



# DEATH IS AN ASSHOLE

by Michael Schwarz



## SYNOPSIS

An unconventional undertaker and his team want to change radically how death and grief are tabooed in our society. Less reticence, more honesty, more empathy. But how do professional undertakers act when they have to handle cases that affect them personally and emotionally? A subtle, a concise documentary about Eric Wrede and his team in action.

DEATH IS AN ASSHOLE is an artistic documentary about the innovative undertaker Eric Wrede and his team. How does the new generation of undertakers proceed, especially those who are interested in attending the bereaved with empathy and who want to facilitate new ways of mourning? And how do these modern professional undertakers deal with cases that affect them personally and emotionally? It is not just Eric Wrede's approach which is innovative, but also the film itself: we approach the tabooed topics of death and grief without depicting prevalent stereotypical situations. We observe very attentively: the important and sensitive consultations...

## FESTIVALS

2025

Seal of Approval 'highly recommended'  
46 FFMOP - Filmfestival Max Ophuels Preis

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Michael Schwarz · PRODUCER Michael Schwarz,  
Alexander Griesser · SOUND David Rudolph, Nestor Claveria ·  
EDITOR Melanie Dietz · DOP Alexander Griesser · SOUND  
DESIGN David Rudolph, Fabian Helpenstein · DIGITAL  
COLOURIST Alexander Griesser

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The sudden, unexpected death of Jasmin, a fifty-year-old homeless protagonist of our last documentary "INNdependence",

Germany 2025

79 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DER TOD IST EIN ARSCHLOCH

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Germany (2025)

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