



**Production:**

**Peter Roloff** maxim film ©2010 Edition Maxim Bremen

**Note:** This film premiered September 4, 2010 in Bremen Germany for the German audience. The English version first premiered in the U.S on November 3, 2010 at the Blumenhof Winery.

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Duration: 75 min

**Encore Showing**  
**A TRIP TO A FORGOTTEN UTOPIA**  
**SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2011 - 1:00 PM**  
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**13497 SOUTH STATE HWY 94**  
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In 1834, Friedrich Muench and Paul Follenius abandoned their homeland, along with 500 German emigrants to settle a Democratic German Republic in the United States of America. Their Utopian idea was to create a new home and a new German State in the Missouri River Valley, in the United States.

In 2009, members of the Reisende Sommer-Republik visited Missouri, to see what remained of the Utopian ideals, the sites, and other historic treasures associated with that group known as the Giessen Emigration Society.

Beginning in Germany, at the small church in Niedergemünden, Germany, the group traces the route to Missouri. There, they visit Hermann, Missouri to read the pages of Der Lichtefreund, a German newspaper printed by Eduard Muehl and Friedrich Muench, in the archives of the Gasconade County Historical Society Archives. Next they visit the Deutschheim State Historic Site to see the small newspaper office and the press where this paper was printed. Follow the group as they visit historic sites in New Haven, Washington, St. Louis and Dutzow, Missouri to uncover what remains 175 years later.

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