



SONG FROM THE SOUTHERN SEAS

Two couples, one Russian and one Kazakh, live side by side in relative harmony in a beautiful yet semi-desolate region of the Great Steppe. But when the fair-skinned Russians give birth to a boy of decidedly darker skin, fifteen years of suspicion and acrimony arises between them, and can only be resolved by an ironic twist of family and fate. At times darkly somber, at other times tender and wistful—and buoyed throughout by a soundtrack of folk-inspired melodies—writer-director Marat Sarulu draws on Kazakhstan's epic history to create a gritty and deeply compassionate tale of humor and cultural insight.

***Marat Sarulu** was born in Talas, Soviet Union (now Kyrgyzstan) in 1957. He graduated with a degree in Philology from Kyrgyz National University in Bishkek in 1980 and subsequently studied at the Moscow Cinema Academy. He is co-writer of the internationally successful feature film, Beshkempir and currently works as a writer and director. Song from the Southern Seas is his third feature film.*

**PESN' JUZHNYKH MOREJ
KAZAKHSTAN, 2008, 80 MINUTES
RUSSIAN, WITH
SUBTITLES IN ENGLISH**

Director Marat Sarulu

Writer Marat Sarulu

Producers Sain Gabdullin, Karsten Stöter, Benny Dreshsel, Yuri Obukhov, Guillaume De Seille

Cinematographer Giorgi Beridze

Editor Karl Riedl

Sound Jörg Theil

Music Andrey Sigle

Cast Vladimir Yavorsky, Dzhaidarbek Kunguzhinov, Irina Agejkina, Ajzhan Ajtenova

