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*****Winner of Competition for First Appearance at IDFA*****

SOLIDARITY BY LUCY PARKER



A film about the secretive methods used against UK activists and trade unionists. In the film blacklisted construction workers and activists spied on by the police share their ongoing struggles.

Solidarity had its International Premiere at International Documentary Festival Amsterdam in November 2019 and won the Competition for First Appearance for first time feature filmmakers.

This followed its **World Premiere at Sheffield Docs Fest** in June; London Premiere at Open City Docs Festival Solidarity (which both sold out) and a continuing UK Cinema Tour.

Most screenings with **Q&A's with Director,** members of **Blacklist Support Group,** featured activists, politicians, legal professionals or core participants of the **Undercover Policing Inquiry.**

Trailer: https://vimeo.com/331182945
Website: www.solidarityfilm.com
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Reviews:
9 November Modern Times Review by Carmen Gray
5 October 2019 The Herald by Neil Cooper
3 October 2019 The Guardian by Peter Bradshaw
September 2019 Brooklyn Rail: Talking Things Through by Matt Turner
01 August 2019 'Focus: Aesthetics of Redaction' by Hannah Paveck (Open City Docs)
27 August 2019 Eye For Film by Sunil Chauhan
21 June 2019 Sight and Sound 'Six new British docs trying to make sense of our time' by Rhys Handley
3 June 2019 Morning Star by George Fuller
09 May 2019 BFI: Sheffield Doc/Fest 2019: 10 films to look out for by Georgia Korossi

"For a rigorous, complex, and clever yet accessible look at a strongly contemporary issue, which transcends its subject and transforms it into a disquieting universal warning" IDFA Jury, 2019
"Hugely impressed - and moved...it's a really powerful, distinctive and important work." Ollie Wright, Open City Docs
"Shocking and Urgent" Ros Cranston, BFI
"an immense impact and truly captures the human cost of #spycops abuses. Proud to be involved…hugely emotional and powerful documentary" Police Spies out of Lives
"Gave the blacklisting scandal a human face" Dave Smith, Blacklist Support Group

Synopsis 30 words
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The debut feature length film by artist filmmaker Lucy Parker it has been made alongside and features members of Blacklist Support Group, core participants in Undercover Policing Inquiry, and members of other campaigning groups.

Credits
Director: Lucy Parker / Producer: Kate Parker/ Editor: Lucy Parker & Lucy Harris / Director of Photography: Nick Gordon Smith / Sound Recordist: James Bull / Sound Designer: Chu-Li Shewring / Cast: Members of Blacklist Support Group, Core Participants in Undercover Policing Inquiry, law students and trade union groups including: Justice For Domestic Workers, Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union, Independent Workers of Great Britain, Unite the Union, Police Spies Out of Lives, GWB, RMT, Unite British Airways Mixed Fleet, County Durham Teaching Assistants, Bakers And Food Alliance Workers Union, BECTU Picturehouse and many individual trade unionists

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Director Filmography
This is the director's first feature length film. Previous short films include: The Home and The World (2010), Writer's Group (2013), Fire (2016), Apologies (2016)

Director Bio
Lucy Parker (lives in London). She was the 2016 filmmaker in residence at the Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival. Her films have been screened or exhibited at festivals including AV Festival (2018), International Film Festival Rotterdam (2018), Toronto International Film Festival (2017) South Korean New Media Festival (2017). Lucy's films are distributed by LUX Artists' Moving Image, London.

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