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28.05
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Freak Out!

Monte Verità. Der Traum vom alternativen Leben

director Carl Javér

production Vilda Bomben Film, 2014

in co-production with Maja.de. Filmproduktion, Filmgate Films, Final Cut for Real, Hallum og Jensen, Film i Väst and MDR

in collaboration with ARTE, SVT, NRK, DR, YLE, RUV

duration 85 min.

in German and English

with English, German and French subtitles

Freak Out! is a documentary film about the story of Monte Verità which mixes interviews, archive materials and animation. The year is 1900 when the pianist Ida Hofmann, together with Henri Oedenkoven became inspiring forces behind twenty years' experience of a community marked by vegetarianism, freedom, feminism and utopia.

More than 100 years later what happened on the hill above Ascona continues to intrigue: at regular intervals, the life of the extravagant guests of the sanatorium which is today the site of a beautiful Bauhaus hotel – piques the imaginations of artists, writers and directors.

The director Carl Javér made a film halfway between animation and historical reconstruction, on the pioneers of Ascona, which tells the story of a group of affluent kids in 1900 who revolted against their time and gave birth to an original alternative community. Through their eyes the film reveals the mysterious similarities with our own age and what they rebelled against at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Freak Out! has won many international prizes.

Carl Javér born in 1972, has worked as a director and editor on several documentaries since leaving film school (Documentary Film Production at Biskops Arnö, 1993-94). He has directed seven documentaries including three major documentary series. Workshop leader and lecturer in documentary filmmaking. Selected films as director include: *Tel al-Zaatar – The road back* (1996, SVT), nominated and complimented at ECHO TV and Radio Awards. *Heroin* (2003, TV4), *Warehouse No 180* (2005, SVT) and *Everyone Finds Love But Me* (2007 SVT). The documentary series include *The Hospital* (1999 TV4) *The Highschool* (2001 TV4) and *The Crash* (2010 SVT). He also made the short *Freia and the Wannabe Indians* (SVT 2012). *Freak Out!* is his first major documentary on a European level that has been complimented with 10 film festival prizes around the world so far.