



# SOVIET HIPPIES

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## SYNOPSIS

A wild flower power ride on the footprints of the Soviet hippie movement takes you into the psychedelic underground of 1970s. Thrilled by rock music, inspired by the cult of peace and love, the young long-haired drop-outs craved for freedom and created their own System in the Soviet Union despite the strict regime.

Years later, a group of eccentric hippies from Estonia take a road journey to Moscow where people still gather annually on the 1st of June for celebrations related to the tragic event of 1971, when thousands of hippies were arrested by the KGB. (Wide House, World Sales)

The hippie movement that captivated hundreds of thousands of young people in the West had a profound impact on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Within the Soviet system, a colorful crowd of artists, musicians, freaks, vagabonds and other long-haired drop-outs created their own system, which connected those who believed in peace, love, and freedom for their bodies and souls.

More than 40 years later, a...

## CAST AND CREW

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Germany (2017)

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FILM LOCATION  
Estonia, Russia

LINKS / REFERENCE  
<http://widehouse.org> (World Sales)  
<http://www.mouka.fi/en> (CoProduction)  
<https://youtu.be/ZKRgZiyQvZ...>  
<http://www.soviethippies.co...>