

The Sinti family Weiss has lived in Germany for centuries, for about 170 years in Hamburg. Traveling around the country in a caravan is now a thing of the past: the family has long since settled down. In the 1980s, a housing estate in Hamburg Wilhelmsburg was specially designed for them. Today, around 500 members of the Weiß family live in 44 terraced houses on Georgswerder Ring. The filmmaker Suzan Sekerci (dramaturgical advisor: Fatih Akin) accompanied the Sinti family Weiß with her camera for a year. "Django's heirs" shows - beyond the usual "gypsy clichés" - insights into a world that is still determined by old Sinti customs and traditions. The film focuses on Emil and Manusch Weiß. The 79-year-old Emil Weiß is the head of the family, his word is true. He preserves and maintains the old traditions and unwritten laws of the Sinti and passes them on to the younger generation. 30-year-old Manusch respects Sinti traditions, but is also deeply rooted in German culture. The young musician is determined to make his dream come true: to perform with his band, the Cafe Royal Salonorchester, at the Django Reinhardt Festival in Paris-Samois-sur-Seine.