



LOCKED UP AND FORGOTTEN

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SYNOPSIS

The film looks at the traumatic experiences of patients in East German psychiatric care. A powerful portrayal of the struggle to reform 'soul work under socialism'.

Everyday life in psychiatric institutions in East Germany was defined by dire material conditions, excessive medication administration, coercion and violence. In the early 1960s, dedicated doctors tried to reform mental health care in the GDR. Unsuccessfully. Other attempts to introduce more respectful doctor-patient relationships and to improve the rehabilitation and integration of the mentally ill failed in the 1970s and 1980s. Lack of resources, distrust of state authorities, but also resistance from senior physicians who were afraid of losing their privileges prevented the "democratisation" of psychiatric care. Many SED functionaries believed depression, suicide or alcoholism should not even exist in socialist Germany. In the 1980s, Lothar Tiedtke spent time in a psychiatric institution in Stralsund in the north...

CAST AND CREW

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ORIGINAL TITLE

Verwahrt und vergessen?

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