**PREVIEW**

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Bjarne Mädel (Thomas)

Bibiana Beglau (Susanne)

Emma Bading (Miriam)

Janina Fautz (Elli)

Louis Hofmann (Oliver)

**Director’s Biography**

ISA PRAHL’s first social spot won the Young Director Award in Cannes. Her short film *Ausreichend* won the First Steps Award in Germany. Since then, she has directed numerous ads and social spots with her production company *the beauty aside*, one of which, *Armut Kennt Viele Geschichten*, won the 2010 Young Directors Award in Cannes. *Different Kinds of Rain* is her first feature film, with which she won the Best First Feature award at Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival.

**Director Statement:**

**The film is inspired by the Japanese phenomenon Hikikomori, which is increasingly spreading in Europe. Teenagers alienate from society and lock themselves in their rooms for weeks, months, even years. In a quest for self-discovery they escape weariness, fear of adult life and of failing expectations.**

**The story is conveyed from the point of view of the family members who are excluded and trying desperately to understand why he is doing this. The boy only communicates by pushing out pieces of paper with rain descriptions under the door. The rain stands for the life that he observes only from a distance.**

**We all know the urge to escape responsibilities. But if a whole family pursues it, what will hold them together?**

**Cast Biography**

BJARNE MÄDEL is a popular German actor, known for *Stromberg*, *Mord mit Aussicht* and *Crime Scene Cleaner*.

BIBIANA BEGLAU has been the recipient of many awards, including the Berlinale Silver Bear for best actress. In addition to theatrical engagements at German-speaking theatres, she has performed in many film and television productions including *The Murderer and His Child*, *The Ninth Day*, *3 Degrees Colder* and *Under the Ice*.

**EMMA BADING is one of the most promising young German actresses nowadays, having acted in films such as *Berlin Syndrom*, *Everyday Objects* and *Die Kleinen und die Bösen*.**

**Crew**

Director: Isa Prahl
Producers: Melanie Andernach & Knut Losen
Screenwriter: Karin Kaci
Cinematographer: Andreas Köhler
Editor: Daniel Scheuch
Original Score: Volker Bertelmann aka Hauschka

Production Designer: Stefan Schönberg

Costume Designer: Genoveva Kylburg

Production Company: Made in Germany Filmproduktion GmbH

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