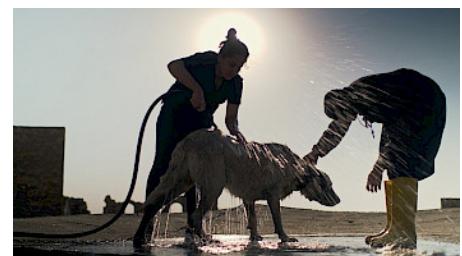




THE GUARDIAN

by Martina Priessner



SYNOPSIS

For 20 years, the Syrian Orthodox nun Dayrayto lives on the grounds of a church in Zaz, a dilapidated and abandoned Assyrian village in southeastern Turkey. Ever since the monk died six years ago she lives alone with her animals. Her presence in the region is a thorn in the side of many local actors. Lately, the situation is getting worse. Dayrayto, however, made a vow to protect the church and not to leave the holy place, even at the cost of her life.

FESTIVALS

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CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Martina Priessner · PRODUCER Martina Priessner
(CoProduction), Friedemann Hottenbacher, Gregor Streiber ·
EDITOR Özlem Sariyildiz · DOP Meryem Yavuz · SOUND DESIGN
Robert F. Kellner

2020

87 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DIE WÄCHTERIN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Conflicts,
Human Rights, Religion

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Kurdish, Turkish

PREMIERE

Leipzig, Germany (2020)

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