

DOEL A documentary film by Frederik Sølberg 70 minutes

World Premiere at CPH:DOX 2018 Friday March 16th at 8.00 PM in Empire Bio.

Selected for the NEXT:WAVE competition.

Additional screenings at CPH:DOX: Thursday March 22nd at 5.00 PM in Gloria Sunday March 25th at 4.45 PM in Cinemateket

Additional screening in collaboration with CPH:DOX: Monday April 2nd at HEART (Herning Museum of Contemporary Art).

Trailer: https://vimeo.com/207084458 Password: doel2016

Press Contact: Marie Louise Fuglsang-Damgaard BigTinyMassive marielouise@bigtinymassive.com + 45 22926992 Funny and quirky portrait of a Belgian ghost town selected for NEXT:WAVE - CPH:DOX's international competition for emerging filmmakers.

Why is it so important to have a place called home?

Doel is a ghost town in Belgium surrounded by a nuclear power plant, a gigantic container dock, and the port of Antwerp.

For decades the inhabitants have been battling the authorities who want to tear the town down and build a new container dock.

Now there is only 26 inhabitants left - a colorful crowd of common and uncommon people struggling with techno ravers, curious urban explorers, and political havoc while clinging onto the idea of keeping their vandalized and abandoned town alive.

Frederik Sølberg's fun, quirky, and slow cinematic debut film about the outskirts of Europe is a portrait of a ghost town and its 26 inhabitants trying to hold on to the dream that their town is a town and their home is a home.

"DOEL" is loaded with subtle humour, visual excess, and crooked cinematic tableau shots. The pace of the film is slow and lingering - often interrupted by abrupt editing and poignant sound design creating a a dynamic, refreshing, and adverse expression. Frederik Sølberg is a Copenhagen/Berlin based award-winning Danish filmmaker, producer, and musician.

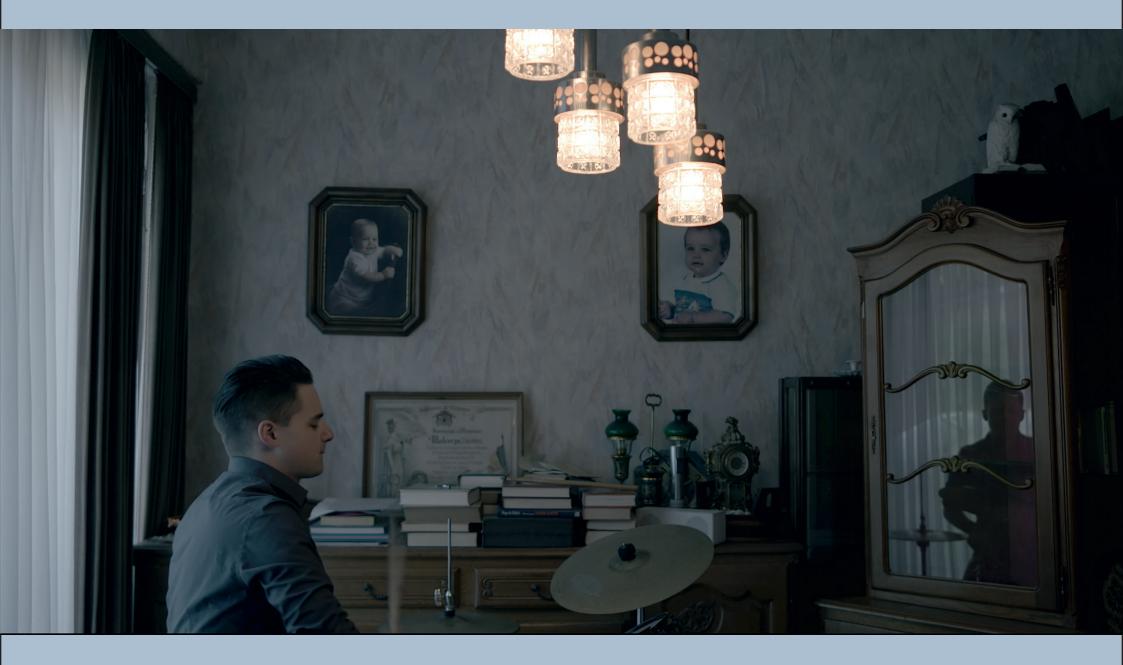
Frederik has for many years been an active part of the Copenhagen indie music scene playing in various bands, directing music videos & visuals, and touring in Europe and USA.

At the same time Frederik has been directing music videos, TV documentaries, and commercials for broadcasters, labels, production companies, and artists like CZAR Brussels, DR, Canvas, CPH:DOX, Captured Tracks, Sony Music, and Henrik Vibskov.

"DOEL" is Frederik's debut documentary feature film.

"DOEL" is produced by Mathilde Hvid Lippmann for Made In Copenhagen. The film is shot by the acclaimed Belgian cinematographer Jonathan Wannyn and edited by Mads Hedegaard.

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## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT:

Doel is a playground for curious strangers, a memorial for bad decisions, and a graveyard for lost hopes. It is also home to 26 stubborn inhabitants and the story about their town is so far out that it continues to fascinate.

Doel has gotten a lot of attention from Belgian and international media but the focus has always been on the political aspect of the expansion of the port of Antwerp - depicted through superficial news reportages, newspaper articles, and tons of amateur photo series. Only a few have taken time to get close to the people to whom Doel means home.

Over the last years I have gotten to know these people and to understand what it means to live in a town that is so very close to extinction. To understand why it is so important for these people to call Doel their home. Doel continues to unfold untold stories, continues to fascinate and confuse, continues to create images and emotions.

As an outsider, a Scandinavian, and with a background in both music, film and visual arts I seek to pursue and disseminate these impressions. To dig deeper and try to depict the hope, the absurdity, the contrasts, and the beauty of it all. My focus is on the relation between inhabitants and intruders, between milestones and everyday life, between hope and reality.

I have aimed to make a film that has a foreign but intimate view on Doel. A view that can be both beautiful and appaling, sad and humoristic, cryptic and enlightening. "DOEL" PRESS MATERIAL: www.madeincopenhagen.dk/da/press

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