

School for Life (Šola za življenje)

Manca Filak, 2025, 60 min.

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School for Life is an intimate ethnographic portrayal of the daily life of a six-member family from Bela Krajina, created as part of the doctoral dissertation “Visual Ethnography of Housewives in Slovenia”. The film follows Mihaela, a former Slovenian language teacher who, after the birth of her second-born, decided not to send her children to kindergarten or school. With her husband Boštjan and their four children she explores alternative approaches—from natural childbirth and homeschooling to striving for ecological, sustainable and self-sufficient ways of life. Mihaela understands education as part of everyday life, intertwined with household chores, play, food production and family matters.

The film sensitively records how knowledge and upbringing are incorporated into spontaneous moments of their day, shaping the family’s rhythm between 2021 and 2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic and her husband’s one-year parental leave.

Šola za življenje je intimni etnografski prikaz vsakdanjika šestčlanske družine iz Bele krajine, ki je nastal v okviru doktorske disertacije Vizualna etnografija gospodinje v Sloveniji. Film spremlja Mihaelo, nekdanjo učiteljico slovenskega jezika, ki se je po rojstvu drugega otroka odločila, da svojih otrok ne bo vključila v vrtec ali šolo.



Skupaj z možem Boštjanom in štirimi otroki raziskuje različne prakse – od naravnih porodov in šolanja na domu do prizadevanj za ekološki, trajnostni in samozadostni način življenja. Mihaela razume izobraževanje kot del vsakdana, prepleten z gospodinjskimi opravili, igro, pridelovanjem hrane in družinskim življenjem.

Film občutljivo beleži, kako se znanje in vzgoja vključujeta v spontane trenutke dneva ter oblikujeta družinski ritem med letoma 2021 in 2022 – v času epidemije covid-19 in moževega enoletnega starševskega dopusta.

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