**Jacek Borusiński as “Wróbel” – first photos from the new production**

**The shooting for “Wróbel”, a film with Jacek Borusiński in the lead role, has just finished in an area near Warsaw. The remaining cast includes Julia Chętnicka, Krzysztof Stroiński, Piotr Rogucki, Bartłomiej Kotschedoff and Maria Maj. “Wróbel” is a bitter-sweet, funny and unpretentious story about learning to accept changes. The screenwriter and director is Tomasz Gąssowski. The film will hit the screens in 2024. We present you with the first photos.**

Remek Wróbel is a mailman and an enthusiastic member of an amateur football team. He’s pushing on forty, living the life of a bachelor. He’s passionately studying the encyclopaedia, training his extraordinary memory. He has only one friend, Pedro, an enterprising character engaged in a shady business. There is no one else in his life. And that’s the way he likes it. One day, everything changes – his neat, tidy life is turned upside down by the appearance of Grandpa, whom he hadn’t met before, and his new chatty neighbour, Marzenka. Remek will have to learn how to make lemonade when life gives you lemons.

The creator of the film, director and screenwriter, **Tomasz Gąssowski**, is a long-time associate of Andrzej Jakimowski and composer of music for his award-winning films. He won the MocArt RMF Classic for the best film music in 2013 for the music for “Imagine”. He has directed a short entitled “Play-off”, which won many awards, e.g., at the Warsaw Film Festival, Polish Film Festival “Prowincjonalia”, Lubusz Film Summer and the “Transatlantyk” International Film and Music Festival. In their verdicts, the jury often recognised Gąssowski’s ability “to tell straightforward stories about important matters”.

His new original film, “**Wróbel**”, which, just like “Play-off”, stars Jacek Borusiński in the lead role, will depict a world built using the same tools. Subtle acting, unimposing music and a camera trained on documentary incidents will certainly have a great impact on the artistic merit of this intimate film. And so will the filmmakers involved.

**Jacek Borusiński** is the co-founder of Grupa Mumio – a team active on the Polish theatre scene for almost 30 years. Their shows have become legendary among enthusiasts of subtle, abstract humour. However, Borusiński is more than just a comedy actor. In 2017, for his part in “Play-off”, he won the Jan Machulski Award in the best actor category. In “Wróbel”, he will be joined by **Julia Chętnicka** (which was exhilarating in “Queen”, starring alongside Andrzej Seweryn), **Krzysztof Stroiński, Piotr Rogucki, Bartłomiej Kotschedoff** and **Agnieszka Matysiak.** There will also be some interesting episodic roles – the supporting actors include, among others, **Iwo Zaniewski, Stefan Szczepłek, Wojciech Fiedorczuk, Krzysztof Herdzin, Radek Majewski**.

**The operator in the film is Wojciech Staroń**, a long-time associate of Krzysztof Krauze and Joanna Kos-Krauze. He shot films such as “Papusza” (with Krzysztof Ptak), “Saviour Square” or “Birds Are Singing in Kigali”. He also directed his unique, original documentary: “Brothers”. For his work in Poland and abroad, he received many awards, including the Silver Bear at the festival in Berlin in 2011.

The film is produced by Robert Kijak (NEXT FILM). It will be distributed by NEXT FILM.

WRÓBEL

Genre: drama, comedy

Screen release: 2024

Cast: Jacek Borusiński, Julia Chętnicka, Krzysztof Stroiński, Piotr Rogucki, Bartłomiej Kotschedoff, Agnieszka Matysiak, Iwo Zaniewski, Stefan Szczepłek, Wojciech Fiedorczuk, Krzysztof Herdzin, Radek Majewski

Director: Tomasz Gąssowski

Cinematography: Wojciech Staroń

Screenplay: Tomasz Gąssowski

Set design: Anna Pabisiak

#### Costumes: Sandra Kowalska

Make up: Anna Gorońska, Przemysław Smoliński

Music: Tomasz Gąssowski

#### Sound: Radosław Ochnio

#### Production manager: Anna Palka

#### Line producer: Anna Orska-Olszewska

#### Producer: Robert Kijak

Production: NEXT FILM

Distribution: NEXT FILM