



TROUBLE – TEATIME IN HEILIGENDAMM

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A regional/documentary/pop film that critically and playfully explores the egoism of a confused protest generation

The 2007 G8 Summit in Heiligendamm, Germany – A summer fairytale, blooming corn poppies and a brilliant sky. A menacing fence 12 km long and 2,5 meters high cuts through the picturesque landscape. Police vans, journalists, and activists face off for days in these fields medieval armies.

Bob Geldorf, Bono, and Herbert Grönemeyer preach on the "Your Voice Against Poverty" stage, while locals would obviously rather be eating a bratwurst. Interviews with the likes of Muhammad Yunus (winner of 2006 Nobel Prize), Wim Wenders (filmmaker), Susan George (former vice president of ATTAC France), Bono (U2 frontman), and Campino (singer of Die Toten Hosen) are mixed with questions and commentary from police, activists, and locals. TROUBLE presents a broad spectrum of voices and impressions around the G8 Summit. A team of 100 filmmakers, editors, photographers, designers, bloggers programmers, project managers, and one cook made up the mind pirates summer camp. With their own eyes and perspectives, they produced over 100 short films in only two weeks.

"Our people came back from riots, concerts, and political discussions, sat down at their computer, and edited their film that night", recalls project initiator and producer Ralf Schmerberg. "Meanwhile, in the next room, someone was composing music and designing graphics for the films. Before the next morning, the films would already be on the Internet, which created competition for mainstream media outlets."

Once they returned to Berlin, the team faced a mountain of material and shaped it into TROUBLE, a feature-length cinematic journal of those eventful weeks. Many pieces came together as one, resulting in a film comprised of many different styles, and one that constantly shifts between G8 events, giving the impression that everything is happening all at once.

Mind pirates is a non-profit association, founded in 2002, which has created websites, films, interactive magazines, and interviews.

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