

A JAN PHILIPP WEYL FILM

RUNNING AGAINST THE WIND

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NEGARIT FILM ACADEMY & PRODUCTIONS AND AC INDEPENDENT FILM IN ASSOCIATION WITH R&B FILM PRESENTS A FILM BY JAN PHILIPP WEYL "RUNNING AGAINST THE WIND"

STARRING ASHENAFT NIGUSU MIKIYAS WOLDE JOSEPH RETA BELAY FERHANE BEKER ALAMUJIN ABOUSELAM SAMRAWIT DESALEGN YEMARIAM MELKAMU SINTAYEHU GEREMEW GENANEW ALEMU WITH RUNNING LEGEND HAILE GEBRESELASSIE AND THE MUSICIANS ABERA MOLLA AND B.B. THOMAZ
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER KLEMENS BECKER ETSEGENET DAWIT TEFERA DAGMAWIT AMARE DAWIT SHIMELIS KEBEDE TINO HESS NICOLAS BARTHEZ HOLGER ROOS MICHAEL SCHURGER ALEXANDER SCHURRLE MICHAEL SCHWARZ FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR STEPHAN RYLL UNIT PRODUCTION MANAGER ANDREAS SCHUMANN
UNIT MANAGER TALILE ABELT FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS OF PASCAL BUNNING LEE JEFFRIES MATEUSZ SMOLKA ERNST KALFF CASTING BIRUK YIBELTAL COSTUME DESIGNER ABNET ALEBLE MAKEUP EVERUSALEM HAILEYESUS CORNELIA RITZ COMPOSER TEDDY MAK STEFAN POSTAVKA MUSIC BY SELESHE DEMISSIE KENNY ALLEN
SUPERVISING SOUND EDITOR & RE-RECORDING MIXER HEIKO MÜLLER (BVFT) PRODUCTION SOUND & RE-RECORDING MIXER BINYAM SOLOMON EDITOR AMANUEL TILAHUN TADESSE PRODUCTION DESIGNER ELIAS MULUALEM BARTHOLOMÄUS MARTIN KLEPPEK IRAI DE SOUZA DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MATEUSZ SMOLKA ACTING COACH SAOL ADINEW ENDALE
CO-PRODUCER REINHARD BINDER MARU BOHDANSKY ANTON DOSCHL KOUROSH POUR FARID ANDREA GUNZENHAUSER KAROLINE LAU STEFAN LIMMER VINCENTIUS MACRANDER JENS OPPITZ KATHRIN OPPITZ RITA OTTMANN HARALD PATZELT HARTMUT PETERSMANN SUSANNE SCHIFFAUER
PRODUCER SAOL ADINEW ENDALE SAMERAWIT SEID KEKEBO CHRIS NAUMANN ANDREAS SECK JAN PHILIPP WEYL WRITTEN BY MICHAEL WOGH JAN PHILIPP WEYL DIRECTED BY JAN PHILIPP WEYL
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MIKIYAS WOLDE as
"SOLOMON"

JOSEPH RETA BELAY as
"KIFLOM"



ASHENAFI NIGUSU as
"ABDI"


GENANEWU ALEMU as
"COACH"



SAMRAWIT DESALEGN as
"GENET"

YEMARIAM MELKAMU as
"FIKIR"

DAGMAWIT DERASEFA as
"DAGI"



In Ethiopia, two young men are racing to make their dreams come true.

Two twelve-year-old boys grow up together in a remote village - until a single photo changes their lives forever: Solomon heads for Addis Ababa to become a photographer. Abdi remains at home and trains to fulfil his dream of matching the sport successes of Haile Gebrselassie. Ten years later, Abdi is nominated for the Ethiopian National Running Team and moves to Addis Ababa. He feels Solomon must be dead by now, but an inner voice tells him to look for his old friend. And in fact Solomon is still alive, but in a complete different world to Abdi's with his story of success.

Abdi's source of power is his running shoes - Solomon survives thanks to his wife Genet and the love of his three-year-old daughter Fikir.

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Tough and rough as life - endearing and intimate as a dream.

The story of a friendship. A love letter to life.

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Drama | 115 minutes | Ethiopia, Germany | 2019 | Language: Amharic

Starring Ashenafi Nigusu Mikiyas Wolde Joseph Reta Belay Ferhane Beker
Alamudin Abduselam Samrawit Desalegn Yemariam Melkamu Sintayehu Geremew
Genanew Alemu with Running Legend Haile Gebrselassie
and the Musicians Abera Molla and B.B. Thomaz

Director Jan Philipp Weyl

Screenplay Jan Philipp Weyl, Michael Wogh

Producer Saol Adinew Endale, Samerawit Seid Kekebo,
Chris Naumann, Andreas Seck, Jan Philipp Weyl

Director of Photography Mateusz Smolka

Production Design Elias Mulualem, Bartholomäus Martin Kleppek, Iraí de Souza

Editor Amanuel Tilahun Tadesse

Composer Teddy Mak, Stefan Postavka

Music by Seleshie Demissie, Kenny Allen

Acting Coach Saol Adinew Endale

First Assistant Director Stephan Ryll

Unit Production Manager Andreas Schumann

Unit Manager Talile Abelt

Makeup Eyerusalem Haileyesus, Cornelia Ritz

Costumes Abnet Aleble

Casting Biruk Yibeltal

Production Sound & Re-Recording Mixer Biniyam Solomon

Supervising Sound Editor & Re-Recording Mixer Heiko Müller (BVFT)

Featuring Photographs of Pascal Bünning, Lee Jeffries, Mateusz Smolka, Ernst Kalff

Associate Producer Klemens Becker, Etsegenet Dawit Tefera, Dagmawit Amare, Dawit Shimelis Kebede,
Tino Hess, Nicolas Barthez, Holger Roos, Michael Schürger, Alexander Schürle, Michael Schwarz

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