



OFF WAYS

by Uli M. Schueppel



SYNOPSIS

At noon on December 21st, 1989 the members of EINSTUERZENDE NEUBAUTEN – a band then hailed as West-German cult export – hit the road in West Berlin for their very first concert in East Berlin, capital of the GDR. And as yet, it is a long, unusual way from Berlin Kreuzberg to Berlin Lichtenberg, into the Wilhelm Pieck-Hall of the industrial plant VEB Elektrokohle. As yet there is the wall and as yet there are border controls – Filmaker Uli M Schueppel, a friend of the band, accompanied EINSTUERZENDE NEUBAUTEN throughout this – extraordinary – day – extraordinary for the musicians who for the most part had grown up in West Berlin and who previously had never been granted an official permit to perform in the GDR. Extraordinary, because the concert in the evening had been pulled off through mediation of GDR playwright Heiner Mueller, who was friends with Blixa Bargeld at that time, and who also would introduce the concert with a short speech. The fact, that...

FESTIVALS

Berlinale PANORAMA

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Uli M. Schueppel

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ORIGINAL TITLE
VON WEGEN

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