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LOVE

A short radio drama

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Cast

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BLAŽ Matjaž Tribušon

Directed by **Klemen Markovčič**

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Music design **Darja Hlavka Godina**

Language advisor **Mateja Juričan**

Running time **06' 00"**

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Synopsis

At the core of this sound vignette is a dialogue between a man and a woman somewhere in space and time. However, the seemingly mundane situation reveals deeper challenges brought about by interpersonal relationships, particularly in one's midlife: rekindling young love, sexuality in one's ripe years and the more and more legitimate dilemma of whether married people can also have lovers. Without a doubt, considerations most likely faced by everyone.

A phone signal.

BLAŽ *over the phone*: Tell me Manja.

MANJA *over the phone*: Blaž, I have to tell you...

Music.

BLAŽ: You know, I'm thinking about your suggestion of getting close; we've been friends for a long time.

MANJA: Yes, I was talking about it. But I haven't told you I've been involved with someone for several years now.

BLAŽ: That doesn't bother me.

MANJA: It bothers *me*. Because I'm not sure whether having two partners would be moral. Although in my opinion a man or a woman can have two partners who love them.

BLAŽ: I agree. I don't know why in some parts of the world you can have several partners. Even women accept that.

MANJA: Accept it, maybe so. But I'm not sure whether they all love each other as well.

BLAŽ: Have you ever really asked yourself what love actually is and whether you can love your partner for life?

MANJA: I think about it often. But I'm more and more sure that sooner or later you get tired of one another.

BLAŽ: You know how they say that first love never dies.

MANJA: Some bond remains, yes, which keeps the connection between two people going.

BLAŽ: It seems to me that we're already just as close as with our partners.

MANJA: My man is very quiet and it bothers me more and more, but he is sexually very attractive and active.

BLAŽ: I may talk too much, but you like talking to me.

MANJA: I really enjoy being with you and a new sexual experience is also appealing to me.

BLAŽ: So, what should we do?

A change in acoustics. A phone ringing.

MANJA *over the phone*: Blaž, I have to tell you that my partner had a stroke. The doctors couldn't do anything for him anymore. His sudden death hit me very hard.

Music.

THE END