

FIGHTER

by Susanne Binninger



SYNOPSIS

They fight in cages. Because they want to, and because others want to see this. Andreas Kraniotakes, Khalid Taha and Lom-Ali Eskijev are professionals in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). They fight in duels on stage using all means permitted. They work hard and live ascetically, often under precarious conditions. Their lives are marked by friendship, discipline and unconditional respect for each other and for their opponents. Kraniotakes, Taha and Eskijev share the dream of being recognized as athletes and of being successful on an international level. They have to pay a high price for this. In Germany, MMA fighters are rarely respected as athletes and can hardly live from fighting. They are under great pressure: as modern gladiators they may not age, may not get injured – and actually must not lose.

FESTIVALS

among others:

DOK Leipzig - World Premiere

LOLA@Berlinale, shortlisted for German Film Award - Best Documentary

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Susanne Binninger · SCREENPLAY Susanne Binninger
· SCORE Jörg Follert · EDITOR Chris Wright · SOUND DESIGN
Alexander Czart

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