# **Press material**

### "Two Is a Magic Number - Zwei ist eine gute Zahl"

### **Short Synopsis**

A day at the lake. Andrej's ex-girlfriend Nadia pays him a visit. Nadia and Andrej's former best mate Claudius are a couple now. Nadia's request for help confronts Andrej with a shared dark secret.

# Directors' Biographies - Holger Borggrefe, Stefan Hering

Stefan Hering (born 1975) and Holger Borggrefe (born 1966) learned their film director's craft at the same place: The Hamburg Media School, Holger from 1994 to 1996, Stefan from 2001 to 2003.

Stefan has worked as a writer (e.g. for TV series "Dahaom is Dahoam" and "Watzmann ermittelt") and director for TV and feature films. He directed his first full length feature film "Abseitsfalle - Offside Trap", premiering at the Hof-Filmfestival in 2013 (co-produced by German regional public broadcasting service SWR). In 2016, his second feature "Leichtmatrosen - Ordinary Sailors" aired at primetime on German national TV channel ARD. In 2018, Stefan's TV documentary "Paradies und Großbaustelle" premiered on SWR on Easter Sunday.

Holger Borggrefe directed the children's TV series "Wir Kinder vom Alstertal" for German regional public broadcasting service NDR in 2001 and 2002. His first feature "Willkommen im Club - Welcome to the Club" premiered in 2005 at the Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis. Holger worked as head of the department Film Directing and Acting at the ifs - international film school köln (Cologne) from 2003 to 2011. Since 2012 he has been senior lecturer for Acting for Film at the Theater Werkmünchen, an institution for further education of performing artists in Munich.

### **Directors' Statements**

Stefan Hering: This is a story about a tragic love triangle with an atmosphere of German angst and a protagonist reborn from the 60s French noir film. An independent feature like ours is impossible to make inside the German film industry. So we had to trick the system. We used an employment office training course for jobless actors and film staff to make this indie happen - and it worked out wonderfully.

Holger Borggrefe: I initiated the idea by putting my alter ego in a situation where he has already lost the use of his legs. My co-writer Elena Jansen and I wanted our protagonist to suffer and fight fake friends in this story about love, friendship and betrayal. Yet we were wondering how to undermine the clichés of a disabled protagonist. Our lead actor Philip Dechamps made a bold move and gave his character the cool of a poker player hiding his wounds. Yet the wheelchair enabled us to tell this story truthfully from the bottom of our hearts and the dark home of my soul.

# Production

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#### Cast

Philip Dechamps .... Andrej Sonka Vogt ... Nadia Philip Borys.... Claudius Holger Daemgen ... Josef

### Crew

Directors Holger Borggrefe/Stefan Hering

Writers Holger Borggrefe/Elena Jansen

Director of Photography Dirk Heuer

Editors Fabian Feiner Sebastian Schwarz (first edit)

Costume Design Monical Siviero Set Design Sascha Röder

Production Theater Werkmünchen

Producer Holger Borggrefe

Co-Producers Sebastian Schwarz, Robert Spitz

Associate Producer Mathias Allary

# Trailer

There are two trailers for the feature film "Two Is a Magic Number - Zwei ist eine gute Zahl" available online:

Trailer 1 (German, subtitled in English): <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InrPZgC3GtE&feature=youtu.be</u>

Trailer 2 (German): https://vimeo.com/453942183 Passwort: Trailer\_Porte

"Two Is a Magic Number - Zwei ist eine gute Zahl" on imdb:

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14147174/?ref\_=ttfc\_fc\_tt