Freedom

" Nora walks out on her husband Philip and their two children without a word of explanation. She's driven by an irresistible force. She wants to be free. "

Synopsis

Nora roams through a museum in Vienna, has sex with a young man and hitchhikes randomly on to Bratislava, concealing her identity by telling little lies. She changes her look, finds work as a chambermaid and makes friends with a young Slovakian stripper, Etela, and her husband Tamás, a cook.

Meanwhile, in Berlin, Philip is trying to manage his family, his job and his affair with Monika. Against his own convictions he is forced to defend in court a racist teenager guilty of beating an African man into a coma. He struggles with his role as a single parent and cannot properly commit to Monika as his everyday life has lost meaning since Nora disappeared. The only person Philip really opens up to is the unconscious coma patient. Nora's desire for freedom is Philip's chain.

Credits

Director: Jan Speckenbach / **Genre**: Drama / **Original title**: Freiheit / **English title**: Freedom / **Country of production**: Germany, Slovakia / **Year of production**: 2017 / **Length**: 102 min / **Color**: colour / **Shooting format**: 2K / **Screening format**: DCP / **Original language**: German, Slovak, English / **Subtitles**: English / **Cast**: Johanna Wokalek, Hans-Jochen Wagner, Inga Birkenfeld, Andrea Szabová, Ondrej Koval' / **Scriptwriter**: Jan Speckenbach, Andreas Deinert / **Director of photography**: Tilo Hauke / **Editor**: Jan Speckenbach / **Sound design**: Marian Mentrup / **Producers**: Sol Bondy, Jamila Wenske / **Co-producers**: Peter Badač, Jelena Goldbach / **Production company**: ONE TWO FILMS / **Co-production company**: BFILM, ZAK Film Productions

Festivals / Awards

Locarno IFF, Switzerland – *Concorso Internazionale*; CPH PIX, Denmark; Warsaw Film Festival, Poland; HAIFA IFF, Israel; Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain – *Sección Oficial Competition*; 51st Hof International Film Festival, Germany; 41st São Paulo International Film Festival, Brazil – *New Directors Competition*; Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg, Germany; Noordelijk Film Festival, The Netherlands; Goa International Film Festival, India – *International Competition*; Around The World In 14 Films, Germany; International Film Festival of Kerala, India; Les Arcs European Film Festival, France; Filmfestival Max-Ophüls-Preis, Germany; Czech-Slovak Film Festival, Australia

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