



HOME FROM HOME: CHRONICLE OF A VISION (DIE ANDERE HEIMAT)

Autumn
Season
2015

Release: 2013

Cert (UK): 15

Language: German and English

Runtime: 231 mins

Director: Edgar Reitz

Writer: Edgar Reitz, Gert Heidenreich

Cinematographer: Gernot Roll

Cast: Jan dieter Schneider, Antonia Bill, Maximilian Scheidt, Marita Breuer



'In the mid 1980s, audiences to BBC2 were transfixed by Edgar Reitz's series, Heimat, which followed the fortunes of a German village in the Hunsrück region, Schabbach, between 1919 and 1982. In particular, the story focussed on Maria Simon, whose journey from young bride to matriarch over that period was the series' defining theme.

Edgar Reitz went on to make a number of sequels to Heimat and with Home from Home he completes his life's work with a prequel. The circle is further completed

by the casting of Marita Breuer who played Maria Simon in the original series as Margarethe Simon in Home from Home.

Home from Home is very much about the ties that bind us to our place of birth and the yearning for something better that can only be found elsewhere. Schabbach here feels a very different village from its previous incarnations. The Napoleonic Wars are within living memory and life is defined by the threat of famine, grinding poverty and the unbearable tyranny of the local aristocracy. It is little wonder that anyone would want to escape.

Deeply embedded in a sense of local community and the familiar rhythms of the changing seasons, the grape harvest and annual festivals, Home from Home evokes the work of Thomas Hardy and the look of photographer Ansel Adams.' -The List

'In this beguiling drama he (Edgar Reitz) delves back into the family's history in rural Prussia in the 1840s - the discussion of migration at a time of economic hardship gives it acute contemporary relevance. At its heart is Jakob Simon (Jan Dieter Schneider), the son of Schabbach's blacksmith, who incurs his father's wrath by studying the languages of Amazonian tribes while dreaming of taking object of his affection, Jettchen (Antonia Bill) to Brazil' - Radio Times

