

FAREWELL QUAY

Director: Brigitte Krause
Genre: documentary
Duration: 80 / 58 / 52 mins.
Format: HD

Synopsis

Tales of departures and partings intersect at Steubenhöft quay – the forgotten port of European emigration.

The quay is almost not of this earth, a final terminus and a starting point for the transit voyages to the United States and Canada. The film-maker traverses this place of countless farewells in images full of longing.

Situated on the German North Sea coast, it is the only still-operating, former emigration harbour in the world. Tales told by the people there, travellers after the turn of the century, and emigrants during the war awaken the place to new life.

Production

year 2010
duration 80 | 58 | 52 mins.
author | director | montage Brigitte Krause
photography Brigitte Krause, Oleg Welk, Horst Herz, Sven Kiesche
film music André Feldhaus
protagonists theater group Das Letzte Kleinod, Helga von Schweinitz, Hella Berthiaume, Horst Koperschmidt, Marianne Ferguson, Kadir Soytürk, et al.
music performances by Kurt Kniesche & Seemannschor Elbe 1, Giora Feidman & the Gershwin Quartett, piano player Gustav Ribbe, Hansjörg Klotz & Combo
dramaturgical advisor Margot Neubert-Marić
sound operators Jörn Anders, Detlef Fehst, Freya Fiedler, Michael Kersten
sound editing Malte Bieler
sound mix Bernd Steinwedel
HD video mastering Montagehalle - Eike Bartsch, Arno Schumann
camera assistants Hanke Holtappels et al.
production assistants Andrea Kuserau, Jana Drescher
producer Peter Roloff
script development funded by Kulturelle Filmförderung Hamburg
production funded by nordmedia Fonds GmbH in Lower Saxony and Bremen
production maxim film
in co-production with Brigitte Krause Filmproduktion

Distribution

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Festivals/Awards/TV

Hamburg

The Emigration Museum - BallinStadt
Excerpts of "Farewell Quay" at permanent exhibition

German première

1st Film- und Medienforum Niedersachsen / Lower Saxony
September 25, 2010
Kino Capitol, Walsrode

International première

IV. Istanbul Intern. Architecture and Urban Films Festival

October 4-10, 2010

Première at shooting location Cuxhaven

October 26th, 2010

Kino Bali

US-première

German-Texan Heritage Society

January 16, 2011

Austin, USA

Hamburg

May 18, 2011

Metropolis-Kino

Bremen

Heimspiel screening series of Filmbüro Bremen

July 6, 2011

Kino Schauburg

Bremerhaven

Maritime Museum of Germany

November 3, 2011

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and Kulturladen Grünhöfe

Göttingen

International Ethnographic Film Festival, Germany

May 13, 2012, Paulinerkirche

More info

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Excerpt from Director's Statement:

Film work as artist in residence at Steubenhöft in Cuxhaven

In 2008, I move into the vacant building that formerly housed the Cuxhaven harbour police, looking out onto the Steubenhöft, the Hapag-Hall and the America Port. For several months, this brick building, located within the duty-free trade zone, will be the point of departure for my filmic observations.

The 'Höft', the headland, is cut off by a lock. Tourists occasionally lose their way and find themselves in front of the building complex. A group of pensioners insistently regrets the existence of a fence blocking off the headlands and gridding the sea-view.

The ships' handlers operate here around the clock, the sailing club has a celebration now and then, when the weather is nice a few fishermen congregate and the occasional truck rolls through to unload cargo at the America Port. Not too long ago, a small section of the old ensemble was partitioned off and now houses a modern company. Its sign dominates the customs house and makes it hard for the camera to ignore. At night it is quiet, save for the lapping of water against the harbour's edge, the ringing sounds made by the rocking sailboat masts, the distant sound of a ship's horn. (...)

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