



**Foto: OSTKREUZ**



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## OSTKREUZ - AGENCY OF PHOTOGRAPHERS

Original Title *Foto: Ostkreuz* Director *Maik Reichert* Production *nachtaktivfilm* Format *Made for TV*  
Runtime *52/88 min* Category *Documentary* Language *German* Subtitled Versions *English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian* Country *Germany* Year *2015* Genre *Art/Culture, Photography, Biography, History, Society* Broadcaster *rbb, ARTE* Sales *Released theatrically in Germany (GMfilms) in October 2015*

### Synopsis

*OSTKREUZ*, today's most famous photographers' agency in Germany, was founded with the Magnum agency as a role model in East Germany shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1990.

Today 20 photographers from East and West organize it. Each one has their own working practices and approaches, but one thing unites them: a humanistic worldview. All of the photographers go to the limit, whether political, physical or imaginary.

Berlin based filmmaker *Maik Reichert* accompanies *OSTKREUZ* since many years. His film tells the photographers' story with and without the Wall.

### Director's Bio

*Maik Reichert* is a freelance photographer and filmmaker living in Berlin. He studied electrical engineering at the Technical University of Berlin, photography at the Berlin University and audio-visual medial camera at the Beuth University of Applied Sciences Berlin.

In 2009 he was the cinematographer of *LOST IN MOZART*, which documented the performance of Mozart's »The Magic Flute« in Vladivostok in cooperation with the Russian Academy of Arts.

He started working on *OSTKREUZ* in 2009 and covered the agency for the next five years. *OSTKREUZ* is his debut film as a director.

### Selected Festivals & Awards

- *Documentary Competition, achtung berlin – new berlin film award (2015)*