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MY HAPPY FAMILY

dir. Nana Ekvimishvili & Simon Gross / Germany/Georgia /2017/ 119 min / DCP / In Georgian with English subs / NR

Literature teacher Manana has been married for 25 years and lives in a three-bedroom flat in Tbilisi with her husband, parents, two adult children and her son-in-law. But on the evening of her 52nd birthday, she announces to the surprise of her family that she wants to leave.

When she actually packs her suitcase and leaves, the family is shocked and incredulous: Where is she going? What is the reason for the decision? She is past the age for a divorce and has what everyone would call a good husband who doesn't even drink or beat her.

But Manana sticks to her decision and does something unheard of in Georgia's patriarchal society: She moves into a small apartment to live on her own.

"Not only the best film of Sundance so far, but it's likely to be one of the best films of the year... There isn't a single second that doesn't ring as achingly true..." – Bilge Ebiri, *The Village Voice*

"One of the standouts...a beautifully crafted drama."-Justin Chang, *Los Angeles Times*

"At once a celebration of individuality and its potential to unnerve those who resist it. The story of a defiant woman pushing back against her restrictive society..." – Eric Kohn, *indiewire*