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# New Documentary Film: UKRAINE UNDER FIRE Set for WORLD PREMIERE at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium on February 24, 2025

Special Washington D.C. Screening Marks Three-years Since Russia's Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine

Ridgway, Colorado (USA) – The much-anticipated release of the independent American-Ukrainian documentary film production, <u>UKRAINE UNDER FIRE | A Film About War & Resilience</u> (40 minutes), will world premiere in the heart of Washington D.C. at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium, on **February 24, 2025**. This very special screening event marks the somber three-year anniversary of Russia's all-out invasion of Ukraine, which has triggered the largest conflict in Europe since World War II, displacing millions of Ukrainian citizens worldwide and shaking the foundations of the international order.

This seminal event will include a special guest appearance by the film's central character, Olga Butko, a national television journalist from Kyiv, Ukraine, who has been reporting on the war since the opening days of the invasion. The evening includes attendance from Jordan Campbell, the film's director and producer, who embedded with frontline medics near the zero line of the conflict. Mark Dillen, Executive Director of Ukrainians of Colorado, will lead the evening and Tinatin Japaridze, a Geopolitical Risk Analyst with Eurasia Group, will provide the evening's brief keynote address. A moderated Q&A session will follow directly after the film screening.

This unforgettable film experience at the renowned Lisner Auditorium at GWU will provide a vital space for stakeholders, policymakers, diplomats, students, and members of the Ukrainian diaspora to come together and honor Ukraine's fight for freedom, democracy, and self-determination. The event is free and open to the public but <u>pre-registration is required</u> for attendance.



#### \*\*WORLD PREMIERE 2.24.25\*\*

## UKRAINE UNDER FIRE | A Film About War & Resilience

Washington D.C. WORLD PREMIERE and special screening marks the three-year anniversary of Russia's all-out invasion of Ukraine.

Special Guest: Ms. Olga Butko, RADA Television Journalist (Ukraine) and Central Character, UKRAINE UNDER FIRE.

When: February 24, 2025 6pm-9pm

Where: The Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University, 730

21st St NW, Washington, DC 20037

6pm - Doors Open, Mingle, Meet & Greet, Cash Bar

7pm - Introductory Remarks & Film

8pm - Discussion, Q&A

9pm - Event Close

Free event pre-registration: www.ukraineunderfire.org/events

## SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS

Olga Butko: RADA Television Journalist, Central Character Tinatin Japaridze: Geopolitical Risk Analyst for Eurasia Group Jordan Campbell: Director & Executive Producer, Ramro Global LLC

Mark Dillen: Executive Director, Ukrainians of Colorado

#### ABOUT THE FILM

UKRAINE UNDER FIRE is a film about Ukrainian resilience during a time of war. The story follows Olga Butko, a Ukrainian television news presenter and Jordan Campbell's experience as an American journalist covering the conflict. With the war escalating every day, the duo collaborate on a series of interviews, chronicling aspects of resistance, war crimes and acts of genocide. More broadly, the film speaks to Ukraine's quest for freedom, democracy and European integration, amidst the most significant conflict in Europe since World War II. Watch the two-minute UKRAINE UNDER FIRE teaser on YouTube.

#### A FILM ABOUT WAR & RESILIENCE

After four trips to Ukraine—embedded in military hospitals, ambulances, and alongside frontline medics—American journalist Jordan Campbell finally captured the stories that would inspire an unforgettable documentary film. During his third mission to the war-torn country, Campbell partnered with Olga Butko, a national journalist for RADA Television, and Oleg Avilov, a celebrated Ukrainian cinematographer. The American-Ukrainian team worked tirelessly for three weeks, documenting first-hand accounts of resilience and defiance from prominent Ukrainian figures.

Among those featured were Dr. Igor Polivenok, a renowned pediatric cardiologist from Kharkiv, and Iryna Karagan, an elite Himalayan mountaineer from Dnipro. Their stories, along with others, brought to life the voices and faces of Ukrainian strength and resistance. The team also interviewed Ms. Valeriia Kolomiets, Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Justice, about war crimes, genocide, and the forced deportation of children.

In the kinetic Eastern Donbas region, Campbell embedded with Peter Fouché, a heroic volunteer frontline medic from the United Kingdom, honored for his bold rescue missions which saved the lives of hundreds of Ukrainian soldiers. Riding ambulances through the streets of Kostyantynivka, Fouché and Campbell witnessed first-hand Russia's indiscriminate use of cluster munitions on civilian targets. Near the zero line, cameras rolling, Fouché spoke emotionally about the brutality of Russia's war crimes and the west's slow response.

Tragically, on June 27, 2024—just three weeks before the film's completion—Fouché was killed in action just 100 meters of Russia's offensive front line. The film is dedicated to Fouché and his extraordinary humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

## **FILM CREDITS**

Director: Jordan Campbell Editor: Michael Herbener

Director of Photography: Oleg Avilov Story Producer: Michael Campbell Archival Producer: Patti Bonnet Executive Director: Susan Dalton

## **AFFILIATIONS**

UKRAINE UNDER FIRE (2025) is a RAMRO GLOBAL® Production in Association with DOCUFILMS. UKRAINE UNDER FIRE is a project of Our COMMON Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that manages the non-profit goals of RAMRO GLOBAL® LLC.

#### CREDIT BLOCK

UKRAINE UNDER FIRE (2025) A film by JORDAN CAMPBELL | Featuring OLGA BUTKO and PETER FOUCHÉ | Produced and Directed by JORDAN CAMPBELL | Edited by MICHAEL HERBENER | Director of Photography OLEG AVILOV | Story Producer MICHAEL CAMPBELL | Executive Producer SUSAN DALTON | Cello Score by MICHAEL FITZPATRICK | "Welcome to Ukraine" by JKLN | a RAMRO GLOBAL® Production in Association with DOCUFILMS. UKRAINE UNDER FIRE is a project of Our COMMON Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that manages the non-profit goals of RAMRO GLOBAL® LLC.

#### About Ramro Global LLC

Ramro Global | Worldwide Humanitarian Action is an independent documentary film and media production company serving the worldwide humanitarian space. We work with photographers, filmmakers, journalists and other voices to document and spotlight the most important humanitarian stories of our time. Ramro Global also provides selected media and communication services for missionaligned NGOs and non-profit organizations, international agencies and governments, responsible businesses and corporations in the global humanitarian space. <a href="https://www.ramroglobal.com">www.ramroglobal.com</a>

#### About DocuFilms

DocuFilms is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) video production and strategic marketing firm that produces documentary films for nonprofit organizations. Depending on the needs of the organization and scope of the project, the films are produced at cost or pro bono. Creatively driven, our compelling films have the heart and soul needed to motivate donors and supporters to positively change the world. www.docufilms.org

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