

REMAPPING BLACK GERMANY

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Remapping Black Germany Branwen Okpako



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Tal der Ahnungslosen / Valley of the Innocent (2003)

Shortly before her 40th birthday, police officer Eva Meyer is transferred from Frankfurt to Dresden. Eva was raised in an orphanage in Dresden, so the return forces her to deal with her past. With dazed curiosity she begins a quest for her parents. She is anxious and, at the same time, afraid about what she will discover. Eva starts looking in her former orphanage and in the "Stasi Archives," where information from the East-German secret police is held. A puzzle starts to unfold in front of her as she slowly puts the information about her parents together. Her birth was the result of a one-night stand her mother Helga had with one of her husband's students, a Kenyan student named Shepard....

German with English subtitles

Director Branwen Okpako will introduce her film and hold a Q&A session after the screening