

# CHAMISSO'S SHADOW

by Ulrike Ottinger



## SYNOPSIS

Ulrike Ottinger's latest film *Chamisso's Shadow* brought her to remote regions of the Bering Sea. The wind, waves, and an interest in the people took her to the Kamchatka and Chukchi Peninsulas, Alaska, and the Aleutian Islands. Here, far in the north, the Eurasian and the North American continent meet, offering the eye spectacular ocean and volcanic landscapes with related ethnicities and cultures that are shaped by a long story of colonial oppression and yet have maintained elements of their indigenous language and their ancient knowledge. The economic and geopolitical interests of the residents collide with those of global politics.

Inspired by historical reports of famous explorers such as Alexander von Humboldt, Georg Wilhelm Steller, Reinhold and Georg Forster, and especially Adelbert von Chamisso, Ulrike Ottinger went on a journey. Like her predecessors, she kept her own log and shot impressive footage of the landscape, plants, and animals of the people living there. With...

## FESTIVALS

2016 Berlinale FORUM Worldpremiere

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## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ulrike Ottinger

2016

720 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

CHAMISSOS SCHATTEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Adventure, Sustainability,  
Nature/Animals,  
Ecology/Environment, Travelling

PREMIERE

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