

BOLIVARS DREAM

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SYNOPSIS

“The peoples of Latin America belong together, we’re like brothers and sisters.” Teresa Romero, a primary school director in Bolivia’s seat of government La Paz, is convinced, that “this is exactly Simon Bolivars vision of a united Bolivarian continent”. Born in Venezuela in 1783, the wealthy descendant of Basque noblemen had been inspired by the ideals of the French enlightenment: liberty, equality, fraternity. At the age 22 years Simon Bolivar swore to his teacher in Rome, “From now I have only one task: either freedom or death”.

The filmmakers Joerg Altekruse from Germany and Orlando Lübbert from Chile follow Bolivar’s path of liberation along the Andes, through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru to Bolivia and Chile, with the final capitulation of the Spanish colonial forces in the year 1826. Talking with scholars, people in the street, young and old, in seven countries, they found many clues of the political and social legacy of the famed liberator. And they found a young...

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