

Film Review: Russia! On-Air Reviews of 'Sputnik' & 'Red Penguin'

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CHICAGO – Patrick McDonald of HollywoodChicago.com appears on “The Morning Mess” with Scott Thompson on WBGR-FM (Monroe, Wisconsin) on August 13th, 2020, reviewing the new films (VOD, virtual theaters online, actual theaters) “Sputnik” and “Red Penguins.”



Rating: **4.0/5.0**

Sputnik This Russian-made film was suppose to have its World Premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival 2020 in April (moved to online). A Russian cosmonaut in 1983 has something strange happen to him on re-entry, and the Soviet-era scientists can't figure out what's wrong. They bring in a radical female psycho-therapist to think outside the box, and she learns that the space traveler has a parasite living inside him (like the film ALIEN). This creature has needs – including what it eats – that are top secret. 4/5 stars. Locally, it's available for actual theatrical and virtual download through [MusicBoxTheatre.com](#) [24].



Rating: **4.5/5.0**

Red Penguins What happens when two American entrepreneurs invest in the Russian Red Army hockey team in 1993, and send a slick marketing type to Moscow to make it work? That's the premise of the true story of Red Penguins, the result of the American/Russian capitalistic merger. 4.5/5 stars. Available through Video-On-Demand.

“Sputnik” is available through virtual and limited actual theaters. See local and online listings. Written by Oleg Malovichko and Andrei Vasilev. Directed by Egor Abramenko. Not Rated. “Red Penguins” is available through Video-On-Demand. Written and directed by Gabe Polsky. Rated “PG-13”

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Sputnik

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