



PORTRAITS OF GERMAN ALCOHOLICS

by Carolin Schmitz



SYNOPSIS

The people that tell their story in this film are alcoholics. Beyond that they are lawyers bureaucrats, home makers, managers, colleagues and mothers. "Portraits of German Alcoholics" explores the life stories and the survival strategies of people who are trying to arrange their daily lives around an addiction. The personal stories contrast, cross and unite with model-like imagery of settings reflecting a supposedly intact society. Residential subdivisions, working environments in factories, etc. Leading beyond the personal histories, the interconnected voices in combination with the images convey a problem of society at large. The film opens a perspective on a reality lying behind assumed normalcy, a reality pervaded by unfulfillable yearnings. original German version with English subtitles available

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FESTIVALS

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Berlinale 2010, Perspektive deutsches Kino

Dokumentarfilmwoche Hamburg

Heimspiel Filmfest Regensburg

Kasseler Dokumentarfilm- und Videofest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Carolin Schmitz · EDITOR Stefan Oliveira - Pita · DOP
Olaf Hirschberg

Germany 2010

78 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

Germany (2010)