

TALK STRAIGHT

The World Of Rural Queers

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ICH KENN KEINEN Allein unter Heteros

Galeria Alaska Productions zeigt einen Dokumentarfilm von Jochen Hick Montage Florian Köhler
Assistenz Jens Lang Musik Jan Tilman Schade & Klaus Wagner Schnittassistenz André Stever
Tonbearbeitung Jörg Theil Mischung Michael Kaczmarek Supervising Karin Wallenczus
Buch, Regie, Kamera und Produzent Jochen Hick

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CONTENT

In big cities discrimination against homosexuality and gay way of life is not a big issue anymore. Gay mayors and football club association presidents are no longer colourful exceptions to the rule, rather they have become an expression of normality. In rural areas, however, the definition of what is normal is quite different. Out here, normal means a husband, wife and children "the nuclear family". In the country, expressions such as "poofter" are still common parlance and mothers are ashamed if their sons fail to bring home a girlfriend.

Hartmut, Richard, Stefan and Uwe are all gay men who live in the country. They punctuate their rural existence with brief but regular sojourns in Berlin, Zürich or Thailand. These four men have learned to live with the fact, that their lifestyle is met with a volley of abuse from their heterosexual friends and acquaintances in the church choir and at the local pub.

Jochen Hick's film provides an insight into a largely unknown world. The audience follows the lives of the protagonists via the comments of their heterosexual environment. Expressed in the local dialect, the often comical and regular surprising comments on homosexuality demonstrate just how deep the gulf is between what is supposedly normal and what comprises a deviation from the norm. The film provides a bitterly comical portrait of a heterosexual perspective on gay men in Germany's country towns.

TEAM/ CREW

Writer, Camera, Director
Editor
Assistant Director
Music
Assistants
Assistant Editor
Sound Editor
Sound Mixing
Production Manager Stuttgart
Production Office Hamburg
Research
Historical Counselling
Supervising/ Counselling
Producer
A production of

Jochen Hick
Florian Köhler
Jens Lang
Jan Tilman Schade, Klaus Wagner
Stefan Götz, Orlík Neubert, André Stever, Gilles Lasnet
André Stever
Jörg Theil
Michael Kaczmarek
Hermann Hick
Karin Wallenczus
Jochen Hick, Jens Lang, Karl-Heinz Steinle
Karl-Heinz Steinle
Dr. Karin Wallenczus
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BIOGRAPHY/ FILMOGRAPHY

Founder, owner and producer of GALERIA ALASKA PRODUCTIONS. Film studies at Hamburg, Academy of Fine Arts (degree in visual communications/film), studies at University of Florence, Bologna and Hamburg. Numerous credits in film and tv productions as AD, DP, sound engineer and editor. Screenwriter and journalist for various tv-stations. Some of Jochen Hick's film titles as director & screenwriter are: VIA APPIA (1990), MENMANIACS (1995), SEX/ LIFE IN LA (1998) and NO ONE SLEEPS (2000).

CAST

With **Hartmut Alber, Stefan Braun, Uwe Furtwängler, Erika Micale, Richard and many more**

TECHNICAL

Documentary, Germany 2003; 35mm, colour stereo, ratio 1:1,37
Theatrical and tv version: 99 minutes (35mm and Digital Betacam)
Long version: 106 minutes (Digital Betacam)
Additional versions available on request
German original version: German language
English version: German language with English subtitles

AWARDS

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