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GERMANY 1990

Life is Like a Cucumber

Affengeil

Director: Rosa von Praunheim
 Leading Players: Lotti Huber, Rosa von Praunheim, Helga Stoop
 Festivals: Sydney, Montreal, Toronto
 Running Time: 87 mins

Affengeil- an expletive that Huber frequently uses, meaning something like "apeshit"- started out as a scripted comedy about filmmaking, shot on video. It has ended up as a documentary about Lotti Huber's life, detailing her careers as dancer, wife, restaurateur, concentration camp prisoner, extraordinary eccentric and star of Rosa von Praunheim's film and theatre projects. And what a rich life it is. The screen sparkles with Huber's wit, warmth, charm and irreverance, and glows with the affection that is exchanged between the filmmaker and his subject. This is a wonderful antidote to earnest documentaries about the "golden years". *Kay Armatage*

PHOTOCOPY CHACHA. Dir Chel White. USA 1991.
 3 mins