

HIDDEN AWAY

Original title: *Volevo nascondermi*

Directed by: **Giorgio Diritti**

Cast: Elio Germano, Oliver Johann Ewy, Leonardo Carrozzo, Pietro Traldi, Orietta Notari, Andrea Gherpelli, Denis Campitelli, Filippo Marchi, Gianni Fantoni, Paola Lavini, Laura Pizzirani, Maurizio Pagliari, Francesca Manfredini, Daniela Rossi, Mario Perrotta, Paolo Dallasta

Screenplay: Giorgio Diritti, Tania Pedroni

Cinematography: Matteo Cocco

Editing: Paolo Cottignola, Giorgio Diritti

Set design: Ludovica Ferrario, Alessandra Mura

Costume design: Ursula Patzak

Music: Marco Biscarini, Daniele Furlati

Producer: Carlo Degli Esposti, Nicola Serra

Production: Palomar, Rai Cinema, supported by MiBACT, with the support of Regione Emilia Romagna, in association with Coop Alleanza 3.0., Demetra Formazione, Finregg

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Film run: 120'

Toni, the son of an emigrant Italian mother, deported back to Italy from Switzerland where he spent his childhood, lived for years in a shack by the river without ever succumbing to loneliness, the cold or hunger.

Meeting the sculptor Renato Marino Mazzacurati was his chance to return to painting, the beginning of a redemption story in which he feels art is the only way to form his identity, a real opportunity to make his name known and loved by the world.

“El Tudesc,” as people called him, was a lonely, scrawny, ugly and often mocked and humiliated man. He became an imaginative artist who painted a fantasy world of tigers, gorillas and jaguars on the banks of the Po. Ligabue’s art is a “fairy tale” from which a wealth of diversity emerges and his work over time has proved to be a gift to collective humanity.