



HOTEL ASTORIA

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SYNOPSIS

Leipzig, GDR, 1980s: The Hotel Astoria is a magical, almost sacred place. Business people, prostitutes, the elite of the Socialist Party, and from time to time ordinary people meet here. But lobster, salmon and caviar are not always on the menu – extravagance is also on ration. And the Stasi are always watching. Memories of former staff and guests are brought to life in a mix of archive footage and animation. Constant ambiguities show that different historical experiences can co-exist, and that there are gray areas between propaganda and reality.

FESTIVALS

2020
DOK Leipzig
IDFA Amsterdam

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Alina Cyranek, Falk Schuster

2020
28 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES
History

CONTENT CATEGORIES
Animation

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