

Edited: Note: The brackets for the film's title should be standardised

Breathing (Atmen)

Austria/2011/90 mins/German/Colour/HD CAM Red

Director [KARL MARKOVICS](#)

DOP [Martin Gschlacht](#)

Editor Alarich Lenz

Music [Herbert Tucmandl](#)

Designer Isidor Wimmer

Cast Thomas Schubert, Karin Lischka, Gerhard Liebmann, Georg Friedrich

Synopsis

Roman Kogler, 18, is serving time in a juvenile detention centre. He has already served half of his sentence, and could be released on probation, but his chances are poor; he doesn't have family, and seems incapable of coping with society. After many failed attempts, Roman finds a probation job at the municipal morgue in Vienna. One day, he is faced with a dead woman who bears his family name. Even though it soon turns out that she is not his mother, Roman wonders about his past for the first time and starts looking for his mother.

About the director

Born on August 29, 1963 in Vienna (Austria), Karl Markovics is a respected stage actor, appearing in many theatre plays and musicals. He starred as Salomon Sorowitsch in Stefan Ruzowitzky's 2007 film *The Counterfeiters*, which was awarded with the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film and more recently in the film *Unknown Identity*. *Breathing* is his first feature film as a writer and director.

Festival Participation/Awards

- [International Film Festival of Cannes 2011](#) : Europa Cinemas Label
- [Sarajevo Film Festival 2011](#), Best Film
- Sarajevo Film Festival 2011, Best Actor: Thomas Schubert
- [Golden Eye 2011](#), Best German film

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