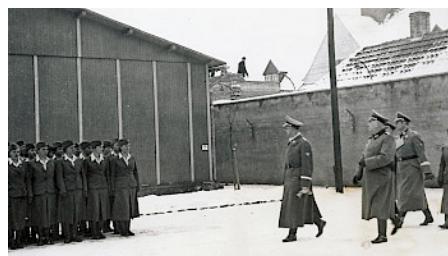




# THE CASE OF JOHANNA LANGEFELD

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## SYNOPSIS

The story of Johanna Langefeld is the only known case of an SS guard being saved from a death sentence after the war by her own victims. In 1946, she escaped from a Cracow prison where she was awaiting trial. Her former prisoners not only helped her escape but also hid her from the Polish authorities for ten years. What were their motives?

### Woman and War – Perpetrators and victims

The film explores the only known case of a high-ranking SS guard being supported by her own victims: Johanna Langefeld, chief-guard of the concentration camps for women in Auschwitz and Ravensbrueck, awaited trial for Nazi war crimes and escaped 23th Dec. 1946 with the help of Polish survivors of the Ravensbrueck concentration camp. The story was kept secret because its disclosure threatened punishment, both for the former German SS-guard, as well as for the Polish escape supporters.

The film authors jointly spoke with Polish survivors. They all share a real positive opinion about Johanna Langefeld. Former...

## FESTIVALS

### awards:

Best International Documentary – RIFFA Canada

Best Foreign Documentary – 7 AegeanDocs Greece

Award of Ministry of Culture & National Heritage of Poland – 25 NURT, Kielce, Poland

Golden Teeth of Camera – 31 PFFA, Chicago

Grand Jury Prize & Special Achievement Award directing – Red Rock Film Festival, USA.

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KinoDUEL International Film Festival, Russian Federation

Neisse Film Festival, Germany

RIFFA Regina Film Festival & Awards, Canada

AegeanDocs International Film Festival, Greece

Documentary Film Festival NIIDT, Poland

Polen, Germany 2019

90 min

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DIE AUFSEHERIN – DER FALL JOHANNA LANGEFELD

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