



**THE SUN
SETS LIKE
A SCAR**

FILM INFORMATION

FILM TITLE

The Sun Sets Like A Scar

CONTACT INFO

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TECHNICAL INFO

Running Time: 6 minutes
Exhibition Format: DCP 4K; DCP 2K; Digital File (ProRes 422 HQ)
Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1
Sound: Stereo
Frame rate: 24 fps
Shooting Format: Blackmagic 4K
Color; English

<https://www.kuznitsa.media/#sun>



<https://letterboxd.com/film/the-sun-sets-like-a-scar/>



<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt31349935/>

SYNOPSIS

Engaging with the poetry of Langston Hughes, this film investigates the afterlives of Vladimir Lenin in eastern Germany.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



In the summer of 2023, I had flown to Berlin to attend a celebration of life for a friend and fellow filmmaker. While there, I was struck by the blatant continuation of an East/West demarcation in the country. Although the Wall had fallen decades ago, the social, cultural, political, and economic divisions still exist in Berlin.

However, what surprised me most was that the differences between the former East and West Germany became exceptionally stark the further one drifted away from the roaring urbanity of Berlin. A West that is flush with capital but blinded by individualism and an East that is economically poorer but replete with the collective spirit was like night and day in the countryside. A film began to form in my head as I explored the remote villages only serviceable by exiting a train, strapping a pack to one's back, and walking a dozen kilometers. I was never more thankful that I always travel with a camera.

This film explores the afterlives of socialism in Germany using the megalithic statuary of its largest figure: Vladimir Lenin. By employing, as a narrative fulcrum, the oft-forgotten poem by the master Langston Hughes, I try to express both the nostalgia and melancholy of a community's shattered past and remembered future.

STILLS



BIOS



TAYLOR GENOVESE – DIRECTOR, CINEMATOGRAPHER, PRODUCER, EDITOR

Taylor Genovese is an anthropologist and artist who works in film, video, photography, and sound. He lives in the Hudson Valley, New York and teaches philosophy at Dutchess Community College.



DICK POWIS – PRODUCER

Dick Powis is a medical anthropologist and ethnographic photographer. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida who researches masculinity, kinship, and pregnancy in Florida (US) and Senegal (West Africa).



DAVID ROBERT POLLOCK – ORIGINAL SCORE

David Robert Pollock is a writer and musician from Los Angeles, CA.

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SCREENINGS AND AWARDS



OFFICIAL SELECTION

Golden State Film Festival – TCL Chinese Theatre, Hollywood, CA – February 27, 2024

Almaty Underground Screening Series – Dump Gallery, Almaty, Kazakhstan – June 26, 2024

Eichsfelder Filmfestival – Herrnmühle, Heilbad Heiligenstadt, Germany – August 10, 2024

Chroma Art Film Festival – Superblue, Miami, FL – August 17, 2024

Festival Transterritorial de Cine Underground – Fundación Comunidad Contemporánea, Buenos Aires, Argentina – October 11, 2024

Tallgrass Film Festival – Tallgrass Film Center, Wichita, KS – October 25 & 26*, 2024

Under Berlin Film Festival – Berlin, Germany – November 4–9, 2024**

* Encore screening

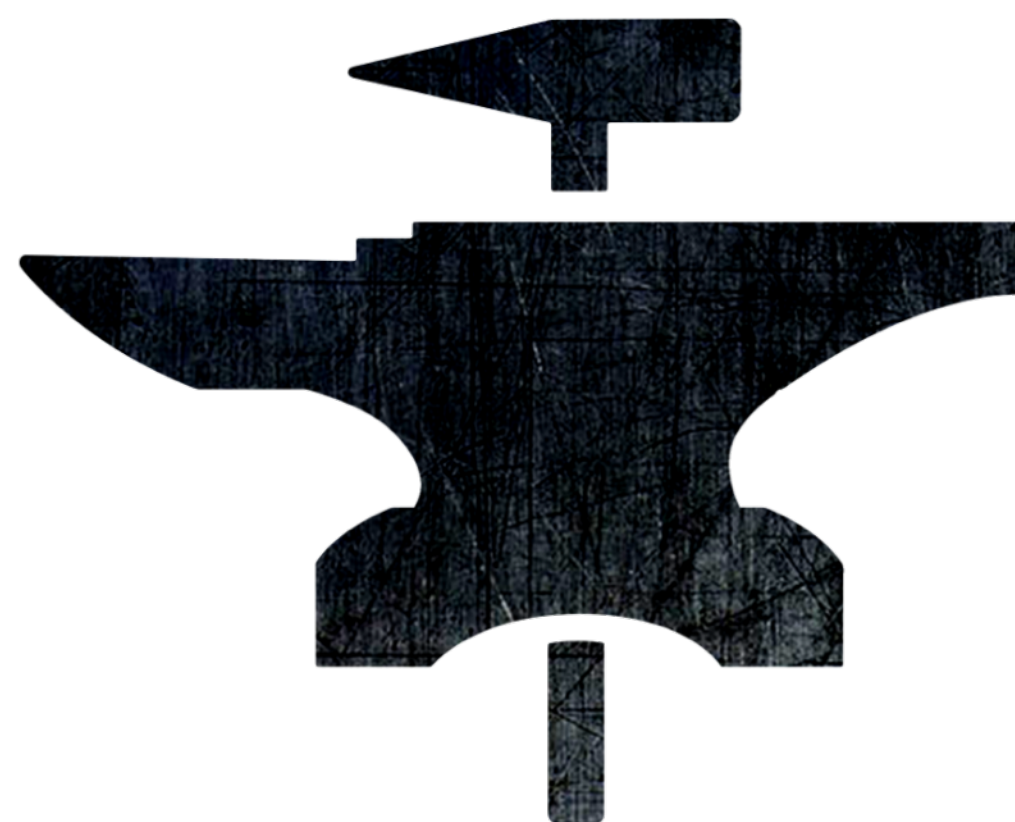
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