

# LOVE PARADE – THE TRIAL

by Dominik Wessely



## SYNOPSIS

What began 1989 as a tiny street parade in Berlin has long since grown into a million-strong spectacle garnering international attention. In 2010, the “Love Parade” left Berlin for a tour of the Ruhr valley, German’s former industrial stronghold, a region weak in infrastructure and youth appeal. Hundreds of thousands of electronic music lovers took pilgrimage to Duisburg to celebrate, but the day tragically ended in a fatal stampede. What went wrong?

The location of the parade was a former freight yard and the only entrance and exit to the venue was a narrow ramp. There, the crowd squeezed. 21 attendees died and 652 more were injured and traumatized. The Trial reveals the corporate greed and public negligence at the expense of young people from around the world gathering for a music festival. With unprecedented access, the film unravels the worst disaster in counter-culture history.

- “Outstanding” – Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
- “Important and valuable” –...

## FESTIVALS

2020

Nominated for the award of the German Academy for Television

Nominated for the Gaudi-Awards, Spain

In-edit Film Festival, Barcelona

2021

Grimme Award 2021 for Antje Boehmert (Writer/Producer) & Dominik Wessely (Director)

This is an outstandingly documentation of the difficult legal processing of the deadly mass panic in Duisburg in 2010. (...)

Here, precisely in its sober restraint, a great film has succeeded.

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Dominik Wessely · PRODUCER Antje Boehmert

Germany, Spain 2020

81 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

LOVEPARADE - DIE  
VERHANDLUNG

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Children / Youth,  
Arts/Culture, Politics

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, Spanish, Catalan

PREMIERE

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