



SLEEPING GIANT

by Markus Schröder



SYNOPSIS

Two ex-commanders of the FARC rebel group re-enter a hostile Colombian society after 50 years of civil war. They soon learn that symbolic football tournaments against former enemies cannot heal the scars of conflict. When the new president derails the peace process, their names appear on paramilitary hit lists, plunging their lives into a struggle for survival.

FESTIVALS

2023

62 FICCI Colombia

18 DocsMX Mexico

7 DokuBaku, Azerbaijan

10 FICDEH - Festival of Human Rights, Colombia

Special Mention - 57 Hof IFF, Germany

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Markus Schröder

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

"When I met Pedro and Eduardo, *Sleeping Giant*'s protagonists, I was drawn in by their mixed feelings of defiance and dread. Their determination to rebuild their lives as civilians was turning into a journey as perilous as the war itself. With so much bubbling under the surface, I wanted their story to be told. While both Pedro and Eduardo spoke passionately of the injustices their communities faced, they have themselves been accused of committing atrocities. The viewer will question the moral implications of war as the characters not only show remorse, but also deny crimes of which we present the harrowing archival footage. I want to humanise the characters without glorifying them. I hope to show the audience a new perspective of a community far more complex than portrayed by the media. Are they good or are they evil? I'm not here to make that judgement for any-

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84 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DER SCHLAFENDE GIGANT

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Conflicts, War/Peace, Crime, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Spanish

PREMIERE

Colombia (2023)

LINKS / REFERENCE

WORLD SALES

Sala46 Films

<https://www.sala46films.com>

PRODUCTION

Future Lights UG | Markus Schröder

<https://www.markusschroder....>

<https://vimeo.com/markussch...>

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TRAILER

<https://vimeo.com/751600505>