



# 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 Szilagyi ( MSZ - Production & Consulting) · **SCORE** Philip Miller · **SOUND** David Kalla, Elmar Süczs · **EDITOR** Robin Jünkersfeld · **DOP** Johannes Greisle

2021

73 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Xhosa, Afrikaans, English, isiZulu

### PREMIERE

München, Germany (2021)

### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg GmbH

Akademienhof 10

71638 Ludwigsburg

Germany

[info@filmakademie.de](mailto:info@filmakademie.de)

<https://www.filmakademie.de>

### LINKS / REFERENCE

#### PRODUCTION

MSZ - Production & Consulting

Márk Szilagyi

[web@mark-szilagyi.com](mailto:web@mark-szilagyi.com)

<https://mark-szilagyi.com>

Filmakademie Baden

Württemberg GmbH

[sigrid.gairing@filmakademie...](mailto:sigrid.gairing@filmakademie.de)

<https://www.filmakademie.de>

#### WORLD SALES

Journeyman Pictures

[sales@journeyman.tv](mailto:sales@journeyman.tv)

+44 20 87866059