



THE YEAR OF CRANE

by Tianlin Xu



SYNOPSIS

My daughter was born in Germany, shortly before COVID-19 broke out in my homeland China. The following year felt as if our public life was frozen, but many things happened within our little family: my daughter started to crawl, then walk; learned to fight with her older brother and spoke her first words; she celebrated her first birthday. On the other side of the globe, my parents celebrated two Chinese New Years without us and they had to say goodbye to my Grandma. It had snowed, it had blossomed, Trump was gone. All of these pieced together is this little film.

FESTIVALS

2022

43 FF Max Ophüls Preis Saarbrücken

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Tianlin Xu · PRODUCER Tianlin Xu

2022

12 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

JAHR DES KRANICHS

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Family, Migration

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, Chinese

PREMIERE

Saarbrücken, Germany (2022)

LINKS / REFERENCE

PRODUCTION

Tianlin Xu

tianlin@treibsand-film.de