

FLOWERS OF FREEDOM

by Mirjam Leuze



SYNOPSIS

When ERKINGUL and her friends meet for tea they talk about toxic cyanide, about bride kidnapping and where to buy the fattest sheep. The women of the NGO KAREK are mothers and wives but first and foremost they are activists, who challenge after a toxic spill in their village not only the nearby goldmine but also the Kyrgyz government. What begins in 2005 as a protest against the mine gradually expands for the women into political resistance. On April 7, 2010 revolution breaks out in Kyrgyzstan. ERKINGUL, the boss of the group, makes a leap into the Kyrgyz parliament and continues her struggle against the gold mine now as a politician. Her friends stay back in the village. SAKISH slogs through in the goat wooltrade, TAMARA is now responsible for the management of the NGO and ASEL leaves for Siberia in order to earn money. Based on the story of ERKINGUL and her fellow activists, the film shows how these women take a stand for themselves and their way of life.

FESTIVALS

Nominierungen

Deutscher Menschenrechts-Filmpreis 2016

Cinema FAIRBindet 2014 Teilnahmen

64. Berlinale PERSPECTIVE Februar 2014 (world premiere)

DOK.fest München Internationaler Wettbewerb, Mai 2014

Kölner Kino Nächte - Juli 2014

Münchener EthnoFilmFest - November 2014

Golden Island Internationales Filmfestival - Nord-Zypern Nov.

2014

Frauenwelten Frauenfilm-Festival – Tübingen, Nov. 2014

This Human World – Internationales

Menschenrechtsfilmfestival, Wien/Österreich 2014

Tutti Nello Stesso Piatto, Festival Internazionale di Cinema Cibo

& Video Diversità, Trento/Italien 2015

Menschenrechts-Filmtage Luzern/Schweiz, Dez. 2014

Internationales Filmwochenende Würzburg, Jan. 2015

Germany 2014

92 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Human Rights

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Kirghiz, Russian, English

PREMIERE

Germany (2014)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

TOPOS Filmproduktion

Leostr. 76

50823 Köln

Germany

FILM LOCATION

Kirgizia

FSK

keine Angabe

LINKS / REFERENCE

<http://www.flowers-of-freed...>

https://youtu.be/F_I-auxaEL...

<https://vimeo.com/117153311>