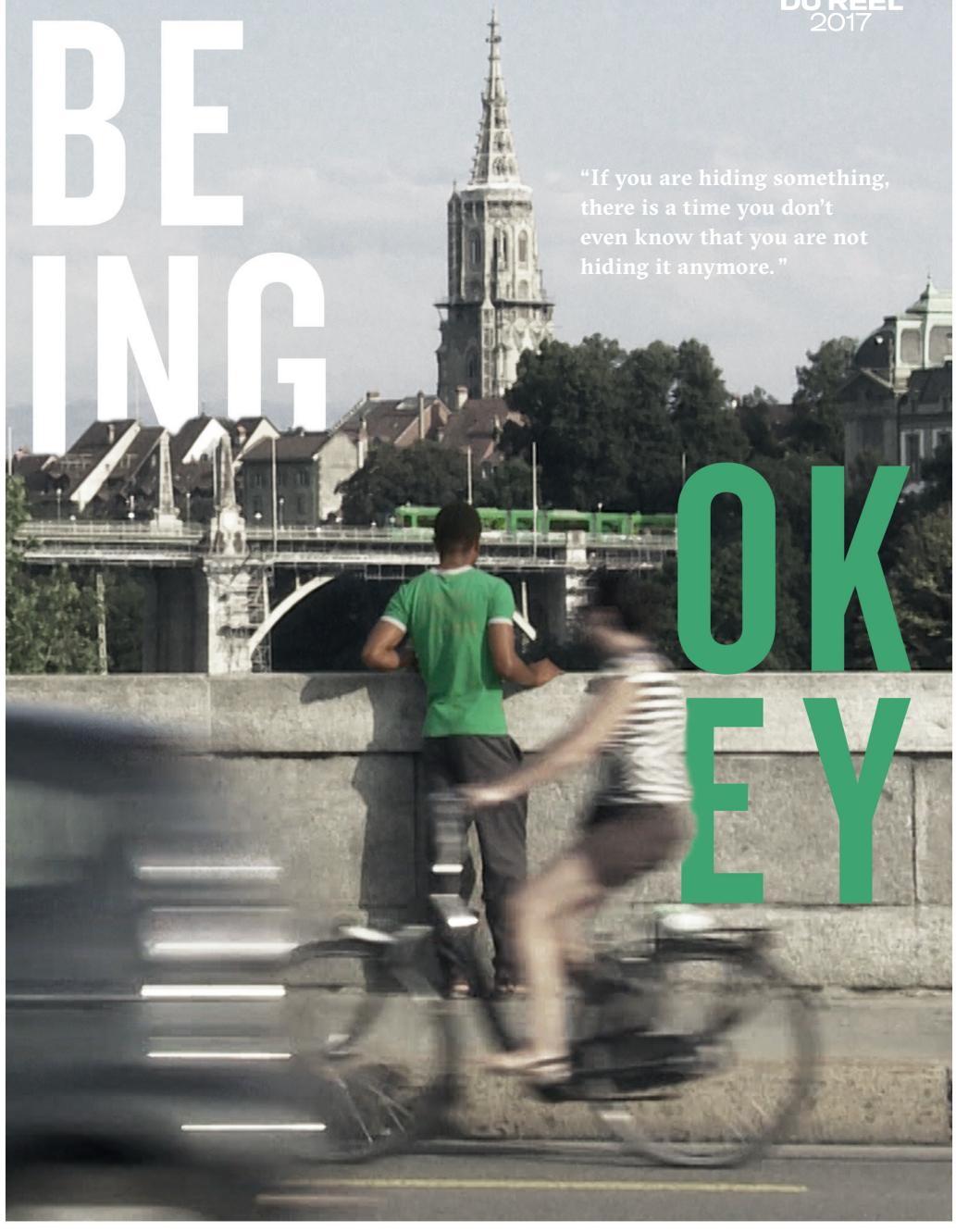


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"If you are hiding something,  
there is a time you don't  
even know that you are not  
hiding it anymore."

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**Being Okey – when love is treated as a crime**

A film by Nadia Lanfranchi, Nina Oppliger and Corinne Pfister

**"So the best thing  
that will happen to me  
is to be free in my  
home and go back there.  
It's what I want!  
But it's not possible!"**

**Eleven years ago, the Nigerian Okey narrowly escaped death. A mob wanted to kill him because he is gay. Homosexuality is persecuted in Nigeria and punished with up to 14 years' imprisonment. After being on the run for five years, Okey asked for asylum in Switzerland. The authorities rejected his request, arguing that he could be discreet about his sexuality in Nigeria. Okey, scared to return, went underground. He was then arrested for staying unlawfully and risked deportation. Thanks to protests and a revised asylum request, he was released. "Being Okey" accompanies the protagonist as he waits for the response to his second asylum request. Okey reveals what it is like to live in a country where homosexuality is legal but where he is not allowed to stay. And what it means to live in constant fear of being deported to Nigeria – the country where he was born but where he is considered a criminal, just because of who he is. "Being Okey" – a story about when love is treated as a crime.**

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