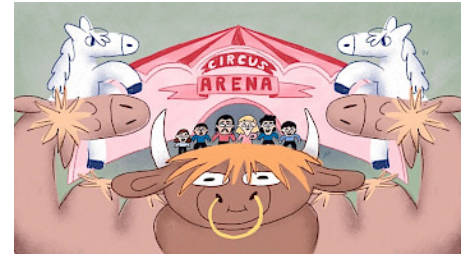




CIRCUSBOY

by Julia Lemke, Anna Koch



SYNOPSIS

Santino is a circus kid. He travels around the country with his family and animals in a caravan - here today, there tomorrow. Home is not a fixed place for him, but rather his parents Angie and Gitano, his brother Giordano, countless uncles and aunts, cousins and especially his great-grandfather Ehe, one of the last great circus directors in Germany. Ehe tells Santino wild stories from his long life: about the magnificent bull elephant Sahib, his own first steps as a clown and the feeling of freedom for which it is worth putting up with all the hardships. On Santino's eleventh birthday, Ehe asks what Santino would like to show in the circus ring one day - after all, he has something to contribute to their community. But how do you find out? Circusboy tells the story of the lives of the last nomads in Germany. About growing up in an extended family, with the animals, and a life without a safety net. A documentary road film with animations about the power of belonging and community.

FESTIVALS

2025
75 Berlinale

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Julia Lemke, Anna Koch

2025
86 min

ORIGINAL TITLE
Zirkuskind

FORMAL CATEGORIES
Biographie/Portrait, Coming of Age, Family, Children / Youth, Nature/Animals, POV

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