



East Berlin icon Nina Hagen sings the theme song of flat-sharing comedy from the German capital

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Berlin-based web series ***Das Apartment*** (The Apartment) is now available to watch on Vimeo On Demand.

The short form web series from writer/director **Reinaldo P. Almeida** and producer **Urs Kind** centres around the daily escapades of three international thirty-something flatmates – one from Finland, one Canadian and one Frenchman – as they navigate life in the German capital city. With each episode a new guest, sub-letter, neighbour or friend arrives to challenge the harmony within Das Apartment, as the three main occupants face the daily absurdities of sharing a home, chores and personal space.

Berlin, a character of the series itself, is obviously close to the heart of Tracks & Fields, so we were thrilled about our work on this series, supervising the theme song played during each episode’s opening titles. The **1974** song “**Du hast den Farbfilm vergessen**” (You Forgot the Colour Film) by the band **Automobil** features a pre-punk **Nina Hagen** on vocals; the popular song’s lyrics depict a young girl scolding her boyfriend for forgetting to bring colour film for their camera while on vacation, but they have a double meaning, and are considered to be a criticism of the grey sterility of East German communism.

The song led Hagen to become one of the country’s best-known young stars, but within two years she had left the East Germany with her mother, following the expulsion of her stepfather, anti-establishment singer-songwriter **Wolf Biermann**. While Hagen went on to become an anti-establishment **punk** and **new wave** figure in her own right, the song remains so popular that German newspaper **Die Zeit** stated in 2003 that 40 percent of East Germans could still sing the song’s lyrics by heart!

Watch the **season 1 & 2** trailers for *Das Apartment* below, and the full episodes on [Vimeo](#).

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