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Barrandov Studios is one of the largest and oldest film studios in Europe. For more than seventy years, the studios have been the location of choice for over 2,500 Czech and international films. The studios' primary objective is to ensure the presence of all film-related fields and services in one convenient location – on the famed “hill behind Prague” – where Barrandov's founding fathers, the Havel brothers, built the now legendary studios in the 1930s.

During the first half of the 1980s, Barrandov was rediscovered by the world thanks to Czech film director Milos Forman. Together with producer Saul Zaentz, Forman brought the filming of “*AMADEUS*” to Prague, which was still under communist rule at that time. The gleam of the eight gold-plated Oscars received by the film highlighted Prague and Barrandov Studios as a viable place for film production.

Forman was followed to Prague by Barbra Streisand and the film “*YENTL*”, but, above all, by director Brian de Palma and actors Tom Cruise and Jon Voight. Their “*MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE*” became the first, big budget US film, which opened doors for Barrandov to compete among the world's leading film service providers.

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