

WINNER GOLDEN DOVE FOR BEST GERMAN SHORT DOCUMENTARY IN DOC LEIPZIG 2016



Short documentary film.

Time: 20:09 min

Format: HD

Color: B/w

Festival format: DCP

Director: Filip Jacobson.

DOP: Łukasz Ostalski, Filip Jacobson.

Editor: Tomasz Polsakiewicz.

Production: Filip Jacobson

**TRAILER:** <https://vimeo.com/154916134>

<https://vimeo.com/170082362>

Sinopsis:

Patriotic Lesson tells the story of a Polish primary school singing contest, in which children perform patriotic songs, full of heroism, bravery, blood, sweat and tears. Through a clear presentation of the performers and the audience, and the tension that builds up between parents and teachers and finally during the jury's deliberations, it opens up questions around the meaning of patriotism and its institutional reaffirmation to the next generation.

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DE: Der Film "Patriotischer Unterricht" zeigt einen Song Contest in einer polnischen Grundschule, bei dem Kinder patriotische Lieder vortragen, die voll von Heldentum, Mut, Blut, Schweiß und Tränen sind.

Durch eine klare Präsentation der Vortragenden und des Publikums, der Spannung zwischen Lehrern und Eltern und der Diskussionen der Jury, werden Fragen nach der Bedeutung von Patriotismus, sowie dessen institutioneller Weitergabe an die nächste Generation, aufgeworfen.

### Bio:

Documentary film director. Graduated from the Film Studies line at the Lodz University in Poland, from Gdynia Film School in Poland as a director, continues his education at the Academy of Media Arts in Cologne, Germany. Was an exchange student at EICTV in Cuba, participated in various workshops: EsoDoc Workshops, Goshort Talent Campus, Polska Doc, Berlinale Talent Campus. I. Involved in social documentary projects, searching for the new forms of expression in internet based projects and quasi-documentary forms. Organized film workshops for children and youth in Turkey, Romania and Poland. His first short film "Walk" was awarded the Student Jury Price at Krakow Film Festival in 2012. In 2015 together with artist Angelika Herta created a web-documentary [www.Bobkowski-co-dalej.pl](http://www.Bobkowski-co-dalej.pl). The project was shot in France and was based on the journey of a polish writer Andrzej Bobkowski. Recently he finished shooting his feature debut in Cuba "Foreigner".

### Filmography:

- HOME 2016 short documentary, Poland.  
(Winner: Cheap Cuts 2016 London).
- Patriotic Lesson 2016 short documentary, Germany.
- Und Jetzt Bobkowski 2015 webdocumentary, Germany/Poland/France.
- Das Is Polen 2014 short mockumentary, Germany.
- WALK 2012 short documentary, Poland.  
(Winner: Students Jury Award on Krakow Film Festival 2012, Media Days 2013 Maribor, Slovenia).

### Additional info:

"Patriotic Lesson" was shot between 2011 and 2012, but only in 2015 post-production of the film starts. From various of materials filmed in Gdynia's primary school authors of the film decided to concentrate only on the song competition, on one space and one time. Film tries to keep delicate line between critical approach to the event and fascination and respect to the characters of the movie. Patriotic song contests takes places every year and has in local and nationwide range.

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### Festivals:

1. Vision du Reel, Switzerland 2016
2. Krakow Film Festival, Poland 2016
3. Bello Horizonte, Brazil 2016
4. Przezrocza Film Festival, Poland 2016
5. MFPF REGIOFUN, Poland 2016
6. Szczecin European Film Festival, Poland 2016 JURY AWARD
7. Doc Leibzig, Germany 2016 GOLDEN DOVE AWARD
8. KFFK Cologne, Germany 2016
9. Internationales Kurzfilmfestival Bunter Hund München 2017
10. One World Romania 2017
11. 23. International Short Film Week Regensburg! 2017
12. Berlinale IFF MARKET 2017
13. Fish Festival in Rostock Germany 2017
14. Neisse FF Poland/Czech Rep/Germany 2017
15. Tirana IFF Albania 2017
16. MakeDOx IFF Macedonia 2017
17. IHRFFA International Human Rights Film Festival Albania 2017
18. Nuryrnberg International Human Rights Film Festival 2017

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