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(dir. Bernd Sahling)
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Q&A
with filmmaker
BERND SAHLING

UPSIDEdown

Germany, 2012, dir. Bernd Sahling, 90 min., German with English subtitles

10-year-old Sascha enjoys bike rides with his friend Elli and to collect sounds that they can mix into musical-acoustic pieces. What he doesn't like is the new special school he has been sent to in order to improve his reading and writing skills. A young and rather inexperienced social worker is assigned to help with his daily life. Although Sascha first rejects him, he thinks that it's cool to have a personal bodyguard. The social worker convinces Sascha and his mother to take some medical tests to find out about Sascha's reading challenges. The diagnosis: ADHD, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. The prescribed medicine works wonders: Sascha's school performance improves, and he gets into less trouble. But his personality also changes and his friendship with Elli starts to fall apart. This film raises multiple questions about dignity, (dis)ability, acceptance and support.