

### **Thomas Haemmerli, Director**

Born in 1964, Thomas Haemmerli studied philosophy and law before starting a career as a TV and print journalist. He is a columnist, book author, political activist and a communications mercenary.

SEVEN DUMPSTERS AND A CORPSE is Thomas Haemmerli's first feature documentary.

#### Filmography:

Various short films for Swiss and German Television – 2006-1995

Including:

“Dokumentarfilme – eine Anleitung” – “Documentaries – a Manual” – 1995

“Fuck Helmut Lang” - 1995

### **Erik Haemmerli, Brother**

Born 1967, restaurateur, married, one daughter

2005	opens the Restaurant Bederhof, Zurich
1994-2005	various posts, including manager, in the restaurant business in Switzerland and Germany
1996-1999	owner of the catering company Schlemmerservice, Zurich
1990-1994	attends hotel school in Lucerne, earns a degree in gastronomy (HF/SHL)
1989/90	language courses in England and France
1984–89	apprenticeships as waiter and cook in various Zurich restaurants

### **Brünhilde Haemmerli, Mother**

Born in Cologne in 1933. Her father is a patent attorney and her mother a descendant of Austrian nobility – although many years later it emerges that her biological father was an Italian count. After the Second World War she is taken in by a foster family in Herrliberg, a suburb of Zurich. High school graduation in Zurich; in 1954 begins studying languages in Geneva. Studies languages in cosmopolitan Geneva and befriends international students including Kofi Annan. In 1963 she marries Jörg Häemmerli, a well-connected lawyer. Inviting Annan ("the Negro") to her wedding causes a sensation among the upper-class wedding guests.

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Birth of her sons Thomas (1964) and Erik (1967). Enjoys a jet-set lifestyle, including Christmas at the St. Moritz Palace Hotel, ski vacations in Zermatt and a holiday home near St-Tropez. Divorces in 1973; thirty years of legal wrangling with her ex-husband will follow. Moves to a shabby suburb, buys a holiday home in Greece, smuggles stray cats and dogs from Greece and finds homes for them in Zurich. Moves to the Bergstrasse in Zurich's posh Zürichberg neighbourhood. Often in financial difficulties in spite of the generous alimony payments she receives. Extended travels around the globe. When she dies in March 2004, her car is already packed full for the next trip to Greece.