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## Continuity

### Omer Fast

2016, DCP, color, 85 min., German. **Producer** Irene von Alberti, Frieder Schlaich. **Production company** Filmgalerie 451 (Berlin, Germany). **Written and directed by** Omer Fast. **Director of photography** Patrick Orth, Bernhard Keller. **Production design** Anne Schlaich, Beatrice Schultz. **Costumes** Silke Sommer, Lotte Sawatzki. **Sound** David Hilgers, Samuel Schmidt, Oliver Göbel. **Music** Angel. **Sound design** Jochen Jezussek. **Editor** Janina Herhoffer, Heike Parplies, Omer Fast. **Visual effects** Jean-Michel Boublil. **World sales** Filmgalerie 451. **With** André M. Hennicke (Torsten Fiedler), Iris Böhm (Katja Fiedler), Constantin von Jascheroff (Daniel Vogel), Bruno Alexander (Daniel Fiedler), Milton Welsh (Roy), Ketel Weber (Jakob), Josef Mattes (Daniel 1), Lukas Steltner (Daniel 2), Niklas Kohrt (Daniel 3), Jakob Bieber (Mario), Arnel Taci (soldier), Anne Ratte-Polle (Bruno's mother).

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*Continuity* begins as a straight-forward story of an emotional homecoming and turns uncanny as the two protagonists – a middle aged couple living in a small town in Germany – repeatedly invite different young men into their home to perform an inscrutable ritual. It remains unclear whether the couple has suffered an actual loss – or if their ersatz sons are just a way of staying together.

A total of three different versions of their lost son Daniel spend the night at the family house. Each disappears under mysterious circumstances until we see them all in a ditch at the end – neither dead nor alive, neither in Germany nor in Afghanistan.

**Omer Fast**, born in 1972 in Jerusalem, Israel, is a filmmaker and video artist based in Berlin. He holds a BA in English from Tufts University, a BFA in Visual Arts from the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts, and an MFA from Hunter College, City University of New York. Fast has participated in over 150 international group and solo shows. His work is represented in several international collections.

#### Films

2007: *The Casting* (14 Min.). 2007: *De Grote Boodschap* (26 Min.). 2009: *Nostalgia* (45 Min.). 2009: *Talk Show* (65 Min.). 2011: *5000 Feet is the Best* (32 Min.). 2012: *Continuity* (short film, 41 Min.). 2014: *Everything That Rises Must Converge* (Forum Expanded, 56 Min.). 2015: *Remainder* (97 Min.). 2016: *Continuity*.