



# FASIA, ON DEFIANT WOMEN AND A TROUBADOURA

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## SYNOPSIS

Fasia Jansen (\*1929; † 1997) – a powerful blues singer; daughter of an African king and a German working-class mother – grows up among antifascist dockers in Hamburg. She barely survives the Nazi regime's medical experiments and forced labour in a concentration camp. Yet, after the war, she begins to sing for peace and women's rights. Together with her spouse, Ellen Diedrich, she becomes a driving force in the European women's peace movement of the 1980s. Today, she is an identification figure for Black Germans. This documentary is a newly edited version of the film first released in 1987.

## FESTIVALS

2024

21 dokumentarfilmwoche hamburg

41 Kassel Dokfest

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Rea Karen, re karen

Germany 2024

85 min

### ORIGINAL TITLE

FASIA, VON TRUTZIGEN  
FRAUEN UND EINER  
TROUBADORA

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Gender,  
Conflicts, Human Rights,  
Migration, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English, Spanish

### PREMIERE

Hamburg, Germany (2024)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

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