

NAKED ANIMALS

Directed and written by **Melanie Waelde**

Starring **Marie Tragousti, Sammy Scheuritzel, Michelangelo Fortuzzi**

Producer **Anja Wedell**

Production Company **Czar Film GmbH**

Original Title: Nackte Tiere | 83' | Aspect Ratio 1.2:1 | German OV | Germany 2020

HIGHLIGHT

World Premiere at Berlinale Encounters Competition

SHORT SYNOPSIS

Five friends growing up in a small town in Germany, have to decide whether leave or stay after they finished school. They seek each other, they run away from each other as they kiss and brawl deciding what it seems to be the rest of their lives..

A kaleidoscope of violence, love and loneliness where intimacy and pain go hand in hand.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Melanie Waelde was born in Dachau in 1992. From 2013 until 2017 she studied screenwriting at the "Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin" (dfffb). Since graduating she has been working as a freelance author and filmmaker. Her short films have been screened at numerous festivals. *Naked Animals* is her feature film debut.

CAST BIOGRAPHY

Marie Tragousti

gathered first acting experience by participating in plays at the Youth Club of the Schaubühne Berlin. *Naked Animals* marks her feature film debut.

Sammy Scheuritzel

is an aspiring young actor who has been in quite a few known productions such as *Alone in Berlin* and *Dark*

Michelangelo Fortuzzi

is a well-known young actor who belongs to the cast of *Druck*, the German version of the Norwegian Web-Series *Skam* and will play in the upcoming Amazon series *Wir Kinder vom Bahnhof Zoo*.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Naked Animals is a film that works like an emotion- like a memory and a vision of the future. As the characters and their relations move, so does the picture. Their whole world is as narrow as the aspect ratio. A film that exists in the place where it hurts most. The place where the heart beats. The place where we are vulnerable and, at the same time, try not to be.

GENRE

Coming-of-Age Drama