivankovic (15) and Marijana Dragicevic (16), from the Bijakovici section of Medugorje were returning home from a walk. Looking towards the hill called Crnica, Ivanka saw a bright silhouette of a woman. She said to Mirjana, "It is the Gospa!" (Our Lady). Marijana would not look and they both ran off in fear. That evening around 6:00 PM they returned with four others. They all saw her on the hill above. That evening, their families and friends laughed at them thinking it was some kind of child's prank. On June 25, the following day, there were the two girls and four others: Vicka Ivankovic (16), and Ivan Dragicevic (16), who were present at the second apparition of June 24, plus Maria Pavlovic (16), and Jakov Colo who came for the first time. The white figure on the hill beckoned them to approach. The six seers were seen to run up the hill so fast that it was as if they had been carried up the hill by some mysterious force. Since that day, thirteen years ago, the Blessed Virgin Mary has continued to appear to the children almost every day, and sometimes more than once a day. As part of our Lady's appearances, she has promised to give ten secrets to each of the seers. After the apparitions have ended, the secrets will be revealed to the world. The third secret concerns a visible sign that will be left on the hill as a proof of her visitations. On Christmas of 1982, Mirjana received the tenth secret, with the announcement that the apparitions would end for her, and on May 6th & 7th, 1985, the same happened to Ivanka. However, the Blessed Virgin promised each of them that she would appear to them once yearly: for Mirjana, on her birthday, March 18th, and also when circumstances require it; for Ivanka, on the anniversary day of the first apparitions on the hill, June 25th. Mirjana received special apparitions in August, 1984 to help her prepare to reveal the secrets to a Priest. The messages of our Lady can be summed up in a few words: conversion, faith, prayer, fasting, peace and reconciliation.

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