

Winners

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“ Only team work makes the dream work. ”



Synopsis

Eleven-year-old Mona and the rest of her Kurdish family have fled Syria and ended up in Berlin. Everything is different here and Mona misses her home, her street football friends and especially her aunt Helin.

When a dedicated teacher recognises Mona's special talent for football and selects her for the girls' team, things are not getting easier at once. Mona is quickly identified as an outsider and playing in a team with the other girls turns out to be more difficult than expected. Each of them is fighting their own battles but one thing soon becomes clear: they will only win if they all play together.

Credits

Director: Soleen Yusef / **Genre:** Children Film / **Tags:** Football, Girls, School, Friendship / **Original title:** Sieger Sein / **English title:** Winners / **Country of production:** Germany / **Year of production:** 2024 / **Length:** 119 / **Color:** Color / **Shooting format:** HD/2K / **Screening format:** DCP 2K / **Original language:** German / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Dileyla Agirman, Andreas Döhler, Tamira Bwibo, Sherine Ciara Merai, Yumin Hannah Cho, Anisa Perk, Artemis Kostopoulou / **Scriptwriter:** Soleen Yusef / **Director of photography:** Stephan Burchardt / **Production designer:** Nadia Goetze / **Editor:** Marty Schenk / **Sound design:** Sebastian Schmidt, Marty Schenk / **Sound:** Olaf Mehl / **Sound mixing:** Olaf Mehl / **Music:** Boris Rogowski, David Menke / **Producers:** Sonja Schmitt, Marc Schmidheiny, Christoph Daniel / **Co-producers:** Dario Suter, Joel Brandeis, Detlev Buck / **Production company:** DCM Pictures GmbH / **Co-production company:** Boje Buck Produktion / **Supported by:** Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung, Filmförderungsanstalt, BKM, Deutscher FilmFörderFonds

Festivals / Awards

Berlinale, Germany - Generation Kplus - **World Premiere - Opening Film**; Stockholm IFF, Sweden; Kristiansand International Children's Film Festival, Norway; German Film Awards 2024 - **The Best Children's Film 2024**; Zlin Film Festival, Czech Republic; Giffoni FF, Italy - **Best Film Elements +10**; Busan Int'l Kids and Youth Film Festival, Korea; Melbourne International Film Festival, Australia; The Norwegian International Film Festival Haugesund, Norway; Seoul International Women's Film Festival, South Korea; TIFF Junior, Norway; Buster Film Festival, Denmark; German Film Festival Mexico, Mexico; Schlingel IFF, Germany; Festival du Cinéma Allemand, France; Molodistm Festival, Spain; KinoFest 2024 (Goethe Institut), Indonesia/Vietnam; Bergen IFF, Norway; São Paulo IFF, Brazil; Film'On IFF for Young Audiences, Belgium; GENERATION Fleadh, Ireland; Molodist Kyiv IFF, Ukraine

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