



SANTIKHIRI SONATA

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SYNOPSIS

This hybrid film was shot in an area called Santikhiri, which means 'the Hill of Peace', the name granted by the Kingdom of Thailand in 1978 in order to create a new image for this land. Located in the northernmost part of the country, the area is now a significant tourist destination due to its mix of cultures between Thai and Chinese, despite a CIA report in 1971 that the area was one of the biggest centers of heroin production in Southeast Asia. However, after General Prem's government came to power in the 80s, everything – drugs, communism, corruption, human trafficking, and stateless persons in this area – was entirely suppressed to foster order and peace. But, in reality, can this place be as peaceful as its new name? Since that time, what has been its continued impact up to this very day and beyond? These are the questions that the film poses.

FESTIVALS

2020

1st Prize Competition Doc Lisboa

Bergen IFF

27 Sheffield Doc|Fest

Germany, Thailand 2019

75 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, History, Social issues

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Hybrid

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Thai

PREMIERE

Portugal (2019)

FILM LOCATION

Thailand

LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

Jürgen Brüning Filmproduktion

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TRAILER

<https://vimeo.com/326858469>

CAST AND CREW

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