



# Farewell Comrades! Interactive

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*Farewell Comrades! is an international cross-media event consisting of a 6x52min TV series with 17 international broadcasters involved, a book, the largest historical web format currently in production in Europe.*

Farewell Comrades! Interactive is an immersive documentary web format, which takes our audience on an interactive journey into the Eastern Bloc, offering an insight into the daily life behind the Iron Curtain.

The user is introduced to the personal stories and fates of 30 characters through "open letters" – real postcards written between 1975 and 1991. These postcards reveal the stories of our protagonists: Stories of legal and illegal traveling, stories of prison and separation, but also stories of how rock'n roll conquered St. Petersburg and of creative opposition against the system.

The postcards are the communication triggers of the simple game mechanics, which weave the stories together. Step by step the user dives into these personal stories, and travels through time and space.

Combined with a broad collection of personal and official archive footage, we offer a unique insight into how life unfolded behind the Iron Curtain and allow our users to review their perspective on the common facts.

Produced in collaboration with Eastern European writers, directors and co-producers, this European saga will be launched in 2011/2012 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the collapse of the USSR.

There is no ONE single truth, no ONE single story.

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