

THE ESCAPE AGENTS

SYNOPSIS

A series of never seen before photographs from the archives of the East German Ministry for State Security in Berlin details the arrest of West German citizens Fred Giesecke and Marita Gottre on September 2, 1988.

CAST

Fred Giesche Himself
Maria Gottre Herself
Family - Unknown

CREDITS

Directed by

Scott Calonico

Produced by

Jeff Radice & Scott Calonico

Written by

Scott Calonico

Voiceover

Sandy Wieding-Fries

Translation

Jasmine Kammerman

Photography

East German Ministry for State Security

Editor

Nathan McGinty

Sound

Ricardo Fratelli

Photographs

The Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the Former GDR

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Newspaper Article from Neues Deutschland, September 7, 1988

SCREENINGS

World Premiere, Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival - October, 2018

SCOTT CALONICO, DIRECTOR

Scott Calonico's films have shown internationally at festivals such as Sundance, Tribeca, Edinburgh and Rotterdam and, oddly enough, inside an abandoned World War II bunker in Italy. His work has also been featured on websites like Comedy Central, Vanity Fair, The Atlantic Monthly, Ch4, Boing Boing, Dangerous Minds, OUT magazine, Retronaut, Timeline and VICE.

In 2014, his short "The Silly Bastard Next to the Bed" received the audience award for best short doc at the Full Frame Film Festival and toured around the globe. That same year, Scott also served as producer and animator on the award winning feature film, "No No: A Dockumentary." In 2015 he was awarded a documentary commission from the Scottish Documentary Institute as well as premiering a short on Vanity Fair. He is working with co-director Jeffrey Radice on his first feature length documentary, Betrayal, a cold war spy thriller. Betrayal was selected for the prestigious Archidoc program for 2016 run by the French national film school La Femis, as well as production funding from UK organization Creative Skillset and Creative Scotland. In 2018, he premiered his film The Escape Agents at the 22nd annual Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival.

His latest short doc, Everything You Wanted to Know About Sudden Birth* (*but were afraid to ask) premiered at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival.

He holds a BSc in Radio/TV/Film from the University of Texas and an MA from City University, London in International Journalism.

CALONICO SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

Everything You Wanted to Know About Sudden Birth* (*but were afraid to ask) (2018)
The Escape Agents (2018)
The Original October Surprise (Vanity Fair, 2016)
When AIDS Was Funny (Vanity Fair, 2015)
Final Draft (2015)
The Banana Republic (2015)
The Silly Bastard Next to the Bed (2014)
You Can't Always Get What You Want (2013)
LSD A Go Go (2004)
The King and Dick (2003)

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