



# THOSE NEXT TO US

by Bernhard Hetzenauer



## SYNOPSIS

In breathtaking words, Germán López Rosales from Mexico talks about his experience during a human-smuggling operation from Mexican border town Laredo to San Antonio, Texas. Locked up inside a tractor-trailer, eight out of 39 immigrants died that day next to Germán because of extreme heat and lack of water. Two others died later in the hospital. Distant wide angle shots of the deserted Texan landscapes, suburbs and highways create a strong contrast to Germán's intimate testimony.

## FESTIVALS

2023

50 Telluride Film Festival, USA

2024

27 Diagonale, Graz

Crossing Europe FF Linz

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Bernhard Hetzenauer

Austria, Switzerland, Germany,  
Mexico 2023

30 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Conflicts, Human Rights, Migration

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Short film

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Spanish

### PREMIERE

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