



BREAKING BARRIERS – THE CASTELESS COLLECTIVE

The Casteless Collective is a protest music band from Chennai, South India, playing an exciting mix of folk music and Gaana art coming from North Chennai's slum area, combined with modern musical styles of rap and rock. Dealing with social issues that Indian society prefers not to look at: the still existing caste discrimination, the 'untouchables', and the oppression of women, LGBTQI+ people and those from underprivileged and marginalised backgrounds, as represented by the band members themselves.

The film shows the young band's powerful attempt to break cultural stigmas, and joins their journey towards an Indian future of casteless mentality and reality.

Category	Documentary
Director	Maja Meiners
Production	Maja Meiners
Format	Full HD/DCP
Runtime	70 min
Year	2020
Language	English, Tamil
Subtitles	English
Country	Germany, India
Genre	Arts & Culture, Human Rights, Music, Pop Culture, Society, Youth

Festivals

- Chennai International Doc&Short FF, India (2020)
- Sheffield Doc/Fest, UK (2020)
- London Indian FF, UK (2020)
- Indo German Filmweek Berlin, Germany (2020)
- WOMEX World Music Expo Budapest, Hungary (2020)
- New Generation Independent Indian FF, Germany (2020)

