



OUT IN EAST BERLIN – LESBIANS AND GAYS IN THE GDR

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SYNOPSIS

In 1968, paragraph 175, which made homosexual behavior punishable by law, was abolished in the German Democratic Republic. At first homosexuality was considered a negligible, somehow suspicious issue in real existing socialism. The nuclear family constituted the center of social society.

“Out in East Berlin” tells the various, impressive-to-absurd personal histories of gay men and lesbians during socialistic GDR until the fall of the Berlin Wall. Their experiences on the path to a self-conscious, outed sexual identity share one specific perspective: They are accompanied by the watchful eye of the Ministry of State Security (Stasi), which reached even their actions in bedroom. Those were recorded in innumerable personal files. Based on the homosexual perspective, filmmakers Jochen Hick and Andreas Strohfeldt elucidate the political picture of the GDR, in which citizens are monitored, spied upon and whose movements are restrained. In addition, they are called upon to betray one's...

FESTIVALS

Berlinale, Pink Apple Zürich, Neisse FF, Exground FF, Shrewsbury FF, Frameline San Francisco, Mibrasil FF, LS Hamburg, Llamale H FF, Queer Migrations Wien, Side by Side St. Petersburg, Budapest LGBT FF, Budapest Verzio FF, Perlen Hannover u.v.a..

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Jochen Hick

Germany 2013

94 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Gender, History, Conflicts, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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