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WINNER KINOFEST LÜNEN

A FILM BY FRANZISKA SCHLOTTERER





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CLOSED SEASON



SYNOPSIS

"Closed Season" is set in 1942 and tells the story of Fritz and Emma who are hiding Albert, a Jewish refugee at their remote farm in the Black Forest. Since his marriage with Emma has remained childless, Fritz uses this opportunity to suggest an unorthodox deal: He asks Albert to sleep with his wife and conceive a child on his behalf. The consequences are dramatic: Emma discovers her sexuality, Fritz cannot control his jealousy and Albert feels trapped between the two of them. Against the background of war an unpredictable drama unfolds that turns offenders into victims and vice versa.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

"Closed Season" speaks about the guilt that ordinary people brought upon themselves in Hitler's Germany. Even though the farmer couple in the story resists the Nazi regime, they end up using the system for their own purposes and as a result become part of the fatal machinery.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Franziska Schlotterer was born in Munich in 1972. She studied film at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She directed several documentaries dealing with German history. Her feature-length documentary WENDEZEITEN was nominated for the Prix Europa. She has also worked on numerous projects as a screenwriter. CLOSED SEASON is her first feature film as a director. She lives and works in Berlin.

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DIRECTOR Franziska Schlotterer SCRIPT Franziska Schlotterer & Gwendolyn Bellmann DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Bernd Fischer EDITOR Karl Riedl PRODUCTION DESIGN Wolfgang Arens ORIGINAL SOUND Kai Lüde COSTUME DESIGN Bettina Weiß MAKE UP ARTIST Beatrice Mendelin ORIGINAL SCORE Ari Benjamin Meyers CO-PRODUCER Itai Tamir PRODUCER Philipp Homberg Christian Drewing



TECHNICAL DETAILS

Format: 1:1,85 Length: 100 min Sound: Dolby Digital 5.1 Country of Production: Germany/Israel Year of Production: 2012 Cinematic Release in Germany: January 2013

PRODUCTION COMPANIES Eikon Südwest GmbH Germany Laila Films Israel

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