

Lars von Trier, Denmark, 1998
117 min. | DK/Feature



The modern welfare state is so rationally well-organised that special effort is required if you want to throw off the traces and let your instincts run riot. In Lars von Trier's tragi-comedy a group of young men and women turn their backs on established society and form a commune in order to cultivate their "inner idiots". They provoke the people around them and themselves by pretending to be retarded. But is there more to their antics than casual role-playing? Where does pretence cease and reality begin? Only one member of the group, naïve, emotionally unsullied Karen, manages with bravery and single-mindedness to turn the game into deadly earnest.

Basic information

Credits

Festivals & awards

Materials

Original title	Idioterne
Danish title	Idioterne
Other titles	Dogme #2, The idiots
Director	Lars von Trier
Screenplay	Lars von Trier
Producer	Vibeke Windeløv
Director of Photography	Lars von Trier
Editor	Molly Malene Stensgaard
Sound	Per Streit
Casting	Rie Hedegaard
Appearances	Bodil Jørgensen , Jens Albinus , Anne Louise Hassing , Troels Lyby
Production country	Denmark, Sweden, Germany, France, Netherlands, Italy
Production companies	Zentropa Entertainments2 , DR TV
Domestic distribution	Scanbox
International sales	Zentropa Entertainments ApS / Avedøre Tværvej 10 / 2650 Hvidovre / t 3678 0055 / f 3678 0077 / ef@filmbyen.com / www.zentropa.dk
Festival information	Danish Film Institute
Technical info	3201 meter, 35 mm, 1,37:1 Academy, color, Dolby
Danish theatrical release	17.07.1998
Cinemas	Dagmar, Palads, Grand, Gladsaxe Bio, BioCity (Tåstrup) samt 10 biografer i provinsen
Danish rating	Allowed for children over the age of 15

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