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FILIZ IN FLIGHT

A film written, directed and edited by Sylke Rene Meyer

Germany 2006, 14' 30 Min., 16:9, Stereo

S y n o p s i s

Filiz, nine years old, travels to Thuringia to spend her summer holidays with Cem, her cousin. Cem, six years old, comes to pick her up at Blechhammer railway station with a red balloon. Uncle Manis, his father, runs a döner take away nearby. There are a few girls in Filiz' age in the village who, however turn up their noses at her, led by haughty Melanie. So Filiz sticks to her cousin Cem as a playmate. Boldly they rush on a mountainbike through the summer forest. Then all of a sudden Filiz is under a spell, when she sees a vision just like from an other world. A sound never heard before. Boys in suits like aliens, carrying strange boards on their shoulders, wandering hillwards, and they flying down the valley with a lofty rustle. They are ski jumpers in their summer workouts. Filiz is magically attracted. She wants to be one of those, she wants to fly! But Cem with all the wisdom of his six years knows it better: Girls can't do ski jumping, because ski jumping is only for men! When intriguing Melanie makes disappear Filiz' clothes from the blanket in the open swimming pool she has no clue that she by doing so helps Filiz make her dream come true. The pool attendant helps Filiz with boys' outfit, which makes Filiz realize: If ski jumping is only for men, then I'll be a man! In her hideaway in the forest Filiz changes into Felix. The talented newcomer attracts the attention of the coach and is admitted to the ski jumpers' summer workouts. Soon „Felix“ impresses his coach and sports mates with a 29-meter-leap from the medium ski-jump. Not only impressed but utterly smitten is Melanie. „So sweet, and so shy“, she coos, and then writes a love-letter to the new ski-jumping crack. The boys in the locker room roar with laughter, when they discover the letter in “Felix's” bag. And “Felix” takes sweet revenge for Melanie's mobbing and her plot at the swimming pool. But a mishappening plays into the hands of Melanie, and „Felix's“ true identity is disclosed. Utterly humiliated and depressed, Filiz runs off into the forests. But sweet little Cem helps her to get back her guts. Filiz shows it to them all. Ski-jumping is also for girls! And Filiz not only jumps – Filiz flies!

Filming took place in August 2006 with school children and a real ski-jumpers coach at locations in and around Lauscha in the Thuringian Forest. Ski-jumping sequences were filmed at Lauscha and Oberhof, Thuringia.

Cast

Filiz	Jenny-Marie Rößner
Cem	Lukas Rödel
Melanie	Laura Eisenhardt
Mel's Friends	Josephine Barth, Elise Zitzmann, Stefanie Rierl
Boy in open swimming pool	Moritz Popp
Ski-jumpers	Lukas Wagner (Double Filiz), Rudolf Müller-Löb
Boy in locker room	Patrick Florian, Louis Zwilling
Uncle Manis	Nafis Koca
Ski-jumpers Coach	Jens Greiner-Hiero

Staff

Writer, director, and editor	Sylke Rene Meyer
Camera	Ulrike Thiele
Sound	Gregor Kuschel
Set design	Katrin Schier
Wardrobe	Annika Lischewski
Make up	Susanne Glöckner
Music score	Kai Degenhardt, Goetz Steeger
Producer	Nina Erfle
Producer Germany	Inge Plettenberg
Executive Producer EBU	Beryl Richards
Production Company	Cee Pee Productions/Christel Priemer by appointment of Saarländischer Rundfunk Saarländischen Rundfunks