



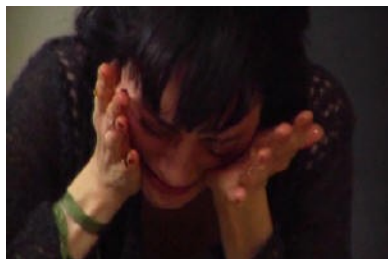
(2008)

Directed by Simona & Claudio Simonetti

Starring Coralina Cataldi-Tassoni, Robert Madison, Urbano Lione, Beatrice Arnera Gavarotti

People might think that short films are much easier to do than feature films. But it's really the opposite when it comes to telling a good and powerful story. You only have a limited amount of time to get your point across. So every second counts. And when you have a story that packs a punch like *The Dirt* does, you better make sure you have a good enough cast to deliver that punch. After watching this short, I feel like I went 10 rounds with George Foreman.

Coralina plays a newly-wed young woman, who seems to have some deep rooted issues. As the story progresses, her problems start to come to the surface, unfolding her dark and terrible past. The last few minutes of this short film will have you leaning forward in your chair, eyes wide open. And then, out of left field, they throw you another curve that will have you scratching your head for a days later.



While this is only a short film, for any actor to be on the screen pretty much the whole time, really needs to be able to carry it. Coralina's performance made my heart ache. With such a troubled and haunting past, the viewer can feel her pain, even if we don't know the reasons yet. And then when we do, the pain goes even deeper.

Written and directed by Simona & Claudio Simonetti (of *Goblin* fame), they create an incredible story that really makes an impact on any viewer. It's one thing that nobody can watch and not be affected in some way or another.

Not sure how available this film is, but if you get a chance to see it, I would highly recommend checking it out. It is one that you will not forget anytime soon.