

Dark Circus (89min)

Germany 2016

occult fetish fantasy film

director/producer: Julia Ostertag

short synopsis

Struggling with her aimless existence, a young woman is taken to a parallel universe full of bizarre characters and occult rituals.

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long synopsis

Johanna is just twenty years old but struggling with her boring and aimless existence. Disturbing visions start the day she gets fired from her job.

Soon Johanna is carried off into a different world beneath the city where people live in a parallel universe full of darkness and magic rituals. The denizens of this world are inspired and guided by a mysterious woman, The Mistress.

Drawn into her cult through an extravagant initiation ceremony,

Johanna encounters fascinating characters:

People like Simon, the collector, with whom she embarks on an obsessive affair.

As Johanna plunges deeper into the occult her old world slowly collapses...

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Technical Data

1:1,85 colour

Dolby Stereo / 5.1.

shot on RED and Black Magic

between April and November 2016

in Berlin

General Cast:

Mistress

Johanna

The Assistant

Dandy

Simon The Collector

Melly

Other girl

Boss

Mother

Namjira As-Sefid

Angela Maria Romacker

Annika Strauss

Nikolai Arnold

Florian Gysin

Vanessa Baden

Carole Jachtmann

Iris Lange

Haik Liebreich

Performances:

Louis Fleischauer and Aesthetic Meat Front

Bana Banal

Beatrice Baumann

Coco Katsura

Petra Flurr

a.m.m.

Soundtrack by Vortex

Crew:

Director

Julia Ostertag

Producer

Julia Ostertag Produktion

executive producer	Ursi Gysin
Director of Photography	Belloq Colin Elves Christoph Hüttner Martin Rath
Additional camera	Julia Ostertag Alexandra Mini
Camera assistant	Jacqueline Eckert Movie Maid Kustom Karsten Witting
Lights + Grip	Mark North Joachim "Cooper" Schlag
Sound recording	Mike Woloszyn
Make Up/Special Effects	Moyo Morioka Josi van Kit Johi van Bruises Magdalena Cichonska
Costumes	AMF Korsets and Masks Beatrice Baumann slacks fashion Berlin Julia Meier
Still Photographer	Benjamin Lippke
Props	Etienne "Ete" Spengler Jörg Möhring
Soundmix and Design	Christian Weber Andreas Rauscher audio machinery Berlin www.audio-machinery.com

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BIOGRAPHY / FILMOGRAPHY Julia Ostertag

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Julia Ostertag was born 1970 in Stuttgart, Germany
She shot her first experimental films in the early 90ies and
studied with underground film icon Birgit Hein in Braunschweig, Germany.

Julia Ostertag is director, cinematographer and editor and runs her own
one-woman-film production.

Her films focus on identities, alternative life styles, subculture,
music and gender roles.

They have been screened and awarded at international film festivals
all over the world.

Julia Ostertag lives in Berlin.

Filmography Julia Ostertag (selection)

2003 : Sexjunkie - 10 min. - experimental erotic short

screened worldwide with the „Best of European Media Art Film fest“ Compilation,
proposed for Short Film Award Germany 2003 / awarded at Porn Film Fest Berlin,
and Mostra Curta Film Festival, Rio de Janeiro

2004, NO american dream, 25 min

Leipzig Documentary Film Fest 2004, Ann Arbor Film Festival 2005

2005, Gender X, 72 min. Doc on Transgender and Drag Queens in Berlin

Premiered at The Berlin Film Festival, Panorama 2005,
Split Film Fest, India Women´s Film Fest, Q Film Fest, South Korea, Montréal Gay and Lesbian
Film Fest 2005,

Kopenhagen Gay & Lesbian Film Festival 2005

Mix Film Fest Brasil, *Audience Award for Best Documentary 2006*

Experimental Feature SAILA (2008, 95 min) - Punk Dystopia

Minneapolis Underground Film Festival 2008, *Best Feature Award*

Denver Underground Film Festival 2008

Braunschweig International Film Fest 2008

Sao Paulo Mix Film Fest 2008

Toronto Female Eye Film Festival 2009, *Best Experimental Feature Award*

Noise&Resistance (90min., 2011) on the political Punk Scene in Europe

NXNE Film Festival, Toronto Canada, But Film Festival Breda, *Special Jury Award*

Indie Film Festival Brasil, Sao Paulo, LUFF Lausanne

Minneapolis Underground Film Festival, *Best Documentary Award*

Noise and Resistance was televised by ARTE in january 2013

And You Belong (85min., 2013) on female musicians

CIMM Chicago Music Movies Festival

Seattle LGBT Festival

Tel Aviv Queer Film Festival

San Francisco Documentary Festival