



AFRAID DOESN'T EXIST

by Anna Zett



SYNOPSIS

A German police state of the past is the setting for the pulsating short film thriller *Es gibt keine Angst* (Afraid Doesn't Exist). In it, Anna Zett collages video and audio material from the Berlin Archive of the GDR Opposition, partially taking the perspective of a sensitive child. Based on her own intimate involvement, the artist traces a successful, yet mostly unknown act of resistance at the very end of the GDR, while at the same time opening up an associative space for connecting with experiences of violence that are otherwise difficult to access today. Vocally highly condensed voices from a 1986 East Berlin poetry reading support the voiceless narrator – “an adult child” – in the reconstruction of her own emotional world, as does the multi-layered musical score. From footage of the environmental library to private videos and journalistic material, the film leads to the second occupation of the Stasi headquarters in Berlin-Lichtenberg in September 1990, where it...

FESTIVALS

2023

73 BERLINALE – Forum Expanded

40 Kassel Dokfest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Anna Zett

Germany 2023

31 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

ES GIBT KEINE ANGST

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Conflicts, Human Rights

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Short film

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

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