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BEST OF FESTS

TRENCHES

by Loup Bureau



2021 - France - Documentary - 1.85 - 90 min

In Donbas Ukraine, while precarious truces and ceasefires are negotiated far away by diplomats, Ukrainian soldiers fight against separatists supported by Russia. At an age when some are experiencing the best years of their lives, in the frontline men and women are fighting, condemned to dig and dig up again the trenches, while bombs keep on falling on them. French war journalist and first-time director Loup Bureau takes us on an immersive and stunning cinematic journey revealing the naked truth and roughness of survival, in what is called to be the last conflict on European soil.

Screenings:

THU 18 NOV 12:00 TUSCHINSKI 6

SAT 20 NOV 17:45 DE BAILE GROTE ZAAL

SUN 21 NOV 18:00 MUNT 10

WED 24 NOV 17:30 KETELHUIS ZAAL 2

SAT 27 NOV 21:00 TUSCHINSKI 5

Additional Screenings online at Docs for Sale

[Watch teaser here](#)

MR BACHMANN AND HIS CLASS

by Maria Speth (THE DAYS BETWEEN, MADONNAS, 9 LIVES)



2021 - Germany - Documentary - 2.39 - 217 min
with Dieter Bachmann and the pupils of grade 6B

MR BACHMANN AND HIS CLASS is an intimate documentary portraying the bond between an elementary school teacher and his students. His unconventional methods clash with the complex social and cultural realities of the provincial German industrial town they live in.

Screenings:

THU 18 NOV 12:30 MUNT 13
SAT 20 NOV 13:00 RIALTO UV 4
THU 25 NOV 18:30 TUSCHINSKI 3
SAT 27 NOV 11:00 MUNT 9

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DOCS FOR SALE

WHO WE WERE

by Marc Bauder (MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SYSTEM)



2021 - Germany - Documentary - 2.39 - 114 min (90 min TV Version available)

with Matthieu Ricard, Alexander Gerst, Sylvia Earle

WHO WE WERE observes the current state of the world, accompanied by six intellectuals and scientists who reflect on the present and postulate about the future. Director Marc Bauder follows his interviewees into the depths of the ocean, to the top of the world, and out into the far reaches of space. Together, they explore the incredible capabilities of the human brain, a global economic summit, the legacy of colonisation, and the feelings of a robot.

[Watch trailer here](#)

THE DEVIL'S DRIVERS

by Daniel Carsenty & Mohammed Abugeth



2021 - Germany - Documentary - 2.39 - 90 min

In the southern West Bank, Hamouda and his cousin Ismail are among the Bedouin drivers who risk their lives smuggling illegal workers over the border. Between them and the destination, there is the desert - of which they know every inch - and the heavy presence of the Israeli military patrols. If they are caught, they go to jail. Yet only those fares can help them provide for their families, so they keep on driving and enjoying each day of freedom as it might just be the last.

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