



# A TALE OF SINGERS AND MURDERERS

by Stefan Eberlein



## SYNOPSIS

2017

DOK.fest München im Internationalen Wettbewerb

Filmkunstfest Mecklenburg - Vorpommern im Deutschen Wettbewerb

57. Film Festival Krakau They sing about homesickness, love, war and forgiveness. The voices pertain to drug dealers, thefts or murderers jailed in one of the about thousand Russian prisons or penal camps. They all dream about becoming part of the song contest "Kalina Krasnaya" (English: Red Elderberry). Each of the approximately 700,000 Russian prisoners has the opportunity to participate.

For Natalia Abashkina, director of the show and soul of the programme, working with the prisoners is a vocation. Tirelessly she travels through the country looking for talents and caring about her fosterlings. Stefan Eberlein accompanied her. His film provides insights into a parallel world. The life stories of the protagonists not only reveal personal fates but also reflect the social reality of a state still characterized by arbitrariness and brutality. A Tale of Singers and...

## FESTIVALS

2016 ArtDocFest Moscow

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Stefan Eberlein

Germany 2016

90 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

Von Sängern und Mördern

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Music, Sports

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Russian

PREMIERE

Germany (2016)

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