



GERMAN CLASS - EVERY BEGINNING IS HARD

by Florian Heinzen-Ziob



SYNOPSIS

GERMAN CLASS takes us back to school. Over the course of six months the film closely follows class teacher Ute Vecchio as she prepares children who have just arrived from other countries for the German school system. Small successes, large set-backs, school pranks and the looming threat of deportation – the challenges the children face are just as diverse as the countries and cultures they originate from. The ambitious Pranvera, who even beats the boys in arm wrestles, has to suffer the deportation of her best friend. Ferdi, who dreams of working as a car mechanic, only has four months left to catch up on four years' worth of schoolwork. And class clown Kujtim has already managed to learn four languages in his eventful lifetime, but cannot write any of them.

GERMAN CLASS is a touching portrait of learning, adapting and growing in a new language and in a new society. A fresh look at an institution that we think we all know well – school.

With: Ute Vecchio, Kujtim, Ferdi, Schach,...

FESTIVALS

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25 Sheffield Doc|Fest - Doc|Think

FF Lünen - Audience Award

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LOLA@Berlinale – Shortlisted for DEUTSCHER FILMPREIS
DOKUMENTARFILM [German FilmAward]

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Florian Heinzen-Ziob · PRODUCER Florian Heinzen-Ziob · SCORE Vasyl Humnytskyy · SOUND Jonathan Kastl, Armin Badde · EDITOR Florian Heinzen-Ziob · DOP Enno Endlicher · COMPOSITING Karl Atteln · SOUND DESIGN Tim Elzer

Germany 2018

89 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

KLASSE DEUTSCH - Aller Anfang ist schwer

FORMAL CATEGORIES

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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