

# SYNOPSIS



## Big in Japan - A Cartoonist in the Land of Kanji

### Big in Japan - Ein Zeichner im Land der Zeichen

A witty road movie full of strange people -- focusing on a weird Austrian: the purist cartoonist Nicolas Mahler, the first ever German-language artist the Japanese invited to exhibit at the famous Manga Museum in Kyoto. The 45-year-old Viennese has gained international recognition especially with the comic adaptations of Thomas Bernhard's Old Masters and Robert Musil's The Man without Qualities and the series Flaschko, der Mann in der Heizdecke. So far he has published nearly 60 books, among others in France, Canada, Poland, and Switzerland. The film follows Nicolas Mahler to Kyoto. Unexpectedly, it doesn't present his view of a strange Japan, but turns the tables: It shows the Japanese view of the strange Austrian.

**Year:** 2015

**Run-Time:** 1 x 45 min.

**Directed by** Nico Weber

**Produced by Nico Weber Film for ORF/3sat**

Available worldwide

**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL) , English (DUBBED)

**Format:** 16:9

**HD**

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