

ULTRA

(the title refers on ultra running, that means a 200+ km or more than 24h hour continuous running)

Logline

How far you have to go to get closer to yourself?

Synopsis

Year by year runners from around the world participate in one of the most prestigious and challenging of races, the Spartathlon. A historic distance of 246 km from Athens to Sparta within 36 hours. The protagonists all have their own personal reasons for joining the extreme run. None of them knows if they will ever be able to fulfill but they do know, that it is crucial for them to try and maybe reach the impossible. They are everyday athletes who test their limits, heal their souls and release their demons.

ULTRA is a unique journey into the pasts, hearts and minds of runners embraced by the running director. The Hungarian director, Balazs Simonyi, who has finished the race four times, tells a touching human drama about the runners and their universe of cathartic self-discoveries, voluntary suffering, and hypnotic state of mind, punctuated at times with humour. A real first-hand experience, a unique insight from an unknown world.

Track record (2013-2017)

The story was developed with the help of **Nipkow Program Berlin**, **EDN Docs in Thessaloniki**. The project was selected for **DOK Incubator**, **Sarajevo Docu Rough Cut Boutique** and **WEMW - LastStopTrieste** for tutoring the editing process.

Teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fv78cXiWoo>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ultradocumentary>

Director

Balazs Simonyi

Country of origin

Hungary, Greece

Film release

2017 spring (in cinemas, festivals, online and broadcast)

Estimated length

83' cinema; 52' TV

Producer

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(editor of Queen of Silence and Drifter; German Camera Award 2015 for Best Editing)

Camera

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