



SAINT PAULI'S STRONG WOMEN

by Rasmus Gerlach



SYNOPSIS

St. Pauli's special flair has attracted many interesting women who substantially help in shaping their red-light district as barkeepers, musicians or even nuns.

Rasmus Gerlach met a surprising range of wonderful women for his unusual portrait of St. Pauli, ranging from the burlesque performer Eve Champagne over the legendary barkeeper Ille from the bar Kiez Klause, her young counterpart Betty Kupsa, "Barmaid of the Year 2016", to Franca Cueno, proprietor of the legendary Italian restaurant which had been founded in the Davidsstraße in 1905.

They and many others are whole-heartedly rooting for their Reeperbahn and they share a loving and serene attitude to the colourful goings-on around them. Take, for example, the Livebirds musicians, who came to Hamburg in the 60s and never left again, even though bass player Mary Dostal initially wanted to become a nun. Together with Bernadette La Hengst, they now provide the film's soundtrack. And naturally, there's a real nun as well.

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Rasmus Gerlach · PRODUCER Rasmus Gerlach · EDITOR Rasmus Gerlach · DOP Skrollan Alwert, Irene Bude, Oleg Welk, Rasmus Gerlach

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83 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Gender, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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PREMIERE

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