

William Jefferson Wilderness

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Ben Young
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Ben Young is a British-American producer, director, and writer across documentary and fiction. His directorial debut "Tony Fraginals" premiered at DOK Leipzig 2019 at the start of its ongoing festival run, and is now being expanded into a feature. He is a graduate of Goldsmiths College, London, and the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, Los Angeles, and currently Senior Lecturer in Filmmaking at the University of the West of England, Bristol. Ben Young is a member of EAVE, Rotterdam Lab, and Biennale College.

Language English **Producer** Ben Young **Editor** Theo Watkins **Animation** Theo Watkins **Sound** Emily Wiles, Jack Eyres **Script** Ben Young **Contact** Ben Young, benjamin.young@outlook.com



Das Erbe der 1990er Jahre wird hier auf eine originelle Art untersucht: Ben Young zeichnet in seinem experimentellen Kurzfilm die Figur des damaligen US-Präsidenten – den er einmal sogar persönlich in Louisville, Kentucky, getroffen haben soll – als Folie für die fragwürdigen politischen Entwicklungen, die Anfänge einer globalisierten Welt und eine Gesellschaft, die von kollektiver Amnesie geprägt ist. Eine intelligente, witzige und sehr persönliche Abrechnung des Regisseurs mit Bill Clinton.

— *An inventive examination of the legacy of the 1990s: In his experimental short film, Ben Young portrays the figure of the then U.S. president – whom he is said to have met once in person in Louisville, Kentucky – as a foil for the questionable political developments, the beginnings of a globalised world and a society marked by collective amnesia. The director's intelligent, witty and very personal reckoning with Bill Clinton.* **Borjana Gaković**