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a documentary film
by Serge-Alain Simasotchi



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Synopsis

It is a strong Didier – motivated, yet sensitive and touching – that you will discover in these images. A trip to the heart of training sessions, competitions, major defeats and little personal victories that comprise the glimmers of hope, fuelling the motivation to come back to the top, keeping aspirations alive...

Serge-Alain Simasotchi followed Didier Cuche for two years, witnessing his highs and his lows – which enabled him to truly grasp the meaning and implication of **doubts** in the career of a high-level athlete.

Didier Cuche opens up the doors of his White Circus, offering us the chance to discover the fascinating universe of a determined athlete guided only by his passion... This documentary plunges us into an extraordinary world whose dimensions far exceed everyday reality: the world of professional skier.

The life of a top-notch athlete is far from being a "long, quiet river" – especially when it is brutally interrupted by a terrible accident. From Adelboden, January 2002 – when Didier Cuche wins the giant slalom with more than a second's advance... to Adelboden, January 2005 – when Didier Cuche, ranked 5th in the overall Ski World's Cup... crashes. Bad. A severe knee injury along with its cortège of shock, despair, a collapsed season finale... and a long, black tunnel to traverse before climbing to the summit again.

Partner



Director

After a track and field carrier at a national level, **Serge-Alain Simasotchi**, 37 years old, creates his Video Production studio in 1998. Specialist on directing events and in broadcast TV since 8 years, he collaborates with the swiss local TVs since 7 years and it took him just one more year to work with TSR, TSI, DRS, Canal +, DSF,... He creates in 1998 the program « Adrénaline » which starts on 12 local Tvs in Switzerland. The show is now broadcasted in co-production with the youth department of the TSR. The Doubt is the first documentary directed by Serge-Alain Simasotchi. As he experimented himself for long yers victories and defeats in high level sports, Serge-Alain Simasotchi was naturally attracted to competition sport to make this documentary.

Why Didier Cuche ?

“ Because he is an athlete with a single character, with a strong personality and a talented skier ! He just has all documentary needs... ”

But the most important message is that the director wishes to tell is that sport learns you life. It's hard but it gives you strenght and personality.

Production

Director: Serge-Alain Simasotchi
Production Assistant: Simona Rychtecky
Editor: Nicolas Hislairé
Original Soundtrack: Sébastien Kohler, Pierre Audétat
Mixing: Jérôme Cuendet
Photo: Denis Ballibouse
SoundMan in Kitzbühel and Adelboden: Benedetto Garro
Webmaster: Patrick De Crousaz
Graphic: Stéphane de Trey

Featuring

Didier Cuche
Alain Cuche (Didier Cuche's brother)
Bernard Cuche (Didier Cuche's brother)
Marlise Cuche (Didier Cuche's mother)
François Cuche (Didier Cuche's father)
Diane Bandelier (Didier Cuche's companion)
Dany Vaquin (Didier Cuche's ex-ski technician)
Patrice Morisod (Swiss team's trainer)
Florian Lorimier (Didier Cuche's personal coach)
Mattia Piffareti (Didier Cuche's mental coach)
Philippe Pellet (Swiss team's physiotherapist)
Martin Rufener (Swiss team's Alpine head coach)
Didier Defago (Skier, member of the Swiss team)
Marco Buechel (Skier, member of the Liechtenstein team)
Daron Rahlves (Skier, member of the American team)

Specifications

Year: 2007
Producer: Mahopictures
Length: 90 min
Format: HD
Sound: 5.1
Language: Original version - French
Subtitles: German, English

Didier Cuche

ID Card

Birth date	August 16, 1974
Home town	Le Pâquier (Neuchâtel, Switzerland)
Lives	2058 Les Bugnenets
Marital status	Unmarried
Studies	Certificate in Meat Preparation/Delicatessen
Profession	Downhill skier, member of the Swiss national team since 1993
Languages	French, SwissGerman, German and English
Passions	Golf, motorcycling, water-skiing, all-terrain cycling, rock climbing
Hobbies	Cinema, music
Internet site	www.didiercuche.ch

Achievements

World Cup Victories	26 podiums (5 victories, 14 silver medals, 7 bronze medals). Kitzbühel 1998 downhill, Adelboden 2002 Giant Slalom, Altenmarkt 2002 Super-G, Beaver Creek 2002 Super-G 2004 Garmisch Downhill
World Cup	3rd in overall 2002 World Cup ranking 2nd in overall 2002 World Cup Super-G ranking 5th in overall 2003 World Cup ranking 3rd in 2003 World Cup Super-G ranking
Olympic Games	Nagano, 1998: Silver medal for the Super-G Salt Lake City 2002: 10th in Downhill and 14 in Giant Slalom Turin 2006: 12th in Super-G and 19th in Giant Slalom
World Championships	4th in Downhill at the 2003 World Championship
Swiss Championships	5 Swiss champion titles



Contact

Motivations

I'm so lucky to have been able to live my passion for several years now. Ever since childhood, my life has been shaped by the Winter seasons. At first, skiing was just a hobby; then it became a career that IS my life: full-time and full-on.

I feel privileged to be able to live my passion: I hope that, through this documentary, I can open the starting gates to the public... that everyone can enter into the very special world of the White Circus and its demands.

Between my injury in January 2005 at Adelboden (where I also have excellent memories) and the time when I was back up to my top level, I traveled a long road, full of obstacles and hurdles. During this time, I was submerged by the most diverse emotions... to the point that sometimes, I wasn't even capable of putting a name on them.

I also hope to give the general public more awareness of the difficult moments in the lives of athletes, that people might truly appreciate how hard it is to achieve that state of grace, the day when the hard work of the athlete's trainers, servicemen and partners all come together, paving the way to the highest step of the podium.

I think that both my supporters and my detractors will see me in a new light: A space where I am assailed by doubts, where I'm terrified that I will never make it... but that's also part of the beauty of life - and to my eyes, the part that makes life worth living.

Production

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