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GLOBAL PLAYER

A FILM BY HANNES STÖHR

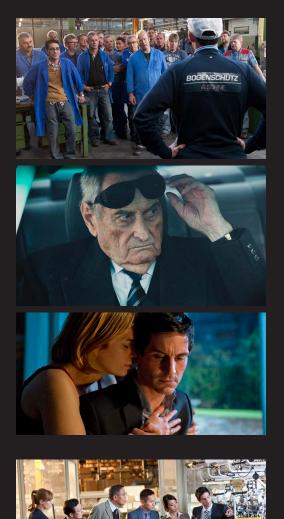
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Director	Hannes Stöhr (BERLIN CALLING)
Cast	Christoph Bach Walter Schultheiß Inka Friedrich Ulrike Folkerts
Genre	Tragicomedy
Language	German
Length	95 min
Produced by	sabotage films and Stoehrfilm in co-production with ARD Degeto, BR and arte





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The family-run company "Bogenschuetz & Sons" has produced solid textile machines in a small Swabian city in southern Germany, for generations. But nowadays demand is down since Asian competitors are cheaper. Michael Bogenschuetz (39, junior boss) is forced to negotiate on a sale with the Chinese behind his father's back. But father Paul (90, senior partner) finds out and tries to get help from Michael's sisters Marlies (45) and Marianne (49) to rescue his life's work ...

GLOBAL PLAYER tragicomically portraits a family, middle-class and entrepreneurial, in times of globalization.

THE DIRECTOR

Hannes Stoehr, born in Stuttgart 1970, studied Scriptwriting and Directing at the German Film & Television Academy Berlin (dffb). After a number of shorts and medium-length documentaries, he made his feature directorial debut with BERLIN IS IN GERMANY in 2001, based on his own screenplay. The film was shown at over 30 festivals worldwide and released theatrically in Germany, France, Spain and Turkey, winning the Panorama Audience Award at the Berlin Film Festival. His second feature film, ONE DAY IN EUROPE, was invited to the Official Competition at the Berlin Film Festival in 2005 and screened at over 30 other festivals around the world. He directed his third feature BERLIN CALLING in 2007, starring the electronic composer Paul Kalkbrenner, who also wrote the film's score. Berlin Calling had its world premiere on the Piazza Grande in Locarno.

