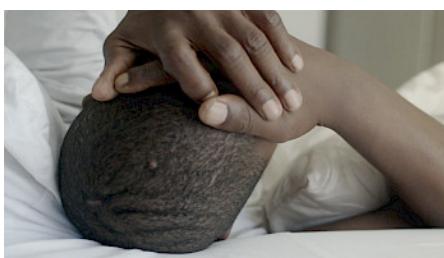




# THE FIFTH POINT OF THE COMPASS

by Martin Prinoth



## SYNOPSIS

On 1 June 2009 a passenger plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. My cousin Georg, returning from Brazil, was among the 228 dead. He grew up as an adopted child in a small Italian village in the midst of the Dolomites; he had travelled to the city of Salvador da Bahia on the coast of Brazil in search of his biological mother. Seven years later his adoptive brother, Markus, crosses the ocean to follow Georg's footprints into his own past. The drama is reflected in geological dimensions, in primeval depths. Where does mankind's desire to learn how the world was created come from? Where do we come from? There is stardust, the primary matter, the answer to the question, in the rocks at the bottom of the ocean. The origin of all life can be studied, but not necessarily the origin of an individual life.

Martin Prinoth took his film to the bottom of the sea – where the primary stone is found. And where his cousin Georg's body sank when he was killed in a plane crash over the...

## FESTIVALS

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awards

VisioniDOC for Best Documentary | Visioni Italiane Bologna

D.E-R. Award | Student Prize of DAMS University Bologna

Best Documentary | Migranti Film Festival Italy

Best Documentary | Euganea Film Festival Italy

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Nomination for Euregio Student Prize

festivals

60th DOK Leipzig | International Programme

42nd Mostra São Paulo | New Filmmakers Competition

25th Visioni Italiane Bologna | Documentary Competition

28th Cinema del Film Africano Milano | Extr'A Competition

32nd Bolzano Filmfestival Bozen | Documentary Competition

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