

# KÖNIGSKINDER

a feature film by Lutz Gregor

**Königskinder** tells the story of an unusual friendship. A dancer who has nothing more to say meets a deaf boy who cannot speak. Together they find a common language, which forces the world around them to listen. Director Lutz Gregor and choreographer Juan Kruz Diaz de Garaio Esnaola have managed to convey the essence of this friendship in powerful pictures and unconventional dance sequences. A film about a language without words.

Author and director Lutz Gregor discovered his fascination with dance after his first documentaries. He has integrated dance expressions into a variety of films (for ZDF, 3sat, SFB) and taking them further and further. His work with Juan Kruz Diaz de Garaio Esnaola in **Königskinder** has resulted in an unusually intense form of film-dance, paralleled only in films like "Billy Elliott" or "Dancer in the Dark".

Juan Kruz Diaz de Garaio Esnaola is choreographer, dancer and main actor in **Königskinder**. He was born in 1966 in Barcelona and made his way through the international dance scene e.g. at the DV8 Physical Theatre in London. He is currently part of Sasha Waltz' dance company at the Schaubühne in Berlin.

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## Festivals u.a.:

Festival Max Ophüls Preis Saarbrücken, 2002  
Mostra Video Danca, Barcelona 2001  
Dance on Camera, New York 2002  
Deaf Way II festival, Washington 2002  
Deaf in the Picture Amsterdam 2003  
Napolidanza, Neapel 2003  
Festival International du Film Indépendant Brussels 2003  
(award for *new cinematographic themes and language*)  
7th Disability Film Festival, London 2005

## Königskinder

Germany 2001

Length: 72 min  
Format: Digi Beta  
Script and director: Lutz Gregor  
Choreography: Juan Kruz Diaz de Garaio Esnaola  
Camera: Michael Ole Nielsen  
Original score: Patricio Wang

## Cast:

Juan Kruz Diaz de Garaio Esnaola, Walid Agoune, Liane Stephan, Jean-Luc Yerlès, Thomas Falk, Olivier Schetrit

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