



# NEIGHBORS

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## SYNOPSIS

It is deep winter. We are standing in a forest, in the snow. In front of us is the refugee shelter that had been set on fire. Some boys are playing in the snow. Their laughter echoes through the forest.

Slowly, the camera begins rotating our perceptual field; we see the neighboring houses with their curtains drawn, the rotting fences, the overlapping branches. Nothing indicates an arson attack happened here. No traces on the walls. No plaque in memory of those who did not die, but who were victims of the crime. The neighbors know nothing of it.

## FESTIVALS

2018

Duisburger Filmwoche

2019

Nominated German Filmcritic Award - Short Films Preis  
deutscher Filmkritik (Kurzfilm),

16 Dokumentarfilmwoche Hamburg  
Dokumentarfilmfestival Karlsruhe  
Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg

2019

27 min

ORIGINAL TITLE  
NACHBARN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights,  
Migration, Social issues

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Short film

PREMIERE

Hamburg, Germany (2019)

LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

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