



VIOLENTLY HAPPY

by Paola Calvo



SYNOPSIS

We live in a society that wants to keep us away from pain. Aspirin, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen and Voltaren. Children's playgrounds with rubber mats and bikes with cushioned seats. Please, take my body, wrap it up in cotton and don't touch it! This film is about people who want to be touched and are not afraid of experimenting with pain. And, in doing so, have lots of sex.

Felix Ruckert, dancer and choreographer, meets Mara Morgen, urban sustainability worker not to play with rubber mats but with whips, sex toys and sculptures of Buddha.

So what does Dance, Yoga and S&M have in common? The Schwelle 7, not a basement but Felix's sun bathed 500 m² living room, an experimental place where real people play with real violence. While dancing, meditating, at sex parties and in S&M sessions.

"For her documentary *Violently Happy*, Paola Calvo accompanied the former dancer Felix Ruckert, whose choreographies caused irritation in the art business and who founded the Berlin project »Schwelle 7«....

FESTIVALS

among others
DOK.fest Munich
IFFF Dortmund|Köln

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Paola Calvo · DOP Paola Calvo

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FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Gender

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