

BEUYS

by Andres Veiel



SYNOPSIS

Joseph Beuys, the man with the hat, the felt and the 'fat corner'. Thirty years after his death he feels like a visionary who was, and still is, ahead of his time. He was the first German artist to be given a solo exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in New York whilst at home in Germany his work was often still derided as the 'most expensive trash of all time'. Once asked if he was indifferent to such comments he retorted: 'Yes. I want to expand people's perceptions.'

Andres Veiel lets the artist speak for himself. From previously unpublished audio and video footage Veiel creates an associative, porous portrait which, like the artist himself, opens up spaces for ideas rather than proclaiming statements. Beuys boxes, chats, lectures, explains art to a dead hare and asks: 'Do you want to instigate a revolution without laughter?' But we also experience the man, the teacher and the Green Party candidate. Once, shortly before his death, he consents to being photographed...

FESTIVALS

among others

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IDFA - Masters

Gilde Award 2017 - Best Documentary in German Cinemas

LOLA@BERLINALE, nominated for German Film Award Best Score

German Film Award LOLA - Best Documentary

German Film Award LOLA - Best Editing for Stephan Krumbiegel & Olaf Voigtländer

German Documentary Film Music Award

33rd DOK.fest Munich

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