

SYNOPSIS



Breath of the Gods

Der Atem der Götter

We cannot see, hear or smell it. But we can feel it, and its effects are hugely important to humankind. For thousands of years the wind has supplied energy, it has threatened us when it blows too hard, at medium strength it inspires us to all kinds of technical shenanigans and its total absence creates an unease in us that only goes away when a fresh breeze springs up. Three thousand years ago people thought that the wind starts to blow when the earth breathes in and out. Others were certain that it was the breath of the gods. This is a documentary about the origins of the wind, what it actually is, how it influences human thought and actions and how essential it is for our lives. The film also answers obvious and surprising questions on the subject of wind. Are there winds that exceed 500 km per hour? What does the wind have to do with poetry? Is it possible to raise 100 kites on a single string? Does the wind blow differently in the city compared to in the country? Who owns the wind? Can it be fun to be at the mercy of the wind?

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Run-Time: 1 x 52 min.

Directed by Peter Hackl

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