



## TANGERINES (Mandariinid)

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Release: 2013

Cert (UK): 15

Language: English

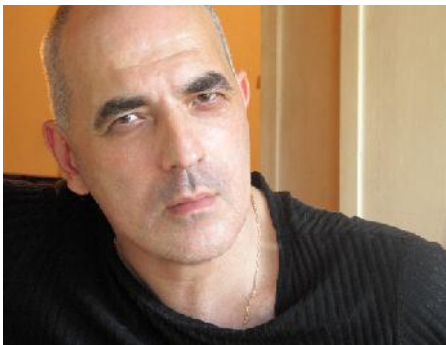
Runtime: 87 mins

Director: Zaza Urushadze

Writer: Zaza Urushadze

Cinematographer: Rein Kotov

Cast: Lembit Ulfsak, Elmo Nüganen, Giorgi Nakashidze



'This is the fifth movie from Georgian writer-director Zaza Urushadze. It had an Oscar nomination for best foreign film, losing out to Pawel Pawlikowski's *Ida* (shown here in December 2014). It's set in 1992, in the post-Soviet Caucasus, where Georgians are fighting a war with secessionist Abkhazians, backed by Russia. Ivo is an elderly ethnic Estonian who, with his friend Margus, is a tangerine farmer; they fear the fighting will destroy

their entire crop. Disaster strikes, and Ivo finds himself having to offer tense hospitality to one wounded fighter from each side: Georgian Niko and Chechen mercenary Ahmed. Ivo's house becomes their demilitarised zone, and Niko and Ahmed must suppress their hatred of each other while Ivo suppresses panic about all his unpicked tangerines going to waste' – based on Peter Bradshaw, *Guardian*

'This quietly powerful story, specific in time and place, poses a humanist dilemma which aptly resonates with many world conflicts.

Part of the appeal of *Tangerines* has to do with the sense that we're in a place out of time – just like these two ethnic fish out of water. Furnishings, light fittings, even the radio that brings news of the war – all float in an indeterminate vintage era, and this veneer of fable (enhanced by spot lighting even in exterior scenes, and the amplified sound of feet on floorboards) makes the war, when it arrives, all the more violent and jarring.' - *Rotten Tomatoes*

