

ROOM 666



“There was a general gloom at the 1982 Cannes Film Festival. The feeling that the end of cinema was inevitable was roaming everywhere. A ‘black hole’ was opening in film history so to say. So I thought I would do a survey among my colleagues about the future of cinema. I invited them all to the only available room in the whole town. Room 666 at the Hotel Martinez. There was a single camera in the room and the question was on the table. My colleagues only had to turn on the tape recorder and the camera when they were ready to give their solitary answers. Godard, Fassbinder, Spielberg, Antonioni, Herzog and other filmmakers gave response to the question: ‘Is cinema a language about to get lost, an art about to die?’

Some have answered the question very extensively, others were unsettled by the situation and remained silent, We then cut those out...”

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West Germany/USA 1982

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

1985 Berlin International Film Festival (Forum)

2023 Festival Lumière Lyon
(premiere of the restored version)

FORMAT

Length:
50 min

Format:
16mm Eastmancolor; 1:1,33; Sound

Language:
English, French, German etc.

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Wim Wenders

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Participating:
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Spielberg, Yilmaz Güney, Michelangelo
Antonioni, R. W. Fassbinder, Paul Morrissey,
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