

# DIVINE LOCATION

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## SYNOPSIS

Dortmund is a city in the Ruhr region, one of Europe's largest industrial centres. Until April 2001, this was one of the most important locations for heavy industry in the world. On the enormous site of the former Phönix-Ost steelworks, which has lain dormant since the plant was closed in 2001, and in the middle of a working-class district, a luxury housing development has now been built up around a newly created, artificial lake: Lake Phoenix. The development includes a marina and piazza. The descriptions provided for this innovative venture make no mention of hard work, steelworks, environmental pollution or noise. The keywords now are leisure time and relaxation, service society and Mediterranean flair. Think Mies van der Rohe instead of workers' housing. But how to proceed when the surrounding working-class neighbourhood has become a ghetto, decimated by unemployment because of the closure of the steelworks? It took five years for the steelworks to make way for the...

## FESTIVALS

Seal of Approval 'highly recommended' 2014  
shortlisted for German Film Award 2015  
Best Film Panorama Kino.doc - IFF Saratov Sufferings 2015  
Grimme Award 2016  
Herbert Quandt Medien-Prize 2016  
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ARD Program Award 2017  
DOK.fest Munich, Duisburg, Kassel, Freistadt, DokPoint  
Helsinki 2015, LOLA@Berlinale,

## CAST AND CREW

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Germany 2014

99 min

ORIGINAL TITLE  
GÖTTLICHE LAGE

FORMAL CATEGORIES  
Sustainability,  
Ecology/Environment, Economy,  
Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES  
German

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