

Watch Three Free Films About Russian and Soviet Life

Stage Russia is offering some free entertainment this weekend.

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Still from "Rezo" **YouTube**

This weekend Stage Russia has joined up with Russian Life magazine, Russian and Georgian filmmakers, plus libraries and universities around the world to offer three films for free livestreaming this weekend. One is available to everyone; two are available free to people with library cards or student/teacher IDs at participating institutions.

"Resilience"

In 1917, Russia was wracked by revolution, famine, war and unrest. And yet, all during that year children were born and raised. Resilience is a film about seven of those children, 100 years later, and their remarkable life stories. This short film (about 30 minutes) can be seen anywhere in the world, no restrictions, July 30 to Aug. 2.

"Podstrochnik"

Lilianna Lungina, a revered Russian translator, analyzes the major events of 20th century Russia through the prism of her own life. Oleg Dorman's brilliant film, which became a sensation when finally released over four nights on Russian television in 2009, is at once heartfelt and unsentimental — an unparalleled tribute to a lost world. A 15-part miniseries available with a public library card at participating public libraries via our partner Kanopy Streaming.

"Rezo"

The rich inner world of the renowned Georgian screenwriter, artist and puppeteer Rezo Gabriadze is as fantastic as the animation into which he has poured this story of his life. Rezo's director son, Leo Gabriadze, leaves it to his father to talk about a life suffused with magical thinking. The movie is an autobiographical animated documentary questioning ideas of deep humanity, kindness and survival during the uneasy times after World War II. Available with a public library card at participating public libraries via our partner Kanopy Streaming.

To see these films, go to [Stage Russia](#) this weekend.

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