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FRITZI AND SOPHIE – A BORDERLESS FRIENDSHIP

BY RALF KUKULA, MATTHIAS BRUHN, THOMAS MEYER-HERMANN

GENRE Family Entertainment | Series 8 x 22 min **PRODUCED BY** Balance Film, TrickStudio Lutterbeck, Studio FILM BILDER
in co-production with ARD, MDR, WDR, SWR **VERSION** German with English subtitles

FRITZI (12) and SOPHIE (12) are inseparable friends – until Sophie has to secretly flee to the West with her mother. But Fritzi refuses to accept that she will never see Sophie again.

GDR, Leipzig 1989: Germany is still divided into East and West. Friends FRITZI (12) and SOPHIE (12) don't really care – until Sophie's mother secretly flees with Sophie to the West. There, Sophie struggles with prejudice against "people from the GDR" and, above all, with homesickness. Fritzi's attempt to bring Sophie at least her dog SPUTNIK fails at the heavily guarded border. Fritzi realises that only the growing desire for freedom in her country can bring her closer to her goal.

Based on the award-winning movie "Fritzi – A revolutionary Tale".

MARKET PREMIERE





CHAMELEON

BY KRISTOF HOFKENS

GENRE Drama / Comedy | Series 10 × 30 min **PRODUCED BY** De Menssen for RTL Videoland and Streamz
VERSION Flemish (OV) with English subtitles

In the surprising comedy drama **Chameleon**, the flamboyant wannabe-actor **Chris** and his three childhood friends want to make it in life and escape the deprived neighborhood they grew up in.

A lot of other kids chose the “get rich fast”-option of drug crime, but the four friends manage so far to stay on the right side of the law, although that becomes almost impossible when Chris’ mother is fired and his family is in dire need of money. When they accidentally have a run-in with local gangster Murat which ends up with them owing the guy 10k, things heat up very fast. Will they be able to stay on the right track or will the gangster life turn out to be inescapable? What about their dreams?

“Chameleon”, a stay-out-of-crime series, raises thought-provoking questions about morality and the choices one makes when faced with adversity, adding depth to the comedic narrative.

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CURIOUS TOBI AND THE TREASURE HUNT TO THE FLYING RIVERS

BY JOHANNES HONSELL

GENRE Family Entertainment | 92 min **PRODUCED BY** Megaherz in co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk
VERSION German with English subtitles

Curious Tobi receives a mysterious, locked treasure chest. Only one person has the key: Marina – Tobi's best friend from childhood. But where is she? The search for her kickstarts a great adventure that takes Tobi all around the world to the most stunning places.

The journey takes him to Vietnam to the largest cave in the world, into the famous Hạ Long Bay with its thousands of limestone islets, across the stormy South China Sea, to nomads in the Mongolian steppes and on to the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. Always with one goal in mind: solving the riddle of the treasure chest and finding the mysterious flying rivers.

"Curious Tobi and the Treasure Hunt to the Flying Rivers" is a stunning adventure film that'll make the whole family gasp, think, and laugh. Shot at unique locations, the film not only impresses with its powerful images and its extremely entertaining storyline but also addresses urgent ecological issues of our time.



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A gripping documentary with interviews of JAN ULLRICH, LANCE ARMSTRONG, IVAN BASSO, RICHARD YIRENQUE, BJARNE RIIS, EUFEMIANO FUENTES and many more.



THE HUNTED

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THE HUNTED

BY SEBASTIAN DEHNHARDT

GENRE Documentary | Series 4 x 45 min
PRODUCED BY Constantin Dokumentation for Amazon Prime
Video VERSION German (OV) with English subtitles

"The Hunted" documents the personal journey of Germany's only Tour de France winner Jan Ullrich. For the first time, he speaks candidly about his greatest triumph, about the doping scandal that ended his career, and about his dark descent into drug abuse.

In this documentary Jan Ullrich shares his personal journey, providing viewers with an exclusive and intimate look into the highs and lows of his remarkable career.

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DAVOS 1917

BY JAN-ERIC MACK, ANCA MIRUNA LAZARESCU, CHRISTIAN THEEDE

GENRE Spy Drama | Series 6 x 45 min PRODUCED BY Contrast Film Zürich, Letterbox Filmproduktion Hamburg, Amalia Film München, SRF/ARD/Degeto VERSION German / Swiss German (OV) with English subtitles

"Davos 1917" is a spy drama based on real events that occurred in the early days of the European Secret Services. The First World War is ravaging Europe. By contrast, Davos, the noble spa town in the Swiss Alps, seems like an oasis of peace. But behind the scenes, neutral Switzerland takes centre stage in a relentless battle between the secret agents of the world powers. The young nurse Johanna Gabathuler unexpectedly gets caught between the fronts of the spies: to win back her daughter, she gets involved in a deadly game with the German Secret Service – and suddenly becomes the tip of the scales in a risky plan that decides between war and peace. *"Davos 1917"* is a major European big budget production by Contrast Film Zürich and Letterbox Filmproduktion Hamburg (producers of "Bad Banks"). The cinematically stunning and thrilling 6-part show is being co-produced by Amalia Film, Swiss television broadcaster SRF and the German production company ARD Degeto.

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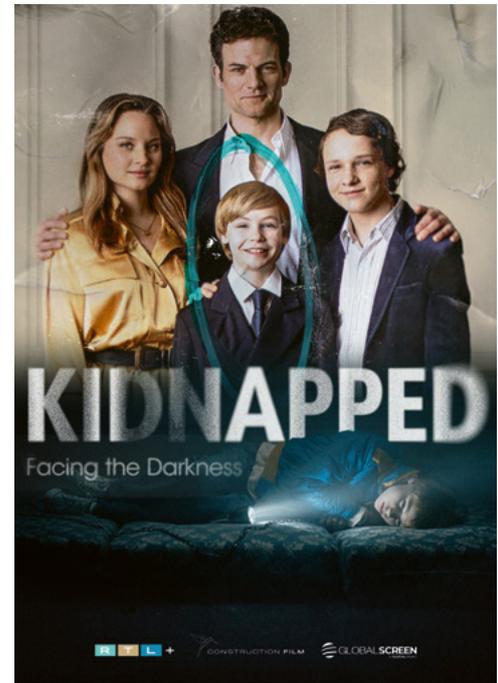
SHE SAYS. HE SAYS.

BY MATTI GESCHONNECK

GENRE Drama | TV Movie 105 min PRODUCED BY MOOVIE GmbH, ZDF
VERSION German (OV) with English subtitles

The accusation of rape is being heard in a criminal trial at the Berlin District Court. It is testimony against testimony – a seemingly unsolvable legal and human dilemma, which unfolds an enormous explosive force.

It is a high-profile case: well-known TV presenter Katharina Schlüter and industrialist Christian Thiede have been having a secret affair for years, and are now sitting opposite each other in court. On the witness stand, Schlüter describes how the initially consensual sex in Thiede's apartment turned into rape. But is evidence such as traces of semen on the dress she wore that day enough? Experts and witnesses are heard, and an unexpected twist in the case does not make it any easier for the court to decide on credibility and truth. A unique courtroom drama written by bestselling author Ferdinand von Schirach, directed by Matti Geschonneck ("The Conference"). Through precise observation and listening, delicate questions and dilemmas are revealed, focusing on common values: Truth, justice and dignity.



KIDNAPPED – FACING THE DARKNESS

BY MARC ROTHMUND

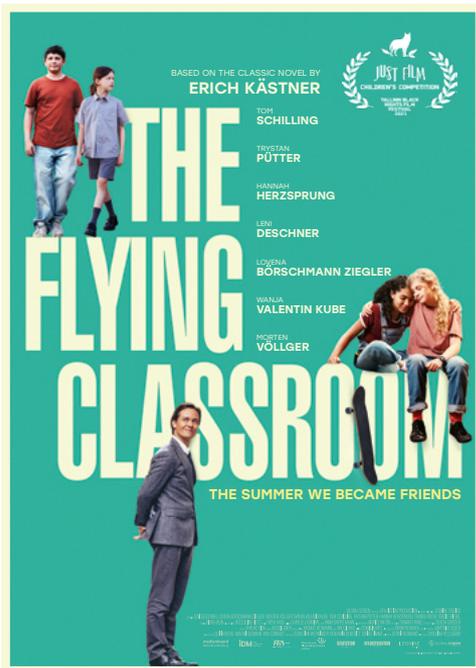
GENRE Drama | TV Movie 106 min
PRODUCED BY Construction Film for RTL
VERSION German (OV) with English subtitles

In March '81, Johannes Erlemann (11) is kidnapped and imprisoned in a tiny dungeon. While his wealthy father is in custody, Johannes' mother Gabi desperately fights for her son's life.

With the real-life Johannes Erlemann on hand to advise, Oscar®-nominated director Marc Rothmund was entrusted with the task of telling an authentic story.

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THE FLYING CLASSROOM

BY CAROLINA HELLSGÅRD

GENRE Family Entertainment | 90 min
 PRODUCED BY UFA Fiction in co-production with Leonine Studios
 VERSION German with English subtitles

Martina wins a scholarship to a prestigious boarding school in the Alps. On arrival, she is immediately drawn into the bitter feud between the boarders and the "day students". Martina finds herself torn between academic ambitions, family responsibilities, and loyalty to her friends. The big-screen adaptation of Erich Kästner's best-selling children's and young adult's book is directed by Swedish filmmaker Carolina Hellsgård („Sunburned“, „Ever After“, „Wanja“), who adds contemporary viewpoint and female protagonists to the well-known story.

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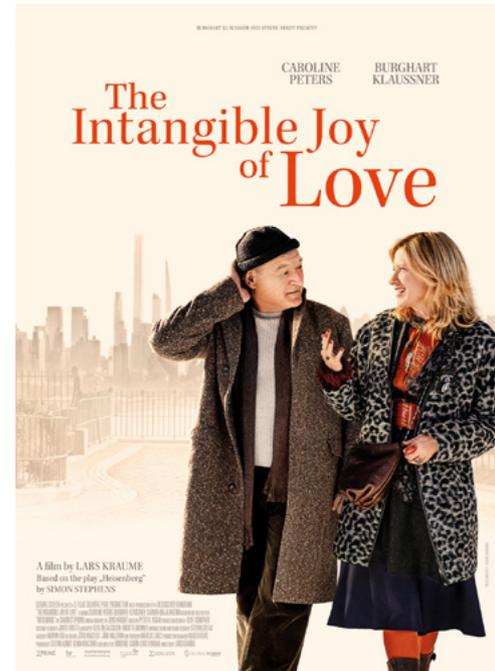
STELLA. A LIFE.

BY KILIAN RIEDHOF

GENRE Drama | 113 min
 PRODUCED BY LETTERBOX Filmproduktion GmbH
 VERSION German with English subtitles

Tortured and threatened with deportation, the young German Jew Stella is forced into a fateful tragedy: She begins to track down fellow Jews in hiding. The special relevance of Stella Goldschlag's story today lies in the complexity of the protagonist and her hopeless situation: "Stella. A Life." is a breathtakingly modern tale. The main character, young and self-confident, is both perpetrator and victim, forcing us into the dilemma of betrayal. How would we decide? Director and writer Kilian Riedhof reflects.

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THE INTANGIBLE JOY OF LOVE

BY LARS KRAUME

GENRE RomCom | 92 min
 PRODUCED BY X Filme Creative Pool in co-production with Hessischer Rundfunk
 VERSION German with English subtitles

When the notorious liar Greta unexpectedly kisses the lonesome butcher Alex on the neck at a bus stop, both of them are unaware that this chance encounter is exactly what they have been missing in their lives. Lars Kraume ("The People vs. Fritz Bauer") directs the two multiple award-winning audience favourites Caroline Peters ("How About Adolf?") and Burghart Klaußner ("The White Ribbon", "Oskars Kleid") in a charming love story based on Simon Stephens' successful stage play "Heisenberg".

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