

# ON THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE

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## SYNOPSIS

Lucky and Bongani pretend to be cool and in the know. To survive in a Cape Town township, they learned their lessons early: where to get drugs, where to get money, how to pick up girls and how to get rid of them. Their mother does not pay much attention to her sons, but at least their grandmother is on their side. The two brothers share everything: the bed, the food and now even an accusation of murder. The first thing they get in prison is an unmistakable lesson about the rules there. No question, newcomers are always at the bottom of the hierarchy. They must learn quickly who may be attacked and who must be served. A matter of survival in jail. Out on bail, something special awaits them - an initiation of a different kind. The brothers move through three cultures, each of which calls for its own gestures and rituals. The deep rift between the generations becomes painfully obvious. The old people still have the sense of honour of African tradition; their successors have only a...

## FESTIVALS

2010

SXSW festival, Austin, Texas (US premiere)

Best Film, Milan Film Festival

Emerging Cinematic Vision, Camden IFF

Ciné Cinéma Award, Ronda Film Festival

"Starter" Film Award Munich

FFF Emerging Director Award - DOK.fest Munich

DOK Leipzig

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Stefanie Brockhaus, Andy Wolff · PRODUCER

Stefanie Brockhaus, Andreas Wolff · EDITOR Stefanie

Brockhaus, Andreas Wolff, Ulrike Tortora · DOP Stefanie

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Germany 2010

88 min

### ORIGINAL TITLE

Die Andere Seite des Lebens -  
zwei Brüder aus dem Township

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Coming of  
Age, Children / Youth, Social  
issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, Xhosa

### PREMIERE

Germany (2010)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

Andreas Wolff Film

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### FILM LOCATION

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#### TRAILER

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