



THE EMPTY GRAVE

by Agnes Lisa Wegner, Cece Mlay



SYNOPSIS

THE EMPTY GRAVE is a compelling German-Tanzanian collaboration by kurhaus production and Kijiweni Productions, directed by Agnes Lisa Wegner and Cece Mlay. The film follows the emotional journey of two Tanzanian families in search of their stolen ancestors. Their quest leads them to Germany, where tens of thousands of skulls and bones from former German colonies are stored in museum depots – a haunting legacy of colonial plunder in the early 20th century, taken for racist research and as macabre trophies. Set in the present, the film unveils the enduring traces and traumas inflicted by colonial crimes on families and communities.

FESTIVALS

2024

74 BERLINALE Special

nominated Roman Brodmann Award

39 DOK.fest Munich

21 Millenium Docs Against Gravity

11 dokKa Karlsruhe, Germany

21 Africa FF Cologne

30 Filmschau Baden-Württemberg

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Agnes Lisa Wegner, Cece Mlay

Germany, Tanzania 2024

97 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DAS LEERE GRAB

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Family, History, Conflicts, Human Rights

PREMIERE

Germany (2024)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

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