

# HEINO JAEGER-LOOK BEFORE YOU KUCK

by Gerd Kroske



## SYNOPSIS

The German painter and cabaret artist Heino Jaeger was once a celebrated radio star. The radio recordings 'Fragen Sie Dr. Jaeger/ Ask Dr. Jaeger' achieved cult status in the 70s. Nevertheless, this popularity seemed to 'hurt' Jaeger as a painter. After ten years, he abruptly discontinued his broadcasting work and began to drink. Weight down by a trauma from World War II and characterized by anarchic madness, but far being an eccentric, arrogant artist, Heino Jaeger died in a psychiatric ward in 1997 at the early age of 59. He spent his last twelve years there as an alcoholic schizophrenic. His paintings are very precise, ambiguous and contain a special irony. They usually depict a fundamental examination of Germany's state of being. The images are spiteful and bizarre, and his provocative game with Nazi symbolism confused viewers - no one wanted to hang something like that in their living room. The documentary shows the pictures, drawings, photographs, film footage, friends...

## FESTIVALS

DOK Leipzig - Golden Dove  
nominated for Grimme Award  
Seal of Approval 'highly recommended'

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Gerd Kroske · ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR Lisa M. Böttcher · SCREENPLAY Gerd Kroske · SCORE Klaus Janek · SOUND Jonas Hummel, Paul Etscheit · EDITOR Karin Gerda Schöning · DOP Susanne Schüle

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120 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, History,  
War/Peace, Arts/Culture,  
Politics, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

### PREMIERE

Germany (2012)

### PRÄDIKAT

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### LINKS / REFERENCE

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