

COBOS FILMS presents in co-production with IKON TV

a film by  
John Appel

produced by Carmen Cobos

the last  
**VICTORY**

de laatste  
**OVERWINNING**

photography Erik van Empel | sound Mark Wessner | editor Mario Steenberg | music Wouter van Bommel | sound design Hugo Dijkstal | research & idea Yoei Albrecht  
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# The Last **VICTORY**

‘We do not play at Il Palio; we live it’

A film about the passionate struggle of a small Italian community in Siena to win the town's annual event: Il Palio. The honour and respect of the district are at stake, as they have not won for years. The young need to feel the glory of a new victory coursing through their veins in order to be truly proud of their roots.

All the year round we follow a few members of the Civetta ‘clan’ closely. They have dedicated their lives to their district from the day they were born. From Egidio, the 92-year-old sage of the Civetta to 21-year-old Paolo, who grooms the horse and is totally committed to the cause. Only four days before the race, a lottery decides which horse is selected for the district. This horse is then paraded through the city as if it were a god. It symbolises Fate that will decide the future of the district.

The Last Victory is a moving film about the hopes, the moral convictions, the intrigues and the fluctuating fortunes of a small but passionate Italian community. It reflects the different layers of Italian society: its traditions, its religion, its politics and its love of sport.

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88' / 52' | colour | stereo soundtrack | Italian with English / Dutch subtitles

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