

Hotel Astoria

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Falk Schuster, Alina Cyranek
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Alina Cyranek completed her Double Master in Media Art at the Bauhaus University Weimar, Germany, and the Tongji University Shanghai, China. "Hotel Astoria" is her first animated documentary.

Filmography (Selection) Heaps of Love (2016)

Falk Schuster was born in Oschatz, former GDR, in 1980. From 2003 to 2009 he studied at the University of Art and Design Halle, Germany. In 2008 he attended the European Animation Masterclass advanced training programme. Since 2009 he has been working as an independent filmmaker for animated films.

Filmography (Selection) Wider Horizons
(2015, DOK Leipzig 2015)

Language German **Animation Technique** Collage, 2D Digital **Producer** Alina Cyranek, Falk Schuster **Editor** Alina Cyranek, Falk Schuster **Animation** Falk Schuster, Tim Romanowsky, Alexander Schmidt, Julian Quitsch **Sound** Florian Marquardt **Script** Alina Cyranek **Music** Florian Marquardt **Contact** Alina Cyranek, hug films, hello@alinacyranek.com, hug-films.com



Alle Leipziger kennen es: das Hotel Astoria, welches seit 1996 leer steht. Der Film wirft einen Blick in die Zeit, als das Haus der Hotspot der Messestadt war. Mit dem für die DDR größtmöglichen Prunk wurden hier Geschäftsleute, Politiker und Gäste aus aller Welt empfangen und bewirtet. Aber auch die Stasi ging im Hotel ein und aus. Anhand von Archivmaterial und Berichten des Personals sowie mit den unverkennbaren Animationen von Falk Schuster wird ein spannendes Kapitel Stadtgeschichte erzählt.

— *Everyone in Leipzig is familiar with the Hotel Astoria, which has stood vacant since 1996. This film takes a look back to the time when the hotel was the hotspot of the trade fair city, where professionals, politicians and guests from all over the world were entertained with the greatest possible GDR pomp. But the Stasi also came and went in the hotel. The story of an exciting chapter in the city's history is told with archive material, staff reports, and the distinctive animations by Falk Schuster.* **Kim Busch**