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TRA LE ONDE NEL CIELO AMONG THE WAVES IN THE SKY

A documentary film about the forgotten tragedy of Bremen 1966

screening 17 MAY 2016 at 17.30 DOC CORNER RIVIERA Marché du Film – Festival de Cannes

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written and directed by Francesco Zarzana

with Claudia Campagnola, Marco Morandi, Lucia Fossi, Elena Polic Greco, Lucia Bendia and the special appearance of Laura Efrikian Director of photography Victorr Torrefiel Vicente Supervision of Rosita Pisacane

Original soundtrack by Valérie Marie (Associated Music International) *Among the waves in the sky* (F. Zarzana/E. Mazzotti – V. Marie – L. Maiani) sung by **Eleonora Mazzotti** arrangement **Faminore**

THE STORY

On January the 28th 1966, seven young swimmers of the Italian national, their coach and a RAI reporter have been involved in a terrible plane crash in Germany. Their plane crashed in Bremen after an aborted landing putting an end to their brief existence. That night in Bremen it was raining and fogging. There were no survivors.

That night, the best Italian swimmers died, they were four boys and three girls: Daniela Samuele, Carmen Longo, Amedeo Chimisso, Sergio De Gregorio, Luciana Massenzi, Bruno Bianchi, Dino Rora. With them, the coach Paolo Costoli and the RAI journalist Nico Sapio.

An half century later, the author Francesco Zarzana recalls the tragedy that shocked Italy and changed the history of the Italian national swimming team forever.



AUTHOR'S NOTE

I have been a swimmer for many years and I always participated to a competition with a curious name: the Memorial Cup of Bremen. Participating was interesting because the name was curious. But what was its significance? No one had never explained it to me explained to me and, to be honest, I had never asked. Several years passed and I finally realized what it was: the tragic memory of seven boys and girls and their coach, which would represent Italy during an important swimming competition in Germany. A famous Rai journalist was traveling with them, he also died. It was growing inside me the desire to learn more, to find out how their lives were, such as their passions, aspirations, joys, sorrows, and what really happened on that tragic journey of January the 28th 1966. Hence, the desire to honour their memory and tell their story, after 50 years. They were champions who gave to the sport so much and they have been forgotten. Too soon.

Francesco Zarzana

DISTRIBUTION

We believe in this project, we believe in this universal story of sport and friendship that deserves to be known all over the world, in memory of these young people who gave their life to swimming. If you are interested in distribuiting the film in your country please contact us at segreteria@progettarte.org

