



# PLAYLAND USA

by Benjamin Schindler



## SYNOPSIS

A poetic time travel fantasy through the imagined history of the United States as a modern fairyland, along the traces of our desire for illusion and escapism – fatally bound between fact and fiction, anticipating the current reality shifts in the US.

PLAYLAND USA questions the possibilities and limits of the representation of history and is a self-reflection regarding film as a medium. The film asks essential questions: What is seeing? How do we see the world? And: What is invisible, for us, for others?

The film draws a line in cinematic images from Noah's Ark to the colonization of Mars, including dinosaurs, Indians, and superheroes, of course. It becomes increasingly clear that Benjamin Schindler has made many „American Dreams“ into an „American Nightmare“, inscribing quotes of pop culture and Hollywood into a biblical history. When the film recounts the shooting at the Batman premiere in Aurora, reality and fiction have finally merged.

## FESTIVALS

2019

40 Film Festival Max-Ophüls-Preis - World Premiere

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Benjamin Schindler · PRODUCER Levin Hübner, Fabian Wallenfels, Benjamin Schindler · SCORE Jan F. Kurth, Lukas Truniger · DOP Benjamin Schindler · SOUND DESIGN Lukas Truniger

Germany 2019

88 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English

### PREMIERE

Saarbrücken, Germany (2019)

### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

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### FILM LOCATION

USA

### LINKS / REFERENCE

#### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

Hübner/Wallenfels GbR

<http://www.hwav.de>

<https://vimeo.com/301024086>

<http://www.playlandusa.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pl...>