

BREATHING LIFE INTO STONE

by Katinka Zeuner



SYNOPSIS

Stonemason Michael Spengler invites newly bereaved to join him on an artistic journey. Together they design headstones that tell of the deceased. Mr. and Ms. Neustadt have lost their son, his breath is to be represented in stone. Ms. Stolle dauntlessly swings the hammer that splits a boulder – two parts of her husband's life. The Jacob family searches for an essence of their grandfather's life. Michael accompanies each family with great sensitivity. The film follows this intimate process. As the stones take on their form, the families discover a new relationship with the deceased – and to life.

Jury Statement DOK Leipzig

We would like to award an Honorary Mention to Breathing Life Into Stone by Katinka Zeuner, who has portrayed the stonemason Michael Spengler who is not merely an artist and craftsman, but who also gently accompanies the mourners during farewell ceremonies. It deserves a particular mention that this film has been made without a sender, without a grant and without...

FESTIVALS

2018

ver.di Prize for Solidarity, Humanity and Fairness & Honorable Mention – Goethe-Institut Documentary Film Prize – 61 DOK Leipzig

2019

Ecumenical Film Prize & Honorable Mention – Achtung Berlin

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Katinka Zeuner

2018

79 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DER STEIN ZUM LEBEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait

PREMIERE

Leipzig, Germany (2018)

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