

8 AND 16

Director: Maja Maria Liebau

Genre: short documentary

Duration: 18 mins.

Format: HD

Synopsis

The video film "8 and 16" explores personal utopias. Four eight-year-old students tell their favorite dreams and respond as 16-year-old to questions about their utopias. In parallel portraits of 2005 and 2013 they are experiencing each with their childish fantasies and with their youthful visions. They look back and forward. What have their current designs, plans, fictions to do with their pipe dreams of the past? Verena, Philine, Julius and Emily give insight into their reflections and ways of life. What is this at all, "Utopia"? Do I have a utopia? Is it important to me? Why? Do we need it?

Production

year 2013

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Bremen

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More info

"8 and 16" is a continuation of the project "Private Utopias - Favorite Dreams" and the film "The nicest I find: everything" Maja Mary Liebau produced in 2005 with 21 children of a Bremen primary school for the Island Congress of the Traveling Summer Republic.

"8 and 16" is on tour with the traveling exhibition "Utopia - Revisiting a German State in America" in Germany and the US. More info here: www.utopia-exhibit.net.