

MY VIETNAM

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SYNOPSIS

Bay and Tam are a Vietnamese couple who have been living in Germany for the past 30 years. They work as office cleaners by night and rarely come into contact with German society. By day they spend all their time online, maintaining a virtual connection to their homeland via Skype and karaoke chatrooms. But when a storm destroys their house in Vietnam, their virtual bubble bursts. Tam desperately tries to organize the repairs remotely, while Bay's priorities begin to shift, and she studies German in anticipation of the birth of their grandchild in Germany. She sees her future forming there, while for Tam it becomes more important than ever to focus on his family in Vietnam. Is home a place or a state of mind? *Mein Vietnam* is a vivid illustration of living in two places at once, and that duality's consequences on marriage, family and a sense of belonging. (Hot Docs, Angie Driscoll)

FESTIVALS

2020

Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival

2021

42 IFF Max Ophuels Preis

36 DOK.fest Munich

Best Feature Documentary - 50 SEHNSUCHT Student FF

27 Filmschau Baden-Württemberg

First Steps Award

CAST AND CREW

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Armbruster · EDITOR Tobias Wilhelmer · DOP Tim Ellrich

Germany 2020

70 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

MEIN VIETNAM

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Family, Migration

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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