



## SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Feature film / Genre: Comedy / Drama

„Short Bus“ meets „Strictly Ballroom“

## SYNOPSIS

Physiotherapist MARIUS, 36, is asked to get the national synchronized swimming team fit for the world championships. A dream job? More like a trauma job. 10 years ago, MARIUS was a physio god with „Magic Hands,“ but an injury to a soccer star he was blamed for ended his steep rise.

MARIUS hesitantly takes the job. But it's a chance to rehabilitate himself and not massage old ladies for the rest of his life. And a welcome change of pace: MARIUS is unhappy and feels stuck in his life and in his relationship with his girlfriend DORO.

The team, led by the bisexual twins ZOLA and ZURI, doesn't take MARIUS seriously. But gradually he gets going again and performs true miracles with his "Magic Hands" - including unprecedented orgasms. MARIUS gives everyone what they need and want.

ZOLA and ZURI start an affair with him, but end it when MARIUS falls in love with them. The beginning of the end. His girlfriend DORO falls in love with Frank, the patron of the team and uncle of ZURI and ZOLA. His partner WALTHER takes the opportunity and kicks him out of their physio practice. The team is jealous and quarrelsome, and swims anything but in sync.

The past repeats itself when one of the swimmers gets injured and MARIUS is blamed for wrong treatment. Everything's in ruins: Girlfriend gone, partner gone, job gone. Marius vows never to use his Magic Hands again.

When MARIUS resuscitates ZURI and saves her life at pool party accident, he himself and the team realize that he does have "Magic Hands".



## MAIN CHARACTERS

MARIUS, 36, has almost lost faith in his Magic Hands. Self-doubt and lack of ambition are his best friends, as are regular drug escapades. When he meets the twins ZORA and ZURI he feels rejuvenated, flattered and is naive enough to think their affair has something to do with love.

DORO, 24, MARIUS' girlfriend, studies art history. Always optimistic she only sees the best - even in the routines of her relationship with MARIUS. Seeing him in the presence of the beautiful swimmers is not easy for her. FRANK, the rich sponsor of the team shares DORO's passion for art and is the complete opposite of MARIUS. She falls in love with him, but he is so much older...

ZURI and ZOLA, 20, the bisexual twins and leaders of the swimming team. Both extremely self-confident, there's no question: the world belongs to them. Nothing will ever come between them. Definitely not a physiotherapist with magic hands. They want fun and freedom, but at the same time they are ultra-disciplined. As their parents died early, ZURI and ZOLA grew up with their uncle FRANK and in boarding schools.

FRANK, 62, ZURI and ZOLA's uncle, is the sponsor of the team, financially independent and a renowned art collector. With his nieces, he shows his soft, caring side. Known as a gentleman and charmer who avoids serious relationships like the devil avoids holy water. DORO is the first woman in a long time for whom he would make an exception.

WALTHER, 36, friend and partner of MARIUS in their joint physio practice. He knows that he's only successful thanks to MARIUS. He's been fighting his demons and suppressing his inferiority complex for too long.



## WHY SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING?

Synchronized swimming is often smiled upon because few people know how complex, athletic and technically demanding this sport is.

You need extremely good coordination, body control and endurance to swim complex choreographies. Perfectly synchronized. As a team. Under water.

Synchronized swimming offers a fascinating visual setting for different human relationships in which, unfortunately, things often don't flow as synchronized as we'd like.

Is trying to swim in sync - as a sport and in love - a true art form or a only superfluous effort?