

# LOSING FAITH

by Martha Mechow



## SYNOPSIS

In a dark living room, a young woman sinks into the sofa. By saying: "I wish I was a carpet, then I would never have to get up" she bids farewell to her domestic duties and leaves her two children Flippa and Furia. It is through the diary of the now teenage Flippa that we learn of this incident. In Martha Mechow's experimental debut film, the then 23 year old paints pictures with words that rhyme, soliloquize, or improvise on the event. Crossed in love Flippa, writes to her mother inbetween colourful drawings. Calls it 'the heterosexual knot', that unites them in their misfortune and which led the big sister to join the crooked mother-child-resort 'Barranconi'. A place, where pregnant bellies become Trojan Horses and two young men the undoing of all. DIE ÄNGSTLICHE VERKEHRSTEILNEHMERIN tells, as detailed as can be in 720x576 pixels, of the pain of a protagonist who loves what love can not save.

'DIE ÄNGSTLICHE VERKEHRSTEILNEHMERIN is exceptional: a film that is a voyage of...

## FESTIVALS

2023

FID Marseille

21 doclisboa

She Makes Noise Festival, Madrid

The Erste Bank Film Award – 61 Viennale

38 Mar del Plata – Festival Internacional de Cine

23 New Horizons IFF, Wroclaw, Poland

18 UNDERDOX, Munich

2024

27 Diagonale, Graz

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Martha Mechow

Austria, Germany 2023

100 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DIE ÄNGSTLICHE  
VERKEHRSTEILNEHMERIN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Family, Social issues

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Experimental, Hybrid

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English, Italian

PREMIERE

Marseille, France (2023)

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