



BACKGROUND

by Khaled Abdulwahed



SYNOPSIS

A photo camera is cleaned. Click. The shutter works. Bright light. A crackle and hiss in the sound. A broken "Hello?" opens a conversation between Khaled Abdulwahed, a Syrian filmmaker living in Leipzig, and his father in Aleppo. The son reconstructs his father's journey, arriving in the GDR as an exchange student in 1956. His son applies for asylum more than 60 years later as a refugee. The civil war in Syria separates their stories, the film BACKGROUND brings them back together and continues them.

FESTIVALS

2023

Grand Prix – FID Marseille

IDFA – Signed

47 Duisburger Filmwoche

40 Kassel Dokfest

26 RIDM, Montreal

Concorso Internazionale – Filmmaker Festival Milano

2024

20 Achtung Berlin FF

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Khaled Abdulwahed

Germany 2023

64 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Family, Human Rights, Migration, POV

PREMIERE

Marseille, France (2023)

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LINKS / REFERENCE

<https://youtu.be/LjzGLA6cUm...>

INTERVIEW

<https://fidmarseille.org/en...>

PRESS

<https://cineuropa.org/en/ne...>