



LIFE IS NOT A COMPETITION, BUT I'M WINNING

by Julia Fuhr Mann



SYNOPSIS

If history is written by the victors, where does that leave those who were never allowed to be part of the game? A collective of queer athletes enters the Olympic Stadium in Athens and sets out to honour those who were excluded from standing on the winners' podium. They meet Amanda Reiter, a trans* marathon runner who has to struggle with the prejudices of sports organisers and Annet Negesa, a 800m runner who was urged by the international sports federations to undergo hormone-altering surgery. Together they create a radical utopia far from the rigid gender rules in competitive sports.

With: Annet Negesa, Amanda Reiter, Caitlin Fisher, Daniel Marin Medina, Chun Mei Tan, Eva Maria Jost, Jakob Levi Stahlberg, Oumou Aidara, Greta Graf

FESTIVALS

2023

38 SIC - Settimana Internazionale della Critica, Venice

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First Steps Awards Berlin

8 Queer Film Festival Munich

33 Hamburg International Queer Film Festival

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AROUND THE WORLD IN 14 FILMS Berlin

2024

41 IFFF Dortmund+Köln

Women Directors of Photography Documentary Award for Caroline Spreitzenbar

Crossing Europe FF Linz

Germany 2023

79 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Human Rights

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Docudrama, Hybrid

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

PREMIERE

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