



INVISIBLE HEROES

THE PATH TO FREEDOM



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SANTIAGO DE CHILE.

ON THE 11TH OF SEPTEMBER, GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET BRINGS HIS TANKS TO THE STREETS OF SANTIAGO IN A MILITARY COUP THAT OUSTED THE ELECTED PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE. PEOPLE ARE WOKEN UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, DISSIDENTS ARE SHOT DEAD, OR TAKEN TO PRISON CAMPS. BUT ONE MAN, WITH A CLOSE BAND OF FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, IS WILLING TO RISK EVERYTHING TO FIGHT FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN.

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GENRE
Political drama/thriller

LENGTH
6 x 52 min

PRODUCER
Kaiho Republic (Finland)

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SERIES SUMMARY

Tapani Brotherus is the son of a Finnish diplomat and though he never imagined becoming one himself, by his early 30s he has got himself a job at the embassy in Chile. He works assisting trade deals, helping lost travelers, but life for him is really about playing golf and going to the best parties, all from a nice house with a swimming pool.

But on 11th September 1973 General Augusto Pinochet brings his tanks to the streets of Santiago in a military coup that overthrows the president and plunges the city in to turmoil. As chaos breaks out, people literally start

climbing the walls of Tapani's home: socialists and other opponents of Pinochet begging him for help, all fearing for their lives. But official Finnish policy is not to help refugees: to stay neutral and out of conflicts.

One diplomat who is determined to fight for the Chilean people, and with the support of his own government, is Swedish ambassador Harald Edelstam. Inspired by Edelstam's fearlessness, Tapani takes up the fight, but must do so in secret, in order to keep both himself and those he hopes to rescue, safe.

Tapani and his wife Lysa welcome those under threat in to their home, arrange a secret refugee camp in the grounds of an old German school, and with the help of colleague Ilkka Jaamala and a network of diplomatic allies in the city, are able to ferry enemies of the state between their safe houses in Santiago.

The process is not easy, not least with Jaamala suspicious of anyone linked to communism, and Lysa's reservations about her husband's work endangering their young family.

But with plenty of German beer and some clever tricks to avoid detection, the Finnish-German team is able to smuggle over 2000 refugees out of the country and over to safety in Europe.

Invisible Heroes is a thrilling, compelling and previously untold story about a small group that risked everything they had to help people in need. Against diplomatic protocol, against instructions from their superiors, risking their lives to do the only thing that was morally right.



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