



THE STRANGE SOUND OF HAPPINESS

by Diego Pascal Panarello



SYNOPSIS

After years drifting, Diego returns to Sicily. His dream of becoming a musician has not worked out. He has no job and no plans for the future but the sound of an ancient musical instrument, the mouth harp, points the way. From the torrid coasts of Sicily, Diego journeys to the frozen flatlands of Yakutia in Siberia where he becomes part of a prophecy from a century ago. The 'sound of happiness' is at last there.

After twenty years, the failed musician Diego returns to his Sicilian hometown of Augusta with no money, job or perspectives. In a dream he has a vision of a Jew's harp, called Marranzano in Italian. The half vibrant, half buzzing sound of this small musical instrument echoes in the chant of the omnipresent cicadas – and in the sound of an electric shaver. After some initial research at the local souvenir shop, Diego soon finds himself in freezing Yakutia, where the Jew's harp is called...

FESTIVALS

DOK Leipzig – Honorable Mention Next Masters Competition 2017

25th hotDOCS Toronto 2018

20th International Tel Aviv Documentary Filmfestival – doc aviv
35th Kassel DokFest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Diego Pascal Panarello · **PRODUCER** Jörg Bundschuh (Kick Film GmbH Munich), Edoardo Fracchia (Stefilm International) · **SCORE** Bartolomeo Sailer · **EDITOR** Carmen Kirchweger · **DOP** Matteo Cocco · **COMPOSING** Michael Haesters

Germany 2017

89 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

DER SELTSAME KLANG DES GLÜCKS

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Music, POV

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Music video

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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