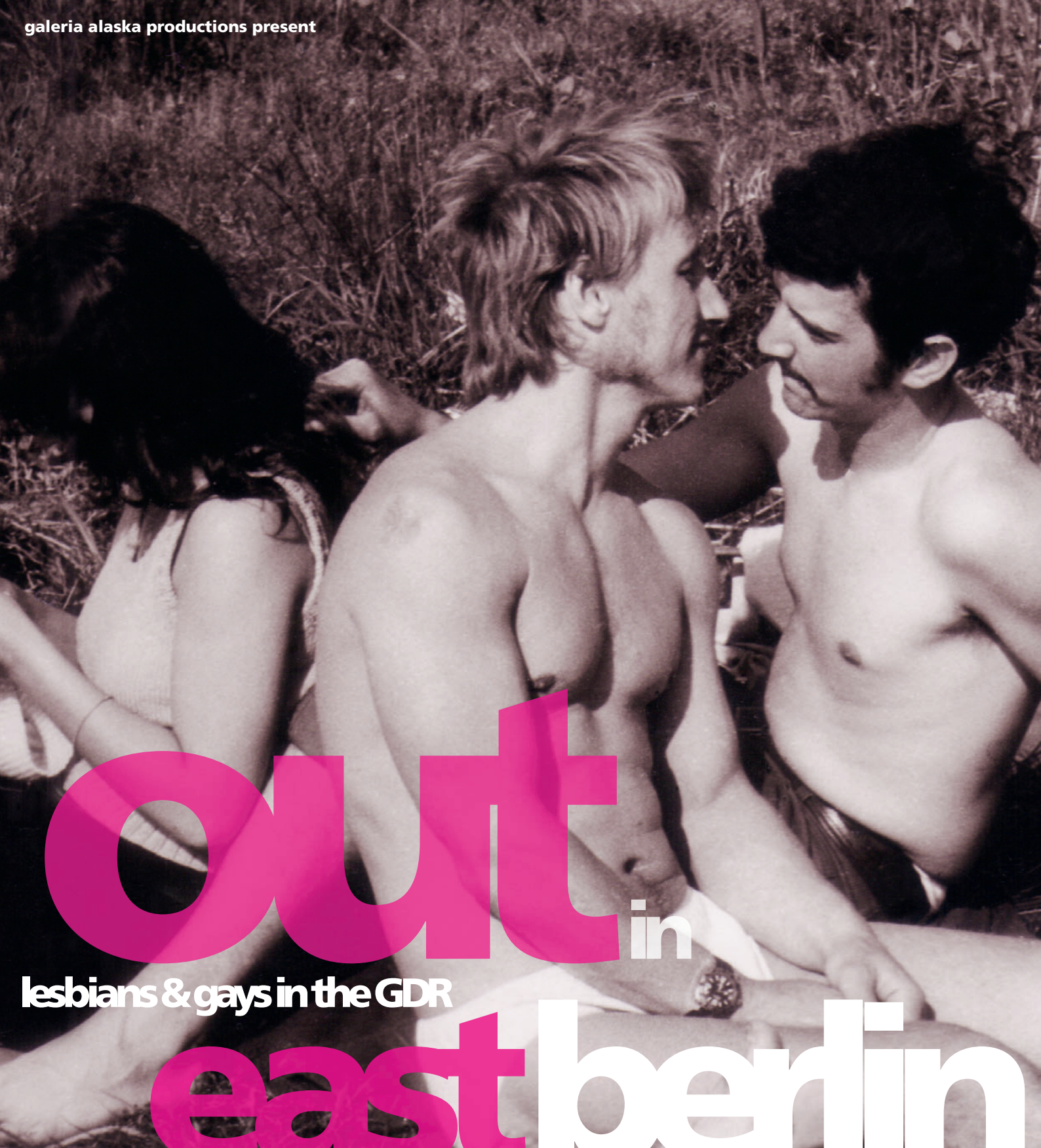


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94 minutes / 16:9 / HD / color & bw / stereo 5.1 (festival & theatrical version)  
German and English original language / International version with English subtitles  
Additional languages and tv-versions (52/58 minutes) soon available

In 1968, paragraph 175, which made homosexual behavior punishable by law was abolished in the German Democratic Republic. At first homosexuality was considered a negligible issue in »real existing socialism«. The nuclear family constituted the center of social society. »Out in East Berlin« tells the various, impressive-to-absurd personal histories of gay men and lesbians during socialistic GDR until the fall of the Berlin Wall. Their experiences on the path to a self-conscious, outed sexual identity share one specific perspective: They are accompanied by the watchful eye of the Ministry of State Security (Stasi). Even their actions in the bedroom were recorded in innumerable personal files. Based on the homosexual perspective, filmmakers Jochen Hick and Andreas Strohfeldt elucidate the political picture of the GDR, in which citizens are monitored, spied upon and whose movements are restrained. In addition, they are called upon to betray one's own cause: homosexual emancipation. An exciting, fascinating and vivid portrait of society is created from impressive interviews, situational scenes and historical material never shown before. A film that especially today possesses actuality and explosiveness.

Written & directed by **Jochen Hick & Andreas Strohfeldt** Photography by **Jochen Hick & Thomas Zahn** Edited by **Thomas Keller** Original music **Stefan Kuschner & Matthias Köninger** Sound design by **Jörg Theil** Re-recording mixer **Michael Kaczmarek** Script consultant **Karin Wallenczus** Produced by **Jochen Hick**

With Peter Bausdorf, Bettina Dziggel, Michael Eggert, Andreas Fux, Marinka Körzendörfer, Marina Krug, Klaus Laabs, Jürgen Litfin, Gerhard Plöse, Christian Pulz, Michael Raimann, Peter Rausch, Eduard Stapel, Peter Tatchell

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### Screenings

**63. Berlinale** International Film Festival Berlin – Panorama

**11.2.** EFM Market Screening  
Dffb-Kino at Sony Center  
20:00

**13.2.** World Premiere  
Kino International, 17:00

**14.2.** CineStar 7, 12:00

**15.2.** Cubix 7, 17:30

**17.2.** Colosseum 1, 15:30



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