

LOVE, DEUTSCHMARKS AND DEATH

by Cem Kaya



SYNOPSIS

The German Federal Republic's 1961 recruitment agreement with Turkey not only brought Gastarbeiter (guest workers) to Germany but also their music. Cem Kaya's dense documentary film essay is a tutorial in Turkish-German recent history that tells a tale of assembly line jobs, homesickness and family reunification, the bazaar in the elevated railway station at Berlin's Bülowstraße, xenophobia and racism, the wistful songs of the early years and the hip-hop of the post-reunification period. These are the stories shared by musicians beginning with Metin Türköz and Yüksel Özkasap, to the psychedelic Derdiyoklar and the chart-topping rapper Muhabbet. Their music has evolved a long way from that of German bands and has always developed out of the Turkish community and its desires. This is the world of Radio Yilmaz, various music cassette labels, protest rocker Cem Karaca's German exile, and wedding bands that also sing in Kurdish and Arabic to meet the demands of the market....

FESTIVALS

2022

Seal of Approval 'highly recommended'

24 PANORAMA AUDIENCE AWARD for the best documentary
– 72 Berlinale

GOETHE INSTITUT Documentary Award – 37 DOK.fest Munich
29 Sheffield DocFest

DOCAVIV, Israel

UNERHÖRT! Musikfilmfestival, Hamburg

26 Ji.hlava IDFF

Duisburger Filmwoche

39 Kassel Documentary FF

2023

nominated #lola23 – Deutscher Filmpreis – German Film Award
Best Documentary

Best Documentary – German Film Critic Award 2022

nominated German Documentary Award

Germany 2022

96 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

LIEBE, D-MARK UND TOD

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Arts/Culture, Migration, Music

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Music video

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, Turkish

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