



BATTLE OF THE QUEENS

by Nicolas Steiner



SYNOPSIS

BATTLE OF THE QUEENS is a film from and about rural Europe capturing a timeless cultural event: a series of head-to-head fights of cows (not bulls) set in the valley in sunny Southern Switzerland, nestled amongst the Alps. The fights are sudden snorting seesaws, explosions of mass and muscle, archaic and wild. We follow three concurrent story lines: an anxious farmer with his beloved contender, a neurotic unemployed reporter from Zurich come to find a story and a gang of adolescent boys on mopeds trying to catch a pretty girl's eye. The festival is a balancing act between fascinating tradition and modernity. This black and white film serves as both an exciting visual treat and a long overdue documentation of a quaint Swiss tradition.

FESTIVALS

Berlinale PERSPECTIVE

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Nicolas Steiner

Germany 2011

70 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Nature/Animals, Adventure

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Experimental

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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