



## International Competition : Innovation in Moving Images

Country : Germany

### Gondola

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2023 / Colour / 85 minutes / German



**Director :** Veit Helmer

**Producer :** Veit Helmer

**Editor :** Iordanis Karaisaridis, Moritz Geiser, Nikoloz Gulua

**Music :** Malcolm Arison, Soley Stefansdottir

**Cast :** Mathilde Irrmann, Nini Soselia

**Synopsis :** A cable car connects a village in the hills with a small town in the valley. Iva starts working at the cable car as an attendant. The cable car has two gondolas. When one gondola goes up, the other slides down. The gondolas meet each other mid way. The attendant of the other gondola is Nino. Iva and Nino meet as they drive past each other every half an hour. These results in a budding relationship between the two cable car operators.



**Director's Biography :** Veit Helmer shot his first film at the age of 14. He studied film direction at Munich Filmschool and became famous with his cutting edge short films *Surprise*, shown at Cannes Film Festival and *Tour Eiffel (70mm)*, presented at Venice. His first feature film *Tuvalu (1999)*, starring Denis Lavant, was invited to 62 festivals, including San Sebastian and Berlin. His cult movie *Absurdistan* premiered in Sundance competition. Helmers documentary film *Behind the Couch* was aired by BBC and 20 broadcasters from all continents. He collaborated with famous artists, such as actor Udo Kier on *Gate to Heaven (2003)*, composer Goran Bregovic for *Baikonur (2010)* and actress Paz Vega for *The Bra*. His films won 155 awards altogether.

