

**ARE YOU READY
TO GO DEEP?**



DARKLANDS

A film by Roland Javornik

Title:

Darklands: Are you ready to go deep?

Contact information:

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Credits:

- Roland Javornik

Director

- Sanne This

Writer

- Jeroen Van Lievenogen

Producer

- Jeroen Van Lievenogen

Key Cast

- Nathalie Van Lievenogen

Key Cast

- Ale Tedesco

Key Cast

- Rocky Osaer

Key Cast

- Jacques Benjamin Smet

Key Cast

Synopsis short:

Get ready for an unparalleled journey into the enigmatic world of *Darklands*. This intimate documentary peels back the layers of Europe's largest gay fetish festival, hosted annually in the iconic Waagnatie, Antwerp. Through the eyes of Jeroen and Nathalie, the creators of this vibrant community, you'll witness their bold approach to challenging societal taboos and embracing hidden desires—always with a tone of respect and understanding.

But as the shadow of a global pandemic disrupts the world, the heartbeat of *Darklands* falters. The festival's electrifying energy is replaced with uncertainty, leaving Jeroen and Nathalie to confront chaos head-on. With resilience and courage, they navigate a shattered reality, fighting to reignite the spark that binds their unique community together.

Darklands isn't just a story; it's a deep dive into a world of unfiltered authenticity and unapologetic freedom. Are you ready to go deep?

Synopsis long:

Step behind the curtains of *Darklands*, an extraordinary documentary that unravels the mysteries of Europe's most renowned gay fetish festival. Held within Antwerp's iconic Waagnatie, this unique event welcomes over 8000 attendees from around the globe, offering an experience like no other.

Follow Jeroen, the visionary creator of *Darklands*, and his sister Nathalie as they reveal the festival's intricacies and the challenges they've overcome to confront societal taboos. Through their eyes, you'll discover a world where sexual identity and fetish are explored with respect, curiosity, and a captivating narrative—steering clear of explicit content while diving deep into the human experience.

Spanning an incredible three-year journey, *Darklands* showcases the festival's origins, its evolution, and the vibrant stories of diverse individuals who call it home. But as a global pandemic grinds the world to a halt, the vibrant community Jeroen and Nathalie have nurtured is thrown into chaos. With their dreams on the brink of collapse, they must navigate a daunting path of uncertainty, fighting to preserve the heart of *Darklands*.

This is more than a documentary—it's a testament to resilience, acceptance, and the power of community. Are you ready to go deep?

Specifications:

- Project Type:
Documentary
- Genres:
LGBT nightlife documentary
- Runtime:
1 hour 24 minutes
- Completion Date:
September 1, 2023
- Production Budget:
60,000 USD
- Country of Origin:
Belgium
- Country of Filming:
Belgium
- Language:
Dutch, English
- Shooting Format:
Digital
- Aspect Ratio:
16:9

- Film Color:
Color

About the director:

Roland Javornik, born on December 4, 1982, in Hasselt, Belgium, is a Belgian director, documentary filmmaker, and screenwriter. His career spans from writing to directing award-winning documentaries and commercials.

In his extensive career, Javornik has worked on various projects, including short films, television series, and commercials. Notable works include "For this is my blood" (2009), and "Roerloze Ontploffingen" (2013) and "The Puppeteer" (2018).

He founded JAVORNIK productions in Hasselt, focusing on diverse audiovisual projects ranging from virals to commercials. Javornik's dedication to storytelling and exploration of societal issues has garnered him recognition and awards, including the Comma Award for best TV commercial in 2016 and the Best Film prize at the Spanish SLCF short film festival in March 2021 for his documentary "The Puppeteer."