



# A PORTRAIT ON THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS

by Benjamin Rost



## SYNOPSIS

The story of the former diamond-diving village of Port Nolloth in South Africa.

A desert bordered by a deep cold sea. A torn landscape which hides the purest diamonds on earth deep beneath it. Digging for these diamonds with bare hands day and night, are young men on the frontier of a new diamond rush in South Africa. Hope beckons for the previously drug addicted Vianey who yearns for a better life. Nelson Mandela's dream urges the homeless cook Patrick on into this new, hopeful future. Only George, the diamond diver, who once was a millionaire, is still hanging on to his memories of a bygone time. A poetic journey through the desert, the wind and the sand. [WS Journeyman]

A film in grandiose images and very close to its protagonists speculating poetically around human nature - as well as the power of our dreams.' [DOK.fest Munich, Jan Sebening]

'A Portrait on the Search for Happiness juxtaposes elegant cinematography and sensitive storytelling with raw truths about today's South...

## FESTIVALS

2021

DOK.fest Munich

Encounters International South African Documentary Film Festival

## CAST AND CREW

**DIRECTOR** Benjamin Rost · **PRODUCER** Mark Szilágyi ( MSZ - Production & Consulting ) · **SCORE** Philip Miller · **SOUND** David Kalla, Elmar Súczs · **EDITOR** Robin Jünkersfeld · **DOP** Johannes Greisle

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73 min

## FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights, Social issues

## ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Xhosa, Afrikaans, English, isiZulu

## PREMIERE

München, Germany (2021)

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