

# IN SEARCH...

by Beryl Magoko



## SYNOPSIS

As a child in Kenya, the filmmaker Beryl Magoko was subjected to a life-threatening ritual of which many girls become victims even today. At the time, "female circumcision" – a friendly, barely adequate term for the genital mutilation she endured with horrible pain – seemed to her like something that was an integral part of growing up. Today she knows that it doesn't have to be that way. Knowledge alone doesn't help her, so she meets other victims who, like her, waver between anger and shame and still suffer from the procedure decades later.

With her personal and highly political film, Beryl Magoko sets out on a journey that leads her both into the past and the future. Strikingly frank, but without anger, she confronts her own family with questions and reproaches. At the same time she is facing the decision whether to undergo reconstructive surgery and begin a new chapter in her life. (DOK Leipzig, Luc-Carolin Ziemann)

## FESTIVALS

2018

DOK Leipzig

Nominated for the Goethe-Institut Documentary Film Prize, the Film Prize Leipziger Ring and the Young Eyes Film Award IDFA Amsterdam

2019

FIFDH Human Right Filmfestival in Genf

"One World" Human Right Filmfestival in Bukarest

Berlin Feminist Film Week

IFFF Dortmund | Köln

megahertz Student Award - 34 DOK.fest Munich

nominated for German Documentary Award 2019 - 3 SWR

DOKU FESTIVAL

Winner of STZ Leserjury Prize 2019 - 3 SWR DOKU FESTIVAL

2018

90 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Gender, Conflicts, Human Rights, Migration, POV

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, German, Swahili

### PREMIERE

Germany (2018)

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