

CROSS AND BANNER

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SYNOPSIS

Every two years, the small town of Beverungen, in the middle of Germany, celebrates with particular vigour its traditional Marksmen's Festival. Festivities are focused on numerous parades with marchers in uniform and a shooting contest, where the winner is declared "King". Throughout the Germanic regions, marksmen's guilds are known since the 10th century. They protected cities and rural areas against troubles, wars and looting. In Beverungen, about a quarter of the active male population is involved in the local marksmen's association. In 2008, Beverungen has the honour of hosting the annual festival of the "Confederation of Historical German Marksmen's Brotherhoods" with thousands of participants coming from all over the west of Germany. District Kings and Diocesan Majesties compete for the title of the year's new "Confederal King" who receives the royal insignia in front of the altar, after the prayer of blessing...

FESTIVALS

2010 International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film (Germany), Premiere
 2010 Chinese-German Documentary Forum Shanghai (China)
 2010 Shortlist Golden Lotus Award, Macau International Movie Festival, Macau SAR (China)
 2011 Cinema du Réel IDFF, Paris (France)
 2011 Beldocs IDFF, Belgrade (Serbia), "Best of DOK Leipzig"
 2011 Festival International du Film Numérique de Cotonou (Benin)
 2012 IDFF "Man and War", Yekaterinburg (Russian Federation)
 2012 Documentary Film Festival Lasalle (France)
 2012 Festival Intergalactique de l'Image Alternative, Brest (France)
 2012 Tranzyt IDFF, Poznań (Poland)
 2012 Kenya International Film Festival, Nairobi (Kenya)
 2013 Territoires en Images Documentary Film and Photography Festival, Paris (France)

Germany, France 2010

54 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

Glaube Sitte Heimat

AWARDS

International Documentary Festival "Man and War", Grand Jury Special Mention
 Singkuwento International Film Festival, Golden Philippine Eagle Director's Choice Award

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Politics, Religion

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Leipzig, Germany (2010)

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