

Favourites | Favoriten

Austria/Germany 2019 | Short Fiction | 17' 47"

Colour | 1.85:1 | 5.1 | 2K DCP

German OV | English or French subtitles

directed by MARTIN MONK

starring
LIA WILFING &
CHRISTIAN DOLEZAL

produced at FILMAKADEMIE WIEN





Synopsis

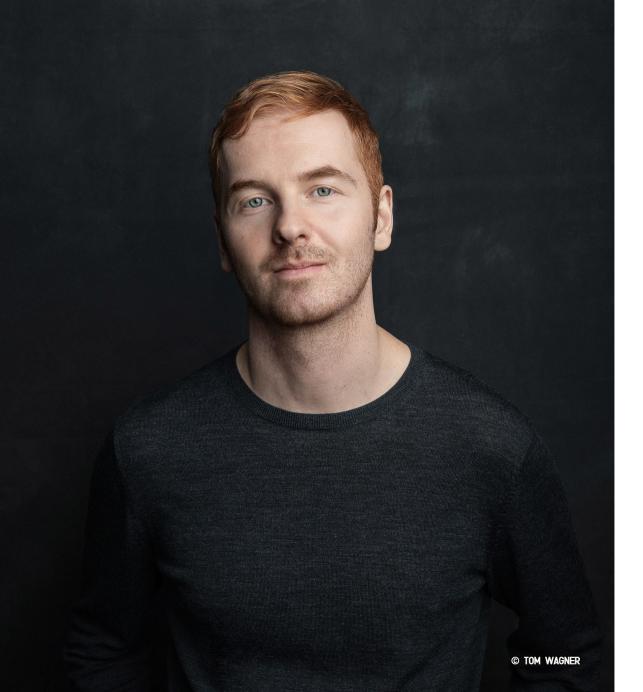
After falling out with her mother, rebellious Sofia wants to hitchhike to Italy in search of her biological father. In haste, she stuffs a few things in her backpack and sets off in the early hours of a Viennese summer morning. When she meets middle-aged Michael, who reluctantly agrees to give her a lift, the two strangers develop an unlikely friendship on their shared journey through the Austrian south. Michael, too, seems to be on the run from something quite intangible. Sofia senses this, and together they drift through a day of driving. A brief encounter suspended in time.

Director's Note

The idea for Favoriten came as I searched for a project to develop in my new hometown of Vienna where I had moved in 2017 to start my Directing degree. The feeling of being uproofed has been a constant throughout my own life, and awoke again as I relocated to Austria. My film follows two strangers navigating their mutual mistrust of one another. At first glance, they have nothing whatsoever in common. But slowly they open up, revealing themselves to each other and to the audience in the process. To their own surprise, they are much more alike than meets the eye. Their brief shared journey remains meaningless without individual context. A roadtrip is simply a metaphor for the continuous change called life. But by the end, both have realized that while time seems to move forward, people tend to go round in circles.







Director

MARTIN MONK (*1985 in Berlin) is a German film director and screenwriter of English and Russian descent. After studying history and philosophy he turned to fictional filmmaking, directing several self-produced short films before being selected by Michael Haneke as an M.A. Directing student at Film Academy Vienna. His latest work *Favoriten* traces the steps of a runaway girl in search of her father and is an Official Selection at the 72nd Festival de Cannes. Analog photography, a passion since youth, remains a major source of inspiration for his cinematic work. He lives and works in Berlin and Vienna.

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Cast & Crew

Sofia LIA WILFING Michael CHRISTIAN DOLEZAL Waitress RENATE BAIER Truck Driver GÜNTHER LAINER WRITER/DIRECTOR Martin Monk PRODUCER Michaela Finis CINEMATOGRAPHER Johannes Höß COSTUMES & MAKEUP Oksana Melnychuk FILM EDITOR Felix Kalaivanan SCRIPT CONSULTANT Matthias Writze SOUND DESIGN Julia Willi FOLEY ARTIST Andreas Schneider RE-RECORDING MIXER Bernhard Maisch **COLORIST Nico Hauter**







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