



DIRECT ACTION

by Guillaume Cailleau, Ben Russell



SYNOPSIS

Taking its title from the tactical protest strategy of the same name – "an action that seeks to achieve an end directly and by the most effective means" – DIRECT ACTION is a contemporary portrait of one of the most important militant activist communities in France – a 150-person strong rural collective that survived multiple violent eviction attempts by the French state, successfully resisted an international airport expansion project, created an autonomous zone from 2012-2018, and spawned a remarkable new ecological movement in 2021. Through a collaborative and uniquely immersive observational approach, DIRECT ACTION documents the everyday of a diverse ecosystem of activists, squatters, anarchists, farmers and government-labeled 'eco-terrorists' – so as to better understand how the success of a radical protest movement can offer a path through the climate crisis facing us all.

"The jury wants to salute the very patient and non judgement dedicated approach. We deeply enjoyed..."

FESTIVALS

2024

BEST FILM of the Encounters section - 74 BERLINALE

Special Mention - 74 Berlinale Documentary Award

46 Cinéma du Réel, Paris

58 Karlovy Vary IFF

shortlisted European Film Award

V'24 Viennale

NYFF62 at New York City

37 IDFA at Amsterdam

41 Kassel Dokfest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Guillaume Cailleau, Ben Russell · PRODUCER

Guillaume Cailleau (CASKFILMS), Michel Balagué (VOLTE) ·

Germany, France 2024

216 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Conflicts, Human Rights, Sustainability, Nature/Animals, Ecology/Environment, Economy, Politics

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

French

PREMIERE

Berlin, Germany (2024)

FILM LOCATION

France

LINKS / REFERENCE

WORLD SALES

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PRODUCTION:

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