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DORA

OR THE SEXUAL NEUROSES OF OUR PARENTS

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After her mother decides that eighteen-year-old mentally disabled Dora no longer has to take sedating drugs, the young woman begins to blossom. But when pleasure-loving Dora discovers her sexuality, her strive for independence becomes increasingly risky. To her mother's horror, Dora has a spontaneous sexual encounter with a dubious man who is obviously taken with the young girl's uninhibited sensuality. As this encounter turns into a secret liaison, Dora's parents struggle to protect their vulnerable child...

Directed by **Stina Werenfels**With **Victoria Schulz, Lars Eidinger, Jenny Schily** and **Urs Jucker**Original Language: **German**Produced by **Dschoint Ventschr Filmproduktion AG**In co-production with **Niko Film** and **Aleppo Films**



STINA WERENFELS (Writer and Director)

Born in Basel in 1964, Stina Werenfels spent her early childhood in the USA, Greece and Spain. Following her degree in Pharmacology, she went on to study film at the New York University (Tisch School of the Arts) in 1991 where she attended master classes by Spike Lee, Arthur Penn and Marketa Kimbrell. There she completed her studies with the prize winning short documentary Fragments from the Lower East Side (1994) describing the vanishing Jewish culture of New York's neighbourhood. Back in Switzerland Werenfels shot Pastry, Pain & Politics

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Besides writing and directing, Stina Werenfels also teaches 'acting for film' at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK).

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