



FACE THE WALL

by Stefan Weinert



SYNOPSIS

The five life stories told by former East German citizens incarcerated for attempting to flee the Republic in the GDR who are representing a group of around 72,000 ex-convicts are shocking to the core. The subjects speak with extraordinary openness of their struggles with the regime, of horrific prison conditions and interrogation methods. This sensitive documentary maintains a close proximity to its protagonists throughout, examining open wounds and bringing psychological damage to light that have made it impossible for them to live a normal fear-free lives ever since.

A remarkable cinematic contribution that shows five unique facets of a daily life consisting of torture, abominations and violations of human dignity without attempting to judge, provoke or explain.

Rather, the film documents and makes an important chapter in German history more palpable in the best possible sense.

„Takes up the story where the Oscar winning film 'The Lives of Others' leaves off.“ DIE ZEIT

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FESTIVALS

Seal of Approval 'highly recommended', Film of the Month October 2009

2010 One World Prag - Prague

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2009 Giornate del Cinema Europeo - Florence

2009 Kasseler Dokfest - Kassel

2009 One World Sofia - Sofia

2009 Doc Review - Warsaw

2009 Der Film 4 - Prague

2009 11° Festival de cine aleman - Madrid

CAST AND CREW

Germany 2009

85 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

GESICHT ZUR WAND

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, History, Conflicts, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Germany (2009)

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