



FURUSATO

by Thorsten Trimpop



SYNOPSIS

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FESTIVALS

59th DOK Leipzig - Golden Dove
Best Feature Dokumentary - Newburyport DFF
Viennale, Vienna IFF
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ANN ARBOR IFF
IFF Guadalajara
achtung berlin!
IFF Boston

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Thorsten Trimpop

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90 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs,
Ecology/Environment, Economy,
Social issues

PREMIERE

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