

Case Study: Bringing *The Champion* to U.S. Audiences Without a Remake

The Film

The Champion is a Polish/German historical drama telling the powerful true story of strength, survival, and humanity under impossible circumstances. The film's emotional impact comes from its performances, direction, and authenticity — elements the filmmakers wanted preserved exactly as created.

The Challenge

Like many outstanding international films, *The Champion* faced a familiar barrier:

- Subtitles limit mainstream U.S. audience reach
- Traditional dubbing risks weakening performances
- A Hollywood remake would replace the original production and creative vision

The filmmakers wanted broader distribution — but not at the cost of losing what made their film unique.

The Adapt Solution

Adapt Entertainment worked directly with the filmmakers to convert the film for English-speaking audiences while keeping the original production fully intact.

Our process ensured:

- **Director approval throughout the adaptation**
- **Original actors and performances preserved**
- **No scene changes, recuts, or rewrites**
- **Original music, cinematography, and edit untouched**
- **Technology was used only to replace the language**

The goal was simple: to allow audiences to experience the original film — not a reinterpretation of it.

The Result

With the filmmaker approval, the Adapt version of *The Champion* became accessible to English-speaking audiences and successfully secured **U.S. distribution**.

Instead of being remade, the original film itself was able to travel internationally — expanding its audience while maintaining its identity.

Why It Matters

The Champion demonstrates a new model for larger international distribution

Filmmakers no longer need to choose between authenticity and global reach.

They can:

- Keep the original cast
- Preserve their directing vision
- Maintain creative ownership
- Reach new markets with their film

For Filmmakers

If you've created a film in your native language, your next step shouldn't be surrendering it to a remake.

Your film can stay yours — and still reach the world.

Contact Adapt Entertainment to learn how your original film can expand into English-speaking markets while preserving the vision you created.