

The Culpable

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“ The life and faith of a Catholic prison minister is shaken when his friend and colleague is taken into custody on suspicion of sexual abuse. What follows is a drive to discover the truth. ”



Synopsis

The life and faith of catholic prison minister Jakob Voelz is fundamentally troubled when his best friend and hieratical colleague Dominik Bertram is taken in custody under suspicion of sexual abuse. Jakob would be more than happy to believe Dominik is innocent. Yet, what Jakob is beginning to suspect becomes a crucial test for his faith and his self-conception as a priest: There is a truth we welcome and there is a truth we fear, about which we tend to fall silent. Jakob begins to turn against that silence within the church, in order to discover the truth.

Credits

Director: Gerd Schneider / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Verfehlung / **English title:** The Culpable / **Country of production:** Germany / **Year of production:** 2015 / **Length:** 95 min / **Color:** Colour / **Original language:** German / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Sebastian Blomberg, Kai Schumann, Jan Messutat, Sandra Borgmann Valerie Koch, Rade Radovic / **Scriptwriter:** Gerd Schneider / **Director of photography:** Pascal Schmit / **Editor:** Uta Schmidt / **Sound design:** Steffen Graubaum / **Music:** John Gürtler & Jan Miserre / **Producers:** Felix Eisele, Julia Kleinhenz, Katja Siegel, Bernhard Stegmann / **Production company:** av medien penrose, Penrose Film / **Co-production company:** SWR, BR and ARTE / **Supported by:** MFG Filmförderung, BKM and General Federal Film Fund (DFFF)

Festivals / Awards

Filmfestival Max-Ophüls-Preis 2015 - German Premiere; Festival of German Films Ludwigshafen 2015, Germany; Arras International Film Festival, France - **Prix Regards jeunes Région Nord-Pas de Calais**; Santa Barbara IFF, USA - **Public Choice Award**; Preis der deutschen Filmkritik im Rahmen der Berlinale - **Bestes Spielfilmdebüt**; Festival International du Film d'Aubagne, France; Torino Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Italy; Shanghai IFF, China; Portland German Film Festival, USA; ZAWYA MIF, Egypt;

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