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SALT BATH
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Artists Screen Artists
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When the city of Prague is under the grip of a threat beyond its control, the behaviour of its young inhabitants becomes increasingly inexplicable. Nine lives cross paths during a night of purging and paranoia. Each will be forced to revise their own convictions.

Shot over the course of four nights in Prague, Czech Republic, with largely amateur actors and actresses, SALT BATH is constructed as an experimental teen-movie whose atmosphere borrows equally and without hierarchy from the thriller, horror, alien and Christmas film genres.

The film immerses us in the mundane yet existential reflections of characters who are their own stand-ins, caught up in a non-linear, spiraling narrative. The title of the film itself suggests a kind of transition or process of epidermal purification leading to irritation.

The film SALT BATH by artists Camille Aleña (1986, Fribourg) and K. Desbouis (1993, Decize) has been realized between 2021 and 2025. Through this film project, their two individual practices - which include writing, painting, performance, photography, publishing, sculpture and video - come together.

Starring: Takuya Hagino, Ondrej Kolar, Noemi Fritzová, Nicole Haisman, Mya Aleña, Matěj Prochazka, Lucia Cizinská, Tereza Spálenková, Jakub Bouchal, Price.

Written and directed by Camille Aleña and K. Desbouis.
SALT BATH premiered recently at CAPC in Bordeaux and runs 41 minutes.