

WADIM

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SYNOPSIS

Wadim K. grew up in Germany. But he never received a German passport, because his parents were refugees. In 2005 he found himself being deported to Latvia – a country he could hardly remember. During his final visit to Hamburg he threw himself in front of a train. Through photos and very personal family videos as well as interviews with Wadim's parents, friends and other contemporary witnesses, the 90-minute film WADIM pieces together the mosaic of a short life, representative of the lives led by 87,000 other people with only a provisional status to stay in Germany. It questions the inflexible scaffold of residence rights legislation and causes people to think about very topical issues: Where do people belong? What does the word 'home' mean? And can you take it away from someone by law?

FESTIVALS

Otto Brenner Prize SPEZIAL
Catholic MediaAward
nominated for German Documentary Film Award
Hot Docs International Documentary Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
Kasseler Dokumentarfilmfest, Germany
Dokumentarfilmwoche Hamburg, Germany
Ad hoc Documentary Film Festival: Inconvenient Films, Vilnius, Lithuania
International Documentary Encounter, Bogotá, Colombia
Festival de Cine de Oriente, Rionegro, Colombia
International TV Festival, Bar, Montenegro
Exground Filmfest, Wiesbaden, Germany
Global Film Festival, Halle, Germany

CAST AND CREW

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90 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights,
Migration, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

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