

MR BACHMANN AND HIS CLASS

by Maria Speth



SYNOPSIS

MR. BACHMANN AND HIS CLASS is an intimate documentary portraying the bond between an elementary school teacher and his students. His unconventional methods clash with the complex social and cultural realities of the provincial German industrial town they live in.

Where does one feel at home? In Stadtallendorf, a German city with a complex history of both excluding and integrating foreigners, genial teacher Dieter Bachmann offers his pupils the key to at least feeling as if they are at home. Aged between twelve and fourteen, these pupils come from twelve different nations; some have not quite mastered the German language. On the brink of retirement, Bachmann is eager to inspire these citizens-in-the-making with a sense of curiosity for a wide range of crafts, subjects, cultures and opinions. Watching this absorbing, sensitive documentary, one is overwhelmed with the realisation that, if only all children were blessed with such emotionally intelligent, ever-patient educators, conflict...

FESTIVALS

2021

SILVER BAER – 71 Berlinale

BEST DOCUMENTARY #lola21 – Deutscher Filmpreis

nominated for VFF Documentary Film Production Award – 36

DOK.fest Munich

CPH:DOX

15. Fünf Seen Filmfestival

18 dokumentarfilmwoche hamburg

VIENNALE

34 IDFA Masters

Duisburger Filmwoche

DOC NYC

Hong Kong IFF

2022

SI STAR Sonderpreis [Sceptimist International]

Germany 2021

217 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

HERR BACHMANN UND SEINE KLASSE

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, History, Children / Youth, Migration, Music, Religion, Social issues

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Educational film

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Berlin, Germany (2021)

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