

WE CALL HER HANKA

by Grit Lemke



SYNOPSIS

What makes us who we are? In search of her own roots, the director explores an indigenous people in Germany: the Sorbs, the smallest Slavic people. Their language and culture are severely threatened by centuries of oppression. But a new generation no longer wants to accept this: They are committed to self-determination, come to terms with the trauma of losing their villages because of lignite mining or redefine being Sorbian as alternative, anti-fascist and feminist. And the German Anna becomes a Sorbian Hanka. Metaphorical images of nature, poetic reflections of a first-person narrator and archaic but experimental Sorbian music in the first ever film about Sorbs.

FESTIVALS

2023

66 DOK Leipzig

Cottbus Festival of Eastern European Cinema

2024

5 LETsDOK

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Grit Lemke (Grit Lemkova aka GRITKA) · **PRODUCER** Annekatriin Hendel

Germany 2023

92 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

BEI UNS HEISST SIE HANKA

FORMAL CATEGORIES

History, Migration, POV,
Travelling

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

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