



# UNITED BUDDY BEARS BEFORE THEIR WORLD TOUR

by Dagmar Scheibert

## SYNOPSIS

Peter Ustinov and Jackie Chan – in fiction, maybe, they seem to be an unlikely couple, but not in reality. They represent two of the stars featured in the documentary UNITED BUDDY BEARS. It was in 2003, when in Berlin in an old tram depot gathered well-known artists from all over the world to design 123 bear sculptures. Each of them should represent a different member state of the United Nations. The filmmaker Dagmar Scheibert observed for several months the artists, while they made their decisions how and what to paint onto the buddy bear skins. Finally, put up in a circle close to the famous Brandenburg gate in Berlin, the buddy bears spread a message of cross cultural understanding, attracting a million people: "We must get to know each other better, then we can understand each other better, trust each other more and co-exist more peacefully". See also UNITED BUDDY BEARS on World Tour (2006, 26min)

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ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, German

PREMIERE

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## CAST AND CREW

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