

**NO DREAM  
IS TOO BIG**

# **BIG DREAMS**

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### PLAY TRAILER

Official trailer for  
the movie Big Dreams



### PLAY THE SCENE

"No one is more than the team..."  
A scene from a movie Big Dreams



### PLAY THE REACTION

The wonderful reaction of  
children at Zlin Film Festival 2023



### PLAY TEASER

Official teaser for  
the movie Big Dreams



### PLAY BEHIND THE SCENES

Behind the scenes of the summer  
filming of the movie Big Dreams



### PLAY FIRST CLAP

The first clap of the  
movie Big Dreams

# FILM INTRODUCTION

The family movie „Big Dreams“ interconnects with themes such as children’s dreams, adventures, friendship, love, and heroism. With an authentic Czech summer atmosphere and a fresh spirit, „Big Dreams“ reminds of some of Spielberg’s depictions of childhood.

This touching film, based on a true story, takes the viewer back to year 1998, when a group of enthusiastic, disparate, underestimated and sometimes bullied kids decided to realize their dream: „To shine and earn respect from their parents, peers and in their surroundings as a whole.“

However, „Big Dreams“ is much more than just a story about hockey. Its main message is to remind families and close communities that children’s dreams can take various forms and to show how important it is for those closest to support children’s dreams. The film encourages children not only to participate in sports and cooperate in a team but also shows that it’s essential not to give up after the first failure, because it’s always possible to overcome and resolve obstacles, which not only the young heroes of the film struggle with at school, at home, and even amongst themselves.

The exciting and moving family story with a happy ending, amplified by David Bowie’s song „Heroes,“ inspires and appeals to viewers of all age groups, creating emotional connectivity with the characters, who are accessible and authentic. „Big Dreams - Children of Nagano“ is an authentic, inspiring, emotional, family movie that captivates with its universal message, making it attractive for a wide family audience.

## INFO

Family film / 2023 / 102 min.

### DIRECTOR, SCREENPLAY

Dan Pánek

### CINEMATOGRAPHY

David Ployhar

### MUSIC

Jiří Hájek

### CAST

Tom Brenton, Hynek Čermák, Klára Issová, Johana Racková, Otakar Brousek Jr., Pavel Batěk, Taťjana Medvecká, Fabián Šetlík, Simona Babčáková, Honza Dědek, Štěpánka Fingerhutová, Dominik Hašek, Slavomír Lener, Jana Bernášková, Tomáš Havlínek, Petr Vršek, and others.



# MOVIE CONTENT

**In 1998, the Olympic ice hockey tournament of the century is peaking in Nagano, Japan. The whole Czech Republic is watching the games of the Czech team on TV, including teachers, who are watching TV with the students directly in the classrooms.**

**The victory of the Czech team sparks collective madness, joy and a revival of national pride. Small children dream of becoming the next Jaromír Jágr or Dominik Hašek. Among them is eleven-year-old Dom. An eleven-year-old dreamer and sadly a boy from a broken family. He looks up to his idol, the famous ice hockey goalie Dominik Hašek, and dreams of becoming just like him.**

At the beginning of the summer, Dom announces his wish to his family. His stepfather, who has always strongly preferred his own son, mocks him. Dom's mother explains to him that they do not have enough finances to buy the equipment or to drive him to the ice rink. Both also doubt Dom's abilities not only in sports but also in school, where Dom is not performing well.

Despite these obstacles, Dom does not give up on his dream. After the advice and great support received from his grandfather, Dom with his friend Honza, forms a street hockey team made up of heterogeneous and similarly underestimated children. They name it „Sabres“, just like Hašek's home club in Buffalo. With a tennis ball and poor-quality hockey sticks, without gear or experience, they begin to play hockey on the street. Initially lacking self-confidence, the team has only one dream – to defeat the older arrogant boys from the neighboring village who bully Dom and other children, not only in school.

After an initial debacle and disappointment, the team avoids falling apart thanks to Karel, who is Honza's father and also a former professional hockey player. Coach Karel delivers one of the main messages of the movie to the children: „No one is more than the team.“ During the training with Karel, the children gradually realize that team cooperation is key not only in sports but in life in general. Because of this, they support each other in solving problems at home and in school, preparing for the rematch with the bullies.

The decisive confrontation is full of emotions, tension, surprising twists, and authenticity. The spectators and Dom's parents know that this village match means much more than just a game. It's about victory, about respect, and also about the first kiss from a classmate. „Big Dreams - Children of Nagano“ is a film that connects generations and offers a universal story about growing up, friendship, and fulfilling dreams.



# THE MAIN SONG OF THE MOVIE

The main song of the film is the world-famous song **HEROES** by **David Bowie**. The role of this song was key for the creators of the film „Children of Nagano“. According to the director and screenwriter **Dan Pánek**, the song „Heroes“ is an integral part of the film „Children of Nagano“.

„This track has accompanied me from the very beginning of writing the script to everyday filming,“ Pánek describes. „Paradoxically, even though it’s just a sports event, from a certain perspective it’s one of the important milestones of the 20th century. The period around Nagano was actually the only period since the 1989 revolution when the whole nation was truly together,“ says the famous Czech singer **Vojtěch Dyk**, who recorded a new version of the song “Heroes”. Two days after the film’s premiere, Universal also released the entire soundtrack of Children of Nagano.



THE SONG „HEROES“ BY DAVID BOWIE PERFORMED BY VOJTA DYK



OFFICIAL SOUNDTRACK FOR THE MOVIE **BIG DREAMS** BY COMPOSER **JIŘÍ HÁJEK**, RECORDED BY THE SCORE ORCHESTRA



# THE MESSAGE OF THE MOVIE



THE MOTTO OF THE FILM IS: „NO DREAM IS TOO BIG“ AND REFERS TO THE FACT THAT EVEN OUTSIDERS WHO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS, AND ARE OVERCOMING OBSTACLES CAN MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE.

IN THE AUTHENTIC ATMOSPHERE OF THE 90S, THE FILM CONVEYS A MESSAGE ABOUT INSPIRATION, FRIENDSHIP, AND ALSO A DESIRE FOR FULFILLED LOVE.

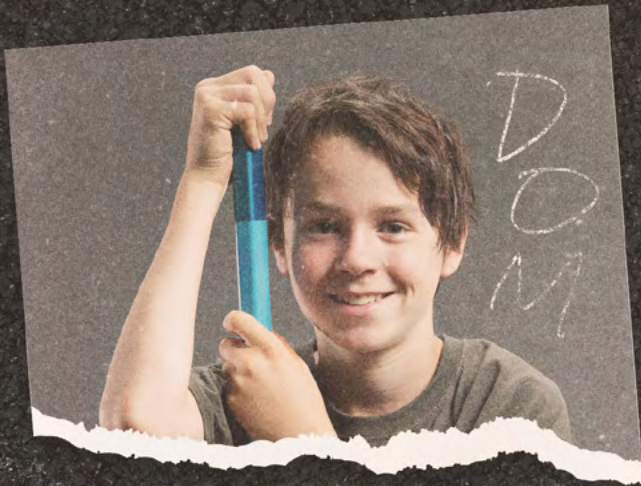
CHILDREN'S DREAMS TAKE MANY FORMS, AND ABOVE ALL, THE FAMILY SHOULD SUPPORT CHILDREN AND THEIR DREAMS.

TEAM COOPERATION IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THANKS TO IT THE WEAKER, UNDERESTIMATED, AND BULLIED CAN DEFEAT THE STRONGER.

AFTER FAILURE, IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO GIVE UP AND TO FIND A NEW OR BETTER WAY TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES.

THE FAMILY SHOULD SUPPORT CHILDREN'S ACTIVE MOVEMENT AND SPORTS.

# MAIN CHARACTERS AND THEIR STORY



## DOM

11 years old is an outsider, underrated at home with academic issues at school. He lives with his mother, stepfather, and half-brother, whom his stepfather always favors. They recently moved from Prague to the countryside, so he's not popular at school either. His best friend is Honza Dvořák – known as Dvořka. The main character, who has never stood out in sports, among classmates or in his family, is trying to shine. Dom is not afraid to dream big dreams. His goal is to gain recognition and a kiss from Káťa, the most beautiful girl in class.



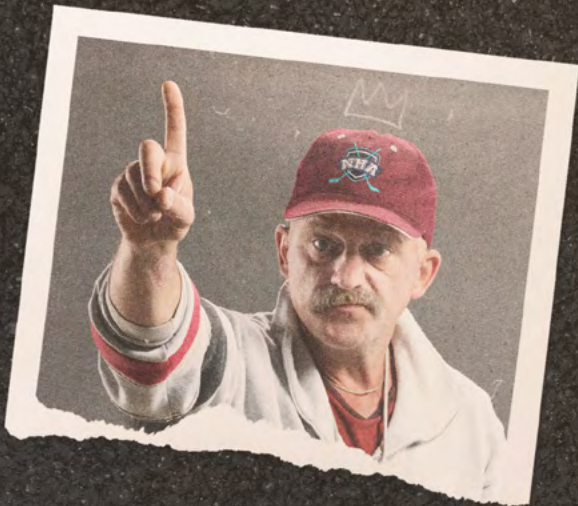
## KÁŤA

11 years old, is the secret love of the main character, Dom, and primarily gives him the motivation for him to achieve something remarkable. Káťa is among the top students in her class. She always looks shy and full of mysteries. She lives with her father in poor conditions.



## DVOŘKA

11 years old, is Dom's best friend. You can always count on him. He faithfully supports Dom in all their antics and follows him in his journey towards his dreams. He is also the son of the former professional hockey player Karel Dvořák. He has a younger brother Aleš and an older sister Petra. His role model is Jaromír Jágr.



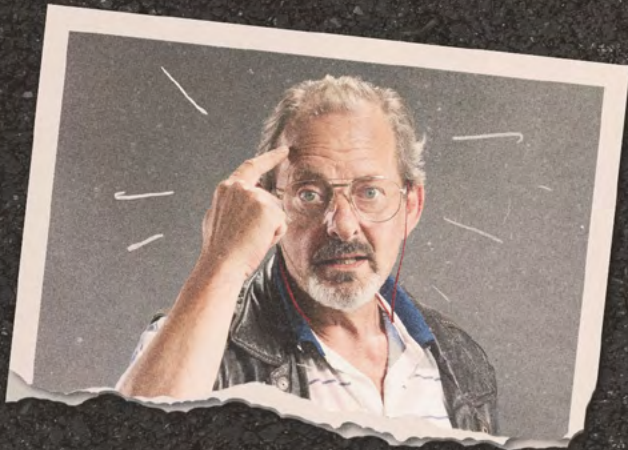
## KAREL DVOŘÁK

45 years old, is a former professional hockey player, who is experiencing burnout. He feels that he could have achieved more in his career than he managed, and his frustration is reflected in his marriage, which is gradually failing. He has three children, his eldest daughter Petra, Doms best friend Honza, and youngest son Aleš. When he sees how hard the kids are trying to play sports and are eager to defeat the team of rivals from the neighboring village, he decides to help them in this task and starts coaching a team of children who have never played hockey before.



## EVA

42 years old, is Dom's mother, who longs for a quiet and harmonious family. Unfortunately, the relationships between her son and her new husband, who also prefers his own son, are complicated. As such, she often has to choose between the love and support of her son and the peace in her marriage. She gradually realizes that there is much more to Dom than everyone thinks.



## GRANDPA PEPÍK

60 years old, is Dom's only real defender. He takes care of injured or sick animals in the countryside or at home. He is knowledgeable about sports and always tries to motivate Dom positively. At one time he was a hockey goalie, but that was a long time ago.



## MILAN

43 years old, is Dom's stepfather, who is convinced that Dom will never achieve anything in life because he's not manually skilled. He constantly compares him to his son Jirka, who seems to excel at everything. He owns a pub in the village.



# DIRECTOR'S PROFILE



The director of Children of Nagano, Dan Pánek, debuted in 2016 with the independent film „Taxi 121“ and continued to create the internet serial hit „Behind the Curtain“.

During the years of the pandemic, he co-founded the film production company Visual Riders s.r.o., which he intends to use in his future work.

Dan Pánek is also a commercial director. He directed the KVIFF spot for the investment holding Progresus. In 2023, his second feature film „Children of Nagano“ premiered. Image: Photo of Dan.

## REVIEWS ★★★★★

### IDNES.CZ

„Children of Nagano“ presents a pleasant surprise on the film scene. The film does not focus on golden hockey celebrities, but on a generation of schoolchildren who could meet both Dominik Hašek and E.T. - The Extraterrestrial. The film „Children of Nagano“ recalls the Spielbergian image of childhood in its atmosphere.

### DENIK.CZ

Children of Nagano are playful and believable entertainment, which in the end does not lack tension. Without moralizing, they lead child viewers to the fact that not only in sport, but also in life, it is good to play fair and stick together.

### ISPORT.CZ

A family film with a sports theme has not been here for a long time. From Children of Nagano, it naturally and without preaching, shows how important the support and understanding of parents, or other adults, is for children. How sport shapes and develops them, even as human beings. And that it is necessary to have the right role models and a good example. This is still true, although many of today's children play sports only on the computer.

### IHOKEJ.CZ

Children of Nagano promise a pleasant family viewing. And a return to childhood!

### NOVINKY.CZ

It is a film that brings to the screen real, flesh-and-blood child heroes with whom children can identify and adults can not only be entertained but also reflect a little on how important it is to support their offspring in their dreams. Especially those related to sports.

### IROZHLAS.CZ

Boys, girls, domestic violence, and the desire to play hockey. Children of Nagano show adolescence in the 90s.

# FILM RECEPTION BY VIEWERS

The film „Big Dreams - Children of Nagano“ was warmly received by both critics and viewers, with ratings between 63-70%.

After favorable reviews and great viewer responses in cinemas, Children of Nagano topped Netflix.

The film was the absolute number one for a week, and for the next two weeks, it stayed among the top 10 films.

The film received very positive responses at the Zlín Film Festival.

Big Dreams is also one of the 3 most ordered films for summer cinemas in the Czech Republic.

## BIG DREAMS ABROAD

The film was released in cinemas in Slovakia and will follow on TV.

Big Dreams also found favor in Poland, where the film is headed for cinemas and then TV and VOD platforms.

The premiere of the film for the Benelux countries will take place at the Film'On - Brussels Children's Film Festival. The Austrian premiere of the film will be held at the Vienna International Children's Film Festival.

We are equally pleased with the interest of the Kineko International Film Festival, and the film will have its Asian premiere in Tokyo in September.

In September, the film will also have its German premiere at the Schlingel Iff Children's and Youth Film Festival in Chemnitz, Fínale Pilsen Czech Republic, Olympia Greece FF, Taiwan FF, Cottbus Film Festival.

And gradually, more festivals and distributors are showing interest in the film, Big Dreams.



**THE WONDERFUL REACTION OF  
CHILDREN AT ZLIN FILM FESTIVAL 2023**



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