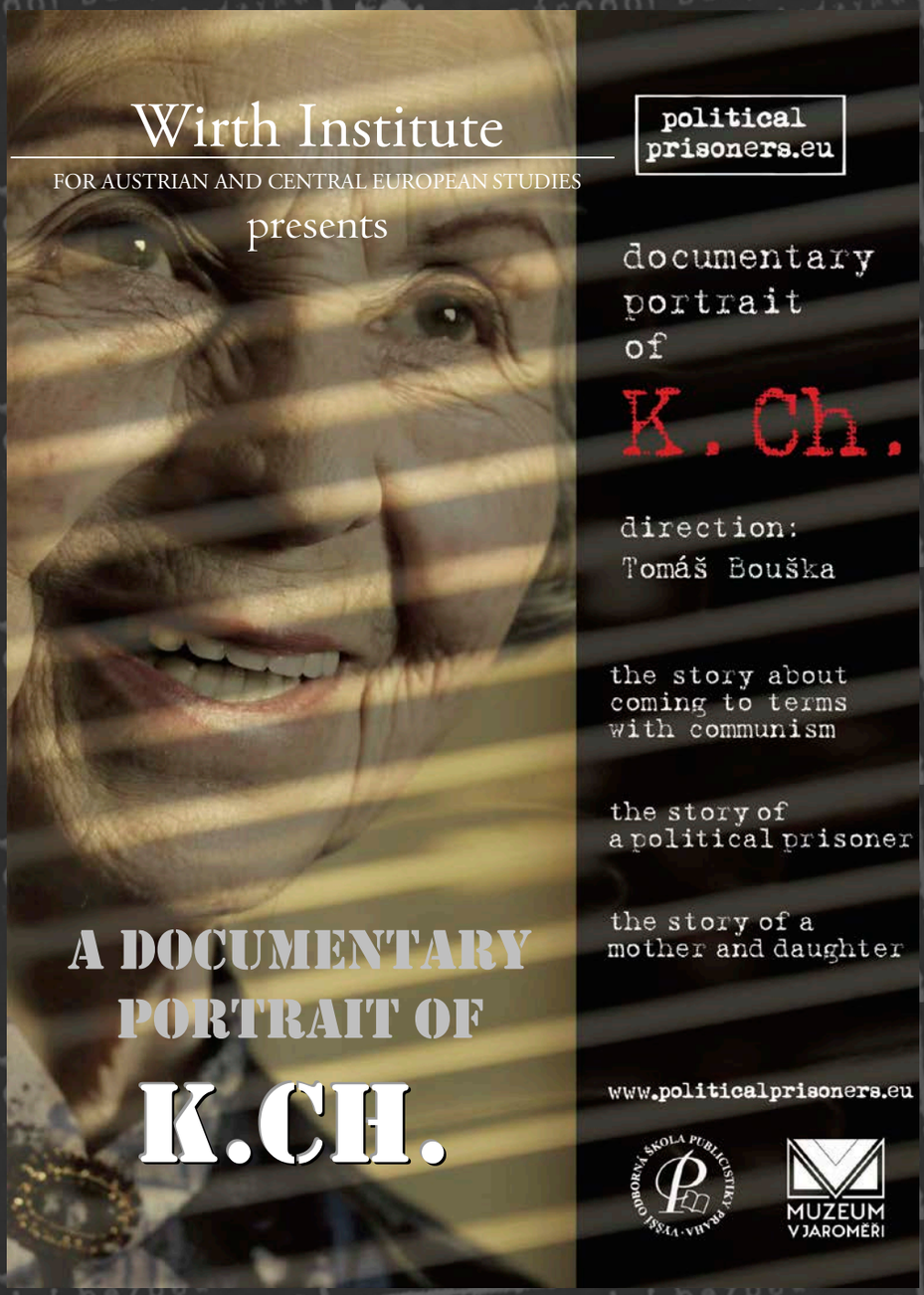

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DEALING WITH THE TRAUMA OF POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT

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7:30PM – 9:-00PM

SENATE CHAMBER

Documentary Portrait of K.Ch.

The film was created in cooperation with the College of Media and Journalism in Prague (VOŠP)

The student documentary film K. Ch. focuses on milestones in the life story of former Czechoslovak political prisoner Karla Charvátová (K. Ch.). In November 1948 she became pregnant as a result being raped while imprisoned due to anti-Communist non-violent activities and thinking. Her newborn daughter was put up for adoption with Karla´s permission as her health as well as financial situation did not allow her to raise the baby. They meet again after 50 years of separation and share their memories. This documentary presents how the fates of both women were fundamentally shaped by the Communist dictatorship, although each was affected differently by the regime. Very rarely do lives face so many dilemmas. Even more rarely are these dilemmas faced so nobly.

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