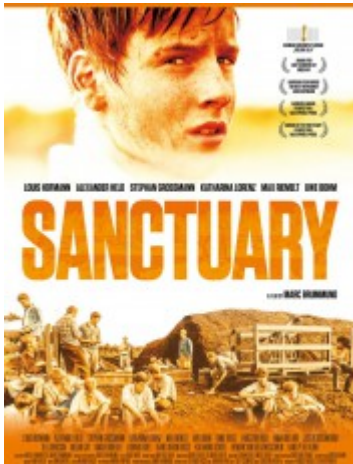


# Sanctuary

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“ It is 1968 when rebellious 14-year-old Wolfgang is sent to Freistatt, a foster home for difficult children. In an era of freedom, sexual revolution and the Rolling Stones, Wolfgang faces brutal methods of "education" on a daily basis and must learn how to resist a long-established system of oppression. ”



## Synopsis

May 1968: Rolling Stones, bell-bottoms, mini-skirts, sexual revolution, protests against the Vietnam War... While Germany sets off for a new era of freedom, rebellious fourteen-year-old Wolfgang gets sent to Freistatt, a foster home for difficult children. There he shall be "educated" to become a decent boy. Wolfgang puts up a determined resistance against the brutal working conditions and the perfidious education methods of the wardens; he doesn't allow them to get him down. But for how long can he manage to resist the system of violence and oppression without brutalising himself?

## Credits

**Director:** Marc Brummund / **Genre:** Drama, Historical, Coming of Age, First Feature / **Original title:** Freistatt / **English title:** Sanctuary / **Country of production:** Germany / **Year of production:** 2015 / **Length:** 104 min / **Color:** colour / **Shooting format:** HD / **Screening format:** DCP (1:2.35, Dolby 5.1, 24fps, encrypted) / **Original language:** German / **Subtitles:** English, French / **Cast:** Alexander Held, Stefan Grossmann, Max Riemelt, Louis Hofmann / **Scriptwriter:** Marc Brummund, Nicole Armbruster / **Director of photography:** Judith Kaufmann / **Editor:** Hans Funck / **Sound design:** Matthias Haeb / **Music:** Anne Nikitin / **Producers:** Stefan Sporbert & Rüdiger Heinze / **Co-producers:** Stefanie Groß, Barbara Häbe, DR. Götz Schmedes, Christian Bauer / **Production company:** Zum Goldenen Lamm Filmproduktion / **Co-production company:** SWR, ARTE, WDR, SR / **Supported by:** the MFG Film Funding, FFA, Nordmedia, Film Fund Schleswig-Holstein, DFFF

## Festivals / Awards

Max-Ophüls-Preis 2015, Germany - **Audience Award, Youth Jury Award**; Golden Lola 2013, Germany - **German Screenplay Award**; Emden Film Festival 2012, Germany - **Screenplay Award**; Shanghai Int'l Film Festival 2015, China; International Filmfestival Emden-Norderney 2015, Germany - **Creative Energy Award**; Golden Apricot FF Yerevan 2015, Armenia - **Audience Award**; Giffoni Film Festival 2015, Italy - **Best Film Award** (Generation +13); Tbilisi International FF, Georgia; Göteborg IFF, Sweden ; Mamers en Mars - festival de films Européens, France; Stockholm Filmfestival Junior, Sweden; Beijing International Film Festival, China; Tripoli Film Festival, Lebanon; Zlín Film Festival, Czech Republic; Das Festival des deutschen Films, Spain; International Film Festival Human Rights Tenemos Que Ver Uruguay; Film Festival Giffoni Georgia 2016 - **Best Film Award** (Generation +13); Pyongyang International Film Festival, North Korea; Skandinavian IFF Helsinki, Finland; Festival de Cine de Bogota, Colombia - **Pre-Columbian Gold Circle Best Picture**; Zoom Festival, Spain - **Best Film Award**; ;

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