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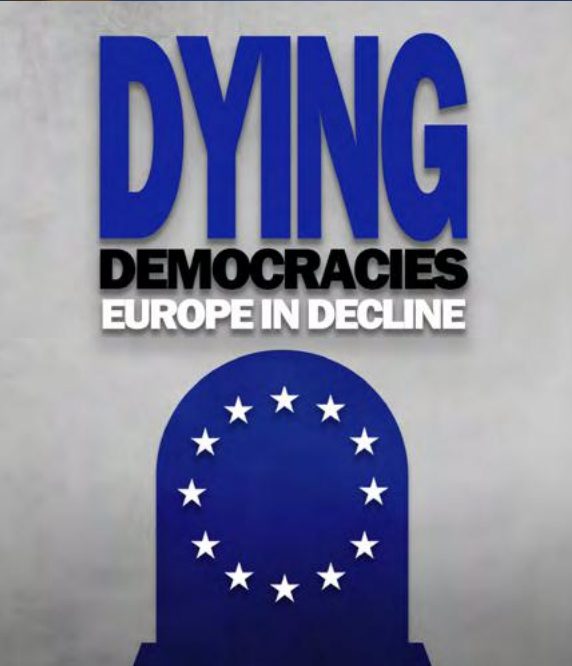
DESERTED

EUROPE'S DEADLY MIGRATION POLICY

52' (ENG, GER, SPA, ARA), 45' (GER) | 2024
BR, Deutsche Welle, NDR, Lighthouse Reports

This investigative documentary exposes the harrowing consequences of a European migration strategy that funds security forces in North Africa, leading to refugees being abducted and left unprotected in the desert – a brutal practice that has affected thousands of people to date. Drawing on research by renowned international media partners, the film reveals exclusive footage, showing how EU partners are ruthlessly taking action against migrants. The documentary confronts European Union policymakers with the research and explores alternative approaches for a less deadly migration policy.







DYING DEMOCRACIES

EUROPE IN DECLINE

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Autentic Studios, 3sat, ZDF

The state of Europe is bad, to say the least. Almost everywhere, right-wing populists are coming ever closer to power or have already taken over. The “illiberal democracy”, as the Hungarian head of government Viktor Orbán calls his political system, threatens to become the future model for many countries. The fatal thing about this is that we only seem to realize, that a state is becoming autocratic, reactionary or even a dictatorship when it is almost too late. This documentary takes a closer look at Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands and France, four countries that have already embarked on the path to illiberal democracy. What were or are the strategies used in these countries to destroy democracy? What topics are used, what facades are put up? And do these steps possibly also serve as a blueprint for other countries?

Episodes:

1. Rise of the Populists
2. Erosion from Within



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NUKEMAILING

NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AT STATE LEVEL

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Heroes Docs, DOCDAYS Productions,
arte, rbb, Deutsche Welle

This is the story of the Ukrainian nuclear power plants occupied in war. Told by its employees after being imprisoned, interrogated and tortured. What other nuclear consequences may Russian nuclear blackmail bring? The Russian invasion of Ukraine reignited fears of a nuclear catastrophe. Russian troops quickly occupied the Chernobyl exclusion zone, followed by the Zaporizhzhya nuclear power plant, Europe's largest. Although Russia withdrew from Chernobyl, Zaporizhzhya has remained under occupation since March 2022, suffering power cuts, fires, and attacks. Experts warn that the war could turn any sense of stability into an imminent threat. The documentary also looks back to the country in which the most serious accident in the civilian use of nuclear energy has not been forgotten. And which renounced nuclear weapons in 1994 in return for security guarantees.

AFRICAN GAS

EUROPE'S NEW ENERGY SOURCE

52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER)
2024 | NZZ, SRF



As Europe searches for new gas suppliers in the wake of Russia's war against Ukraine, Africa emerges as a potential solution. Africa, regarded worldwide as a "sleeping gas giant," is a continent rich in untapped reserves. Mozambique is expected to become the third-largest African exporter of liquefied natural gas, and Senegal in West Africa is also seen as a major future gas supplier. But what does this mean for their citizens? Will they truly benefit from the gas exports, with new jobs and reduced migration to Europe? And is African gas coming too late to be relevant for European climate neutrality targets?



TURBULENT TIMES

A WORLD IN CONFLICT

11 × 30 (ENG, GER) | 2019 - 2023 | NZZ

The most pressing geopolitical and social conflicts shaping our world today. This series provides an in-depth look at the human stories behind the headlines.

Episodes: 1. Navigating Troubled Waters – Power Politics in the South China Sea
2. Ukrainian Heroes: Stories of Civilian Resistance and Resilience | 3. Deadly Harvest – Colombia's Cocaine Crisis | 4. Dancing Through Darkness: Teen Resilience in War
5. Finland – Next-Door to Dangerous Russia | 6. Bone Collectors: Searching for Justice in the Philippines' Drug War | 7. Afghanistan 2021: The Return of the Taliban
8. Fighting ISIS | 9. La Bestia – By Death Train to the US | 10. Storming the Capitol – Police Under Threat | 11. Hong Kong and Taiwan: The Struggle for Democracy





CITY DYNAMICS

THE POPULATION SURGE

5 × 30 (ENG, GER)

2017 - 2023

NZZ

From the housing shortages in booming cities like Munich and San Francisco to the strain of overtourism in heritage sites such as Dubrovnik, this series explores the diverse and pressing challenges of urbanization and population growth across the globe. Through these stories, the series highlights the resilience, adaptability, and innovative solutions needed to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world.

Episodes:

1. Exploding Urbanization
2. Overtourism – Trouble in a Holiday Paradise
3. Challenges of Africa's Population Boom
4. Urban Escape – When Japan's Women Go Rural
5. Megacities on the Rise

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A FARM OF OUR OWN

S1: 10 × 30' (GER, ENG subs)

S2: 5 × 30' (ENG, GER)

2023/2024 | sagamedia, WDR

Simply making one's life better with a piece of land - we follow couples and families that are taking on the challenge. We show the hurdles that they overcome on the way to their lifelong dream: Appreciating nature, people, and animals, living more sustainably, shaping the future, protecting the climate. They do everything they can to make their dreams come true.

Episodes (Season 2):

1. Free-range Pigs in Tecklenburg County
2. Dairy Cows in the Sauerland Area
3. Self-sufficient Farmers in Sweden
4. Horses and Sheep in the Munsterland Region
5. Sweden Winter Edition

FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT



METAL DETECTIVE

GIBBA

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METAL DETECTIVE

30 × 52' (ENG, ITA) | 2021- 2023
Formasette, Discovery Italy

Uncovering the hidden truths of history's battles, one relic at a time. This adrenaline-pumping adventure-drama series takes viewers to the iconic battlegrounds of the First and Second World War. History detective Gibba uses state-of-the-art metal detection to uncover real war relics that have remained buried for decades. Each episode investigates a famous military operation, piecing together the true events of the battle through the artifacts Gibba finds. But this is no ordinary treasure hunt—Gibba faces extreme physical challenges, from scaling mountains to navigating rivers, all while confronting the danger of unexploded bombs and other remnants of war. Metal Detective turns history into a high-stakes adventure, revealing the past in ways never seen before.



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DEADLY SCIENCE II

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Go Button Media, Autentic Studios, SPIEGEL
Geschichte, Super Channel, Curiosity Stream

Though every failure provides more data for future research, sometimes those who venture fall victim to their own inquiry. A deadly bite leads to an effective anti-venom that saves thousands of lives. The fatal slip of a screwdriver inspires better safety measures. An iconic x-ray reveals incredible subatomic structures just as it sparks the growth of cancerous cells. These are the stories of the men and women who gave humanity great scientific knowledge — but at the ultimate price.

Episodes:

1. Brush with the Wild
2. Deadly Biology
3. Dangerous Territories
4. Perils of Invention
5. Chemical Breakdown
6. Chasing Particles



HISTORY





RUM & REVOLUTION

HISTORY OF HAVANA

45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Havana is a dazzling metropolis in the middle of the last century: music clubs, casinos, shows - the city's nightlife is legendary.

The city is known as the "Paris of the Caribbean". Its flair and pleasant Caribbean climate attract writers such as Ernest Hemingway, celebrities such as Marlon Brando, Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra and even political greats such as Winston Churchill and John F. Kennedy. But the city is controlled by the American mafia. And the excessive party life contrasts with the bitter poverty on the island. Revolution is only a matter of time.

SUN & SPLENDOR

HISTORY OF MARBELLA

45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
moving story productions, SWR, arte, 3SAT

In the middle of the 20th century, a small town in Andalusia becomes an international high-society meeting place: Marbella. The nucleus is the "Marbella Club" – opened in 1954 by Prince Alfonso zu Hohenlohe, a descendant of the German high nobility. His rich and famous club friends take a liking to the picturesque setting on the Mediterranean and ensure that the insider tip for the aristocracy, super-rich, and Hollywood stars becomes one of Europe's tourist hotspots. A rapid rise begins, which seems to know no bounds thanks to the gushing petrodollars. And yet it almost fails due to one of Spain's biggest corruption scandals.



SUMMITS & SOCIETY

HISTORY OF ST. MORITZ

45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Birthplace of Alpine winter tourism and numerous winter sports, and the most fashionable meeting place in the Alps: St. Moritz. Over a hundred years ago, the hype surrounding the small mountain village in the middle of a magnificent mountain backdrop began with wealthy English people spending the winter here and changing the town forever. Grand hotels were built, and the village quickly became a hotspot for the rich and famous. Coco Chanel took refuge here during the war years, Alfred Hitchcock spent his winters here, Audrey Hepburn decided to live entirely in Switzerland after her first stay and the Shah of Persia moved his court to a chalet in the village during the winter months. Since then, the motto in St. Moritz has been: there is nothing that does not exist here.



LEGENDS & LUXURY

HISTORY OF MARRAKESH

45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Marrakesh is hailed as the most enchanting city in the Maghreb, and captivated Western elites with its almost mystical allure. For Winston Churchill it was the most beautiful place in the world. Alfred Hitchcock shot a classic film in the streets of the Medina. Yves Saint Laurent found groundbreaking inspiration for his fashion. The Rolling Stones escaped the British police there. Paul Getty Junior and his wife Talitha hosted lavish parties in their riad that are still legendary. These figures all contribute to Marrakech's enduring spirit and mythos.



An aerial photograph of a turquoise sea with a white boat in the lower left and a person swimming in the center. The water is clear, revealing a rocky seabed. A small boat is visible in the top left corner.

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PARTIES & PARADISE

HISTORY OF IBIZA

45' (ENG, GER) | Release: Early 2025
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Ibiza is different from the other Balearic islands. It has been a melting pot for free spirits from all over the world. When the first hippies visited the island, the fascist regime under General Franco was still in power in Spain. But on Ibiza, dropouts enjoyed a free life. Ibiza stands for freedom and joie de vivre. Music greats such as Jim Morrison, Freddie Mercury and Grace Jones made the island a hotspot of the international music scene. Sixty years later, there is something of the spirit of the generation that created the island's legend still in the air. Ibiza has not only spawned the most important clubs in the world and its very own style of fashion, but also a very special attitude towards life that still captivates visitors of the white island to this day.

HISTORY



Season 5 coming in 2025

WHAT WENT WRONG

S1, S2: 12 × 45',
S3, S4: 12 × 52' (ENG, GER)
2019 - 2024 | Millstream Films, Autentic Studios, SPIEGEL Geschichte

This gripping series uncovers the human failures behind some of the most shocking man-made disasters in history.

Season 1:

1. Morandi Bridge | 2. Grenfell Tower Fire | 3. Eschede Train Disaster | 4. Challenger Shuttle Disaster | 5. Concorde Air Crash
6. Malaysia Airlines MH 370

Season 2:

1. The Ramstein Tragedy | 2. Viareggio Derailment Disaster
3. Flight MH17 | 4. The Blaze in the Mont Blanc Tunnel
5. Duisburg Love Parade Disaster | 6. The Explosion Disaster in Beirut

Season 3:

1. Santiago de Compostela Train Crash | 2. Mottarone Cable Car Disaster | 3. Ever Given Shipping Disaster | 4. Piper Alpha Inferno
| 5. Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 | 6. The Kings Cross Fire

Season 4:

1. The Tempe Train Crash | 2. Marmolada Glacier Collapse
3. Moby Prince | 4. Germanwings Crash | 5. Estonia Ferry Disaster | 6. Nordstream Pipeline Sabotage

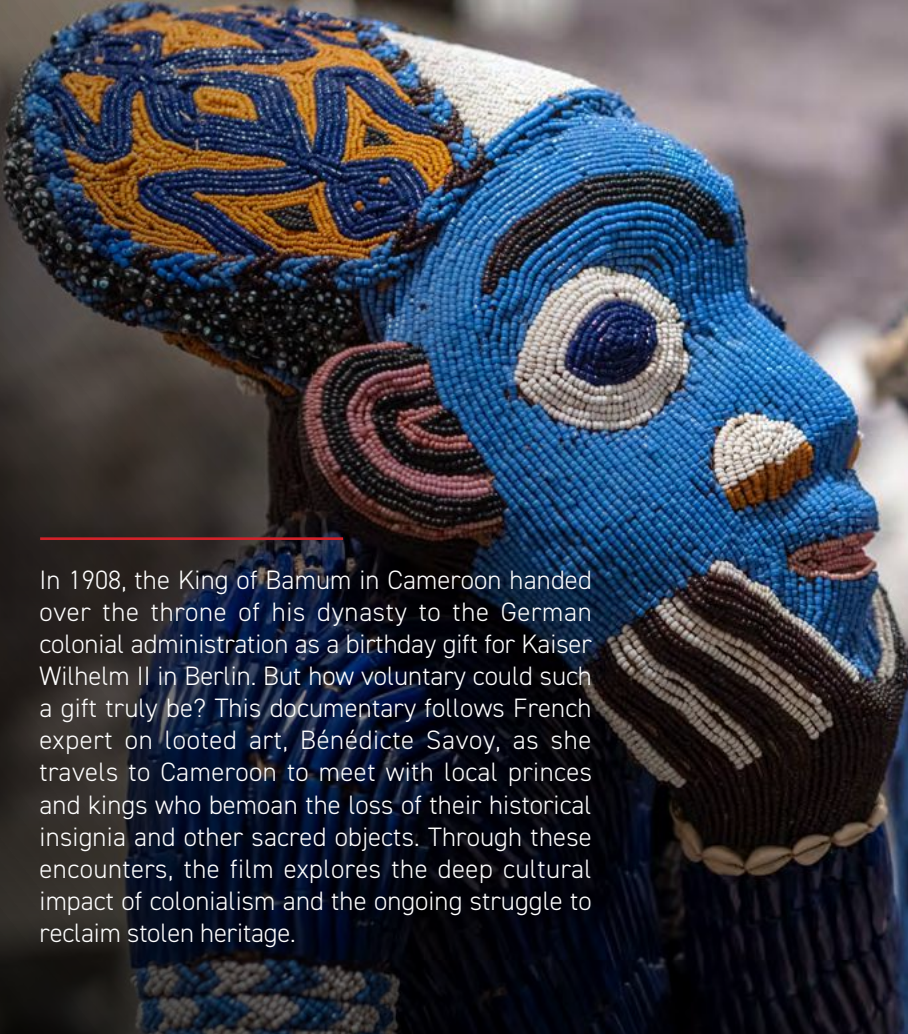


MANDU YENU

THE STOLEN THRONE?

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Medea Film Factory, ZDF, arte



In 1908, the King of Bamun in Cameroon handed over the throne of his dynasty to the German colonial administration as a birthday gift for Kaiser Wilhelm II in Berlin. But how voluntary could such a gift truly be? This documentary follows French expert on looted art, Bénédicte Savoy, as she travels to Cameroon to meet with local princes and kings who bemoan the loss of their historical insignia and other sacred objects. Through these encounters, the film explores the deep cultural impact of colonialism and the ongoing struggle to reclaim stolen heritage.



RAILWAY REVOLUTION

HOW TRAINS SHAPED OUR WORLD

90' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Loopfilm, ZDF, arte

In 1830, the first regular railroad line was inaugurated in England. From here, its unique triumphal march begins, changing societies, landscapes and cities from the ground up. The railroad became a catalyst for industrialization and played a role in the spread of capitalism. At the same time, it democratized travel. For the first time, people from all walks of life had the opportunity to discover new places. But alongside its triumphs, the railroad also has a dark side. As an instrument of the colonial powers, it facilitated the exploitation of foreign countries. Furthermore, its role in the mass deportation of victims to Nazi concentration camps is a horrifying chapter in its history.



BLACK EAGLES

6 × 52' (ENG) | 2024

Millstream Films and Media, SPIEGEL Geschichte

The aircraft was the ultimate machine in the Nazi and Fascist ideologies. Flying represented the purest heroism; machines of steel speeding through the sky symbolised the authoritarian ethos. The regimes spent vast sums to build the best and test the limits, racing forward with advanced aerodynamics and engines that were ahead of their time. Great engineers pushed themselves and their teams to extremes to provide Nazi and Fascist leaders with their dream machines - the fastest high-performance fighters the world had ever seen.

Episodes:

1. Messerschmitt BF109 (The Most Loved)
2. Focke-Wulf 190 (The High Flyer)
3. Messerschmitt ME262 (The First Jet Fighter)
4. Messerschmitt ME163 (The Rocket Fighter)
5. Heinkel HE162 (The People's Fighter)
6. Fiat G.55 (Ferrari of the Skies)



A PRIEST'S DIARY

THE EXECUTED OF
OCCUPIED PARIS

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*THE EXECUTED OF
OCCUPIED PARIS*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Kinescope Film, NDR, arte,
Nordmedia

By August 1944, when Paris was liberated by the allies, Franz Stock had recorded a total of 863 shootings he witnessed in his diary. Franz Stock gave the executed people spiritual support and a last escort. The German occupiers had appointed him as chaplain to those whom they had imprisoned in the Paris prisons and condemned to death: resistance fighters, hostages, spies. He gives back what was taken from them in the first place: their dignity. The documentary seamlessly incorporates Franz Stock and his diary entries into the daily lives in occupied Paris from 1940 to 1944. The use of impactful newsreel clips, colorful home movies by Germans, French and Americans, as well as impressive silent film fragments adds depth to the narrative.

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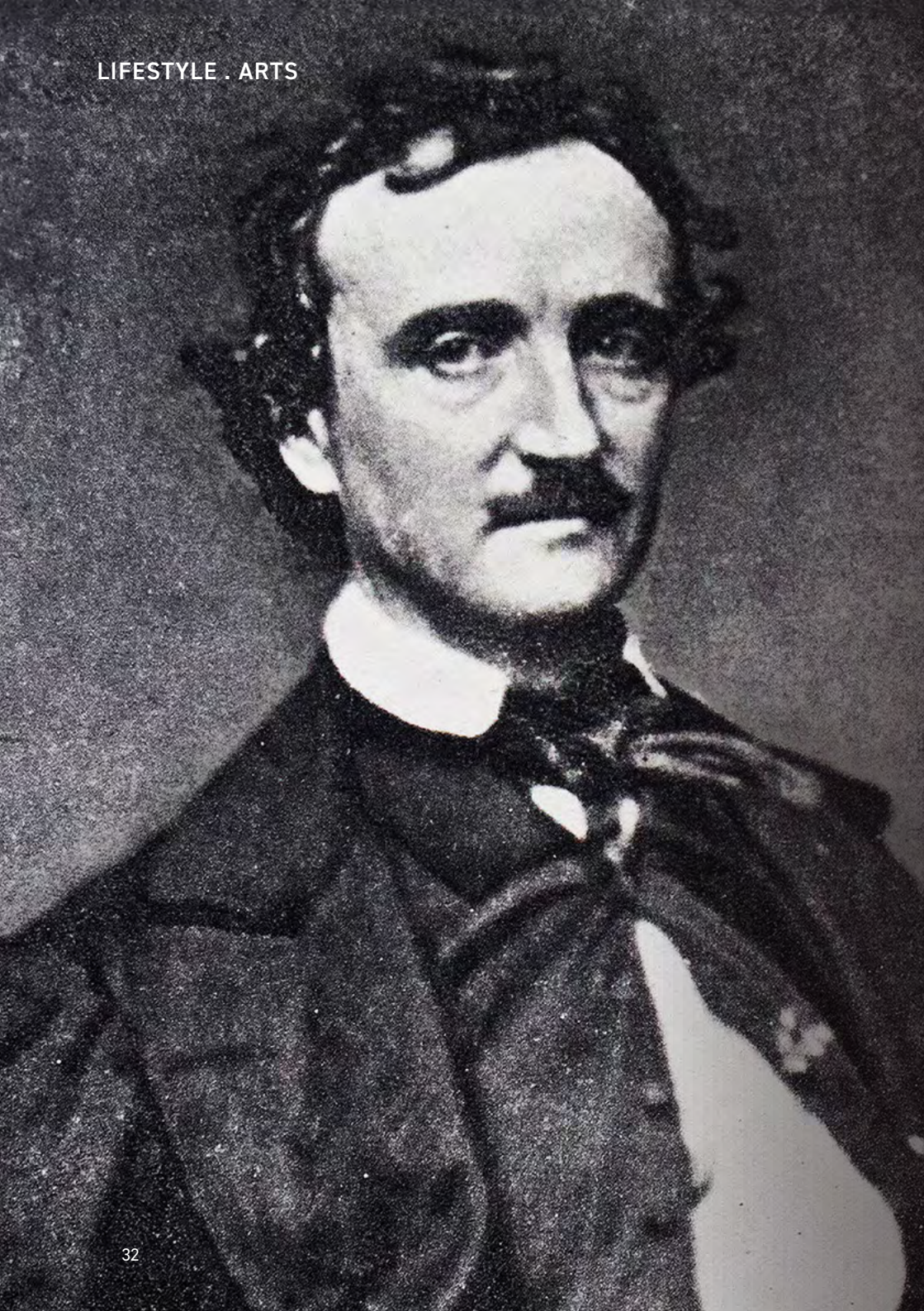
MINDFULNESS ON DEMAND

THE RISE OF YOGA

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Langbein & Partner, 3Sat, VAM, Fernsehfonds Austria

On Instagram, in the Alps or the sauna, with llamas or puppies, or on a stand-up board – Yoga, Tai Chi, and Pilates are everywhere. The longing for peace, mindfulness, and physical activity for better health is spreading fast in industrialized countries, and achieving it with exercises that mostly originate from the Far East has become a billion-dollar business. Less than half of the population engages in regular physical activity, but do targeted exercise and relaxation work at the touch of a button? How can mindfulness be incorporated into everyday life and is there only one right method?



175 years since the death of Edgar Allan Poe

EDGAR ALLAN POE

MASTER OF DARKNESS AND IMAGINATION

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | doc.station, ZDF, arte

The dark tales of Edgar Allan Poe, once overlooked, have earned him a place among America's greatest writers.

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) is arguably the most famous and most enigmatic American writer. Credited as the inventor of the short story, the detective genre, and the science fiction novel, Poe's contributions to literature were largely unrecognized during his lifetime. However, in recent years, Poe has achieved cult status in the United States, becoming one of the few writers to unite Americans across the nation. This documentary delves into the life and legacy of Poe, exploring how a man once overlooked has come to be celebrated as a literary icon.

WUNDER- LAND

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90' (ENG, GER) | 2023
B|14 FILM , Tobis Filmproduktion



When twin brothers Frederik and Gerrit Braun realized their lifelong dream, they had no idea what they would create: the "Miniatur Wunderland" not only developed into the largest model railway system in the world, with 1.5 million visitors a year, it also became one of the largest public attractions in Germany. The documentary WUNDERLAND brings this dream world with large images of tiny details to the screen for the first time. With previously unpublished archive material and lovingly animated miniature figures, the brothers take the audience on a magical journey into the smallest world in the world, where everything seems possible.





MAGICIANS OF GLASS ART IN VENICE

THE FURNACES OF MURANO

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Atlantis-Film, ZDF, arte



Berengo Studio is a place where artists and creatives from every discipline, create innovative glass works and together write a new chapter in the history of this ancient medium. This documentary provides unique, breathtaking views into Adriano Berengo's furnace on Murano, an island North of Venice, where glassmasters sit on metal benches as muscular assistants work busily around them creating works of contemporary artists like Ai Weiwei. Works made at Berengo's furnace are on display in leading collections worldwide. Adriano Berengo has transformed the world's perception of glass as an artistic medium. His passion has been a driving force for a true renaissance for art made with glass.

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JAGUAR BEACH

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, the WNET Group,
HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, ServusTV,
PBS Nature, National Geographic Channels
International, WDR, arte

On a secluded stretch of Costa Rica's Pacific coast, the region's lush, volcanic landscape gives way to a startlingly different world: a dry tropical forest — the last of its kind on the planet. Over 500 species of birds, wild pumas, ocelots, monkeys, and reptiles all make this remote coastal oasis their home. And at the top of the food chain reigns the healthiest population of jaguars in Central America. The secret to these jaguars' success is their discovery that there's more to eat than what's in the forest. Under cover of night, these cunning cats slip out of the trees and onto the sand to hunt unexpected prey: sea turtles. But this isn't a simple story of predator and prey. Could it be that the predators are actually protectors?







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KATAVI

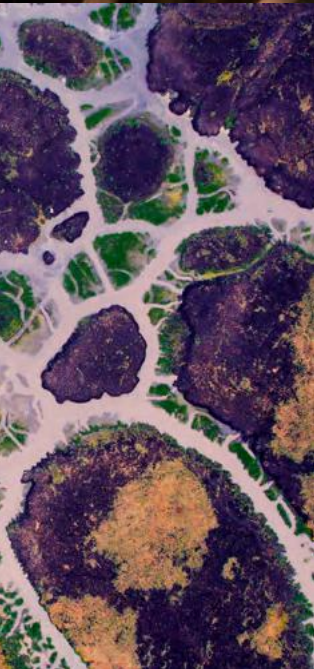
AFRICA'S LAST REFUGE

3 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, the WNET Group, PBS
Nature, ServusTV

We are about to enter an unknown realm. A hidden place, isolated from time. Katavi National Park in Southern Tanzania. A wild place at the end of the world. The sheer richness of life found here is staggering. Hidden amongst its deep cracks and fissures, diverse communities live jowl-to-jowl. Hippos, Crocodiles, and Lions may live together, but their viewpoints are contrary. They are warring neighbors, forced together through necessity. Following the fates of three tribes, the three major species, the tripart story will unfold. At its heart are the trials and tribulations of parenthood. We will witness hard times that not only rekindle ancient rivalries but also alliances that are necessary for the survival of entire ecosystems under duress from a rapidly changing planet.

Episodes: 1. Sanctuary | 2. Purgatory | 3. Salvation



NATURE . WILDLIFE





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SAN DIEGO

AMERICA'S WILDEST CITY

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, the WNET Group,
ServusTV, PBS Nature

San Diego's sand, surf, and flawless weather attract millions of visitors each year. But it isn't just "America's Finest City" – it's also America's wildest! Mountains, ocean, and desert collide here to create the most biodiverse landscape in America at the crossroads of hostile worlds. For thousands of years, the cold Pacific Ocean, scorching desert, and snow-capped mountains created a tapestry of habitats bursting with life. Humans have been a part of this diversity for millennia, but just in the last two hundred years, our numbers have exploded. And the ability of modern humans to reshape the landscape to meet OUR needs has become virtually limitless. "Nature" in San Diego isn't just the remnants of an ecosystem that once was... It's an entirely new, human-constructed ecosystem that poses unique challenges and opportunities for the wild animals that share space with us.



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WILD VIENNA

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, NDR Naturfilm, NDR, ServusTV

Vienna, a top European tourist destination, is also one of the world's most biologically active cities. In the nooks and crannies of imperial palaces, ancient churches and historical gardens of Vienna, an amazing variety of wildlife thrives. Its vast green areas, including the Vienna Woods and the Danube wetlands, provide habitats for a stunning variety of wildlife. Wild boars, roe deer, foxes, and kestrels thrive in the city, while beavers and herons inhabit its streams and ponds. The Danube Island, a 21-kilometer stretch, doubles as a flood control and a public recreation area, hosting an ecosystem where rare European pond turtles and invasive red-eared terrapins coexist in reedy marshes.









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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOUR- HOOD

WILDLIFE IN THE CITY

2 × 52', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, federvieh, ServusTV, arte



The prevailing opinion is that cities belong to the people and that “nature” is the place for animals. However, animals have adjusted to city life over time. Blackbirds sing louder and earlier in the morning to brave rush hour; urban foxes have grown shorter snouts for they no longer use them to catch mice but tear open plastic packaging. Intriguing behavioural animal stories, sublime city shots, and exciting projects of proficient scientists will reveal amazing connections and give us a new look at life in our cities.



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KUI BURI

THAILAND'S HIDDEN EDEN

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV

This is the story of a Garden of Eden, hidden deep within the jungles of Southeast Asia. A national park that's home to an almost unimaginable variety of animals. Kui Buri National Park in southwestern Thailand is known for its abundance of species, like Asian elephants and wild bovines. The scarce gaur lives here, the world's largest bovine species and it is also home to the smaller, ruddy banteng. At some time in the past, gaurs and bantengs intermingled, mated, and reproduced. The result is an extremely rare hybrid – the Krathing Daeng – better known to the world as the Red Bull. The elephants and especially the rare Krathing Daeng might be the highlights of the national park, but with all its bounty of species including hornbills, Asiatic wild dogs, barking deer, and lar gibbons as well as creative nature protection measures, Kui Buri is a true success story; it's become a model for national parks worldwide.



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EUROPE'S AMAZON

2 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV

Where Drava and Danube meet, we encounter Central Europe's most spectacular inland delta. Hidden behind the iron curtain for half a century, the Drava delta has remained a secret realm of wetland forests, oxbows and floodplains, ever-shifting channels, islands, and swamps vibrant with a stunning diversity of plant and animal life. Rising from numerous sources across the Alps the Drava links together the most diverse climates, landscapes, and natural habitats. Although its actual source is only 100 miles from the Adriatic coast, this rapid Alpine river flows some 500 miles through five countries until it finally spreads out in Hungary's and Croatia's lowlands.



4K

FABULOUS INSECTS

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Nautilusfilm, arte

Unveiling the secrets behind the remarkable success of two of the world's most resilient creatures: ants and beetles.

This two-part documentary explores the fascinating traits that have made ants and beetles evolutionary triumphs. The first part investigates how ants, with a biomass rivaling that of humans, have dominated the planet for over 100 million years. Their highly social lifestyle, adaptability to diverse habitats, and potential swarm intelligence are key to their success. The second part shifts focus to beetles, the most diverse animal group on Earth. From tiny species to large giants, beetles thrive in nearly every environment, displaying incredible strength and versatility. By examining their diets, habitats, and unique abilities, the documentary uncovers the secrets behind the widespread success of these extraordinary creatures.

Episodes:

1. Ants
2. Beetles





4K

WILD MEDITERRANEAN

3 × 52' (ENG) | 2024 | Docu Producciones

Explore the secretive world of the Mediterranean's wild animals. From the dense forests and rugged mountain peaks to the vast stretches of wilderness, uncover the hidden lives of the region's most remarkable creatures. Each episode focuses on a key species—the elusive Iberian lynx, the clever Barbary macaque, and the resilient wolf—revealing their unique challenges and triumphs within their natural habitats. Alongside these fascinating creatures, the series offers a glimpse into the intricate connections that sustain the region's vibrant wildlife. It showcases a diverse array of other animals from soaring eagles and graceful flamingos to mysterious underwater creatures, all contributing to the rich tapestry of Mediterranean life.

Episodes:

1. The Iberian Lynx
2. The Barbary Macaque
3. The Wolf (Release: December 2024)





A LIFE AMONG ELEPHANTS

52', 90' (ENG) | 2024
Maramedia, arte,
Save the Elephants



60 years ago, almost nothing was known of elephants in the wild. But then one young Scottish biologist changed that forever. In 1965 Iain Douglas-Hamilton arrived in Tanzania to live alongside African elephants. Later joined by his wife Oria and daughters Saba and Dudu, elephants became central to their lives. But this garden Eden was short-lived as an ivory poaching epidemic swept across Africa forcing Iain to switch from pioneering scientist to maverick conservationist. He became a lone crusader against the international Ivory trade which was finally banned in 1989. Now back in the field and revealing even more about the fascinating world of elephants, Iain's work continues alongside a new generation of Kenyan conservationists.

ON THE BRINK

PRESERVING OUR PLANET'S SPECIES

5 x 30' (ENG, GER) | 2021 - 2024 | NZZ

Discover the global fight to save our planet's endangered wildlife. Journey to Indonesia in search of the elusive silver monitor lizard and follow the fight to save heavily poached pangolins. Witness innovative solutions revitalizing South Africa's safari industry, discover the unique alliance in the Adriatic Sea rescuing sea turtles, and delve into the concept of rewilding, creating vast wilderness areas to enhance biodiversity and combat climate change. This series underscores the urgent need for global conservation efforts to protect our planet's most threatened species and explores diverse efforts to conserve endangered wildlife across the globe.

Episodes:

1. The Lost Dragon – Searching for the World's Rarest Lizard
2. Pangolins – On the Brink of Extinction
3. Safari Reloaded - Reinventing South Africa's Animal Parks
4. Turtle Rescuers of the Adriatic Sea
5. Rewilding: Back to Nature

NATURE . WILDLIFE



DETHRONED

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50', 80' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, Four Corners Film, ServusTV, Four Paws International



There is a connection to big cats that runs deep within us. Throughout the history of mankind, we have looked upon them with awe, wonder, reverence, and respect. Worshipped by the ancients, witnessed as gods – symbols of power so mighty they commanded the construction of our most impressive monuments – big cats arguably mean more to humanity than any other animal. DETHRONED is a story of rediscovery, following photojournalist Aaron Gekoski across our planet in an attempt to uncover where we have parted ways with the big cats and what could happen if we continue to allow these great creatures to be traded, commodified, and enslaved, to serve the purposes of humanity.

PATRICK AND THE WHALE

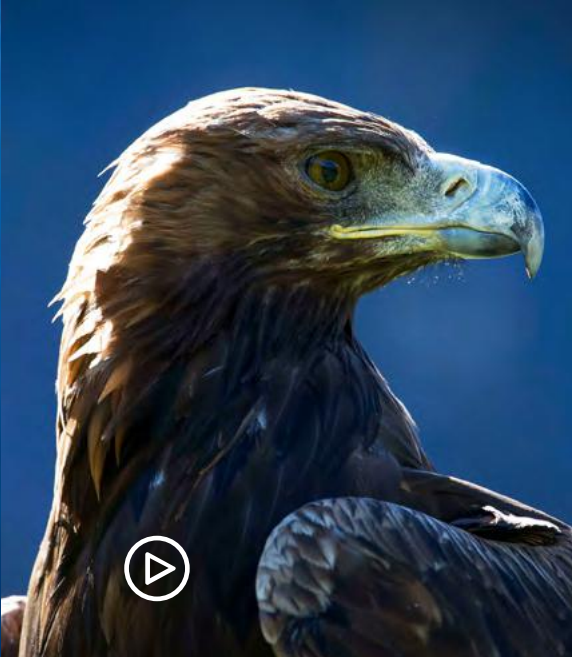
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50', 73' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV, PBS, WDR, arte



Patrick Dykstra has dedicated his life to diving with whales. Over the years, he has learned how whales see and hear, how they perceive other creatures in the water, and how they behave. This allows him to consistently get closer than anyone else alive – a truly unique skill. Patrick recently experienced a life-changing event. In Dominica, he had a close encounter with a female sperm whale. She seemed to be curious about him, pulsing him with her sonar. Using stunning underwater footage, Patrick explores the fascinating nature of the sperm whale. The film explores the psychology of a man who has sacrificed everything in his single-minded quest to connect with and understand one of the biggest creatures in the ocean.



GOLDEN EAGLE

CALL OF THE WILD

4K



2 × 50', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV

On average, only one of five fledglings will make it past its first winter. This documentary lets the viewer feel the intense struggle to survive the extreme conditions of the high Alps. Halfway up a towering precipice, in a tiny rocky niche, we watch a small fluffy chick pecking its way out of its eggshell. We see two siblings fighting for survival of the fittest. We see the winner learn how to fly and how to hunt. Throughout an entire year, we follow the young bird on an adventurous odyssey from tender parental care to independence and on its challenging search for a territory of its own.

Episodes: 1. Growing up | 2. The Adventure

A CHEETAH'S PRIDE

4K



3 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Terra Mater Studios, African Film Company, Samara Karoo Reserve, ServusTV, WDR, arte

An extraordinary cheetah family; Two mothers with nine cubs! One is an experienced mother and effective huntress. The other mother is younger and hindered by a blind eye, but affectionate and patient. After the initial meeting, the cubs become mixed up, resulting in one mother adopting the other's cubs as her own. Stranger still, the mothers meet again and, instead of going their separate ways, stay together. Female cheetahs are solitary, this hybrid family is a world first. The family would go on to endure what can only be described as a wildlife soap opera.

Episodes: 1. Two Mothers, Nine Cubs | 2. Struggle to Survive | 3. Lost and Found

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HOT ROADS IV

THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS ROADS

6 × 52' (ENG, GER), 6 × 45' (GER)

Release: 2024/2025

Autentic Studios, Berlin Producers, ZDF, arte, NDR

There are still places in this world that can only be reached via wild and adventurous paths. Anyone traveling on them is taking a risk. No map shows the obstacles and what the routes actually look like and the growing number of extreme weather events make traveling on these routes even more difficult. But where danger lurks, beauty is not far away. Whether glacier fjords in Chile's far south or treacherous sandbanks on Colombia's La Guajira peninsula, these wild roads lead to some of the most beautiful regions in the world.

Episodes:

Colombia | Madeira | Turkey (Release: End of 2024)

Guinea | Pakistan | Chile (Release: Summer 2025)

THROUGH SNOW & ICE

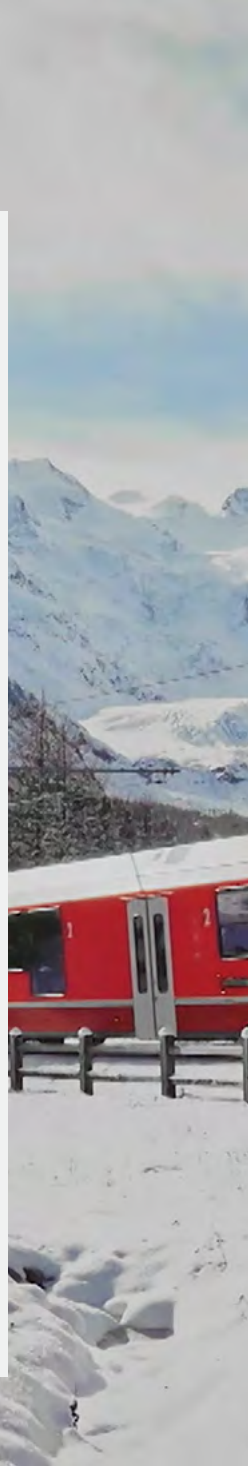
SWISS ALPINE RAIL JOURNEYS

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Mediafisch, SRF, 3sat

Embark on a breathtaking rail journey through Switzerland's winter wonderland, through snow-covered valleys and to towering alpine peaks, passing by people and their stories. With countless tunnels and viaducts, the region in the heart of the Alps is a paradise for rail travelers, offering an unforgettable winter journey filled with alpine beauty, romance, and adventures in the snow.

Episodes:

1. The Contrasting Bernina Railway | 2. The Adaptable Arosa Line
3. The Luxurious Glacier Express | 4. The Tenacious Davoser Railways





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BALEARIC ISLANDS

THE FOUR BEAUTIFUL SISTERS

4 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 45' (GER) | 2024
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Fuerteventura are united by their Mediterranean climate, contrasting landscapes and rich wildlife - and yet they are very different. On their turquoise-blue coasts, in small mountain villages and magnificent towns, we meet people who live the modern lifestyle just as much as their traditions. An average of nearly 18 million people visit the Balearic Islands each year. They are all attracted by the sun, beaches and party fun. The 4-part documentary shows that the islands have more to offer. It focuses on flora and fauna off the beaten tourist track - and the people who want to preserve or even improve these environments.

Episodes:

1. Mallorca, the Queen
2. Menorca, the Little Sister
3. Ibiza, the Radiant
4. Formentera, the Secluded

SOUTHERN CYPRUS

APHRODITE'S PARADISE

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2024
doc.station, ZDF, arte

Discover Southern Cyprus in all its natural glory. In spring, Southern Cyprus comes alive: orchids bloom, the air is filled with the scent of tropical fruits, and brightly colored butterflies embark on their quest for nectar. It's no coincidence that Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty, is said to have been born on the third-largest Mediterranean island. This documentary embarks on a journey to discover the natural treasures of the Republic of Cyprus, along the colossal coasts and into the rugged expanses.



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SERENGETI'S MASTER MECHANICS

45' (ENG, GER) | Release: Early 2025
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Near Tanzania's famous Ngorongoro and Serengeti conservation areas lies Arusha, where a unique business thrives. Amid the sound of hammers clanging and welding torches sparking, a community of young car mechanics breathe new life into disused cars. Old Land Rovers that would end up on the scrapyards in Europe, are transformed into custom safari jeeps for tourists eager to explore Tanzania's natural wonders. The car mechanics' specialty: lengthening vehicles to accommodate more people. It is a business that is full of creativity, craftsmanship and also stands for the hope of a brighter future. Every project, every job and every vehicle is a little different - this is recycling and upscaling on a whole new level. Their latest challenge: designing a safari jeep specially equipped for photo safaris.



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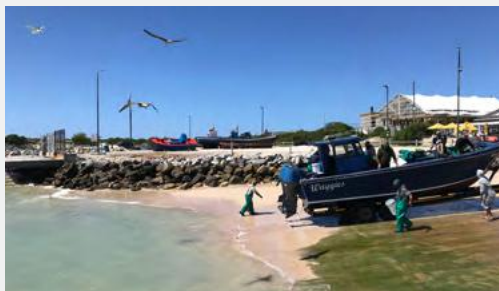
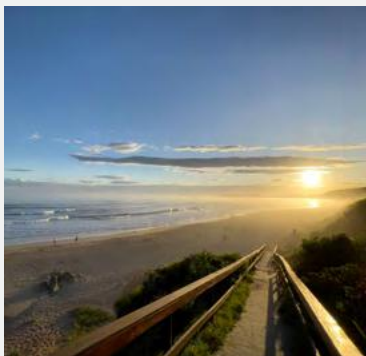
SOUTH AFRICA'S GARDEN ROUTE

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)
2023 | BlindCat Documentary,
rbb, arte

At the southernmost tip of the African continent, the rough Atlantic Ocean meets the warm Indian Ocean, creating a unique flora and fauna. Along this coastal region runs one of the most famous scenic routes in the world: the Garden Route. It connects large national parks, numerous attractions, and picturesque seaside towns. In the two-part documentary series, we travel from Cape Town to Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth) and discover a fascinating South Africa.

Episodes:

1. A Legendary Coastal Road
2. A National Park between Coast and Forest



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VIA TRANSILVANICA

A JOURNEY THROUGH WILD ROMANIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)

Release: Early 2025 | Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Romania, a country rich in history and untouched nature, invites you to discover its secrets – step by step. The Via Transilvanica, a 1,400 km hiking path that crosses Romania, was established in 2022. Each stage offers a unique adventure, catering to culture enthusiasts, nature lovers, and adventurers alike. The journey begins at the Ukrainian border and continues through the historic “Land of the Szeklers”, where people breed the ancient Hutsul horses, build traditional instruments, and care for the region’s wild animals. Further south, the path continues through Transylvania, home to the historical role model of Dracula. The trail ends at the impressive Danube Delta.

Episodes:

1. Bukovina and the Highlands | 2. From Transylvania to the Danube



RIVER ELBE

*A VOYAGE ACROSS
GERMANY*

4 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 45' (GER)
2024 | doc.station, ZDF, arte

The Elbe is one of Germany's longest rivers, spanning around 1,100 kilometers on its journey to the sea. In four episodes, featuring stunning aerial footage, we follow the river's course across Germany, from Central to Northern Germany, all the way to the North Sea. The journey takes us through national parks and floodplains, passing by lynx, buffalo, and rare species of plants and animals. This is a voyage along a vital lifeline, exploring the diverse and rich landscapes that the Elbe sustains.

Episodes:

1. Treasures of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains
2. From Medieval Towns to the Florence of the North
3. Fairytale Floodplains
4. From Hamburg to the North Sea



BEYOND SEOUL

*THE NATURAL WONDERS
OF SOUTH KOREA*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Graef Screen Productions,
NDR, arte

South Korea, although still unfamiliar to many, is a land of almost inconceivable richness: spectacular landscapes, remarkable animal life, vast mountains and rugged valleys. To this day, South Korea is closely linked to its tradition. The people live in harmony with nature and animals and do their utmost to protect them and live sustainably. With about 51.7 million inhabitants, South Korea is one of the 30 most populous countries, half of its inhabitants live in the metropolitan area of the capital Seoul. Yet, the metropolis plays a minor role in this two-parter. We focus on the rural areas, escaping the city's chaos, and we fully embrace the beauty of the countryside, the coastal regions, and the islands situated in the southwest of the nation.

Episodes:

1. Kimchi, Bears and Monastery Life
2. Sinan and the 1004 Islands

FOCUS AMERICA



FOCUS AFRICA



FOCUS AMERICA

6 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2019 - 2023 | NZZ

A compelling documentary series exploring diverse and poignant stories across the Americas.

Episodes:

1. Starry Skies and Sacred Grounds: The Conflict over Mauna Kea's Thirty Meter Telescope
2. Deadly Harvest – Colombia's Cocaine Crisis
3. Colombia's Wayuu: Their Fight Against Coal Giants
4. La Bestia – By Death Train to the USA
5. Storming the Capitol – Police under Threat
6. Native Americans of Pine Ridge

FOCUS AFRICA

8 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2017 - 2024 | NZZ

Diverse stories of resilience, innovation, and transformation across the African continent.

Episodes:

1. Breaking Barriers – The Rise of African Cyclists
2. Challenges of Africa's Population Boom
3. To the Very Last Drop
4. Surviving the Drought in Kenya
5. South Africa's Traditional Healing Plants
6. Safari Reloaded – Reinventing South Africa's Animal Parks
7. The White Spot – South Africa's Virgins
8. Rwanda – Female Power

FOCUS ASIA



SACRED LANDS & MODERN CONFLICTS

INDIGENOUS STORIES



FOCUS ASIA

7 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2017 - 2023 | NZZ

Explore the pressing issues and dynamic changes across the Asian continent.

Episodes:

1. Wings of Courage – The Eagle Huntress of Mongolia
2. Navigating Troubled Waters - Power Politics in the South China Sea
3. Urban Escape – When Japan's Women Go Rural
4. Bone Collectors: Searching for Justice in the Philippines' Drug War
5. The New Silk Road: China's Reach for Global Power
6. Asia - Old Man's Land
7. The Space Race in the Pacific

INDIGENOUS STORIES

SACRED LANDS & MODERN CONFLICTS

4 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2019 - 2023 | NZZ

Witness the resilience of indigenous communities worldwide as they defend their heritage and traditions.

Episodes:

1. Starry Skies and Sacred Grounds: The Conflict Over Mauna Kea's Thirty Meter Telescope
2. The Space Race in the Pacific
3. Colombia's Wayuu: Their Fight Against Coal Giants
4. Native Americans of Pine Ridge

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TITANS OF DEFENSE

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Release: December 2024
Go Button Media, Autentic Studios, Super Channel

From supersonic fighters to hulking battlefield machines, today's Titans of Defense operate at the forefront of technology and design. Attuned to their surroundings – and in the harshest of battlefield conditions – these military machines sense, strike, adapt, and defuse using ingenious engineering. Autonomous drones like the RQ-4 Global Hawk make decisions thousands of miles away. Tanks like the M11450 Assault Breacher Vehicle plow through minefields, while colossal aircraft carriers deploy their own arsenal of state-of-the-art aircraft. By land, sea, or air, built for speed, manoeuvrability, and adaptability, each Titan of Defense comes finely tuned to meet its mission.

Episodes: 1. Tanks & APCs | 2. Planes | 3. Ships & Subs | 4. Helicopters
5. Engineering & Logistics | 6. Missiles & Drones

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DE-EXTINCTION

SPECIES PROTECTION 2.0?

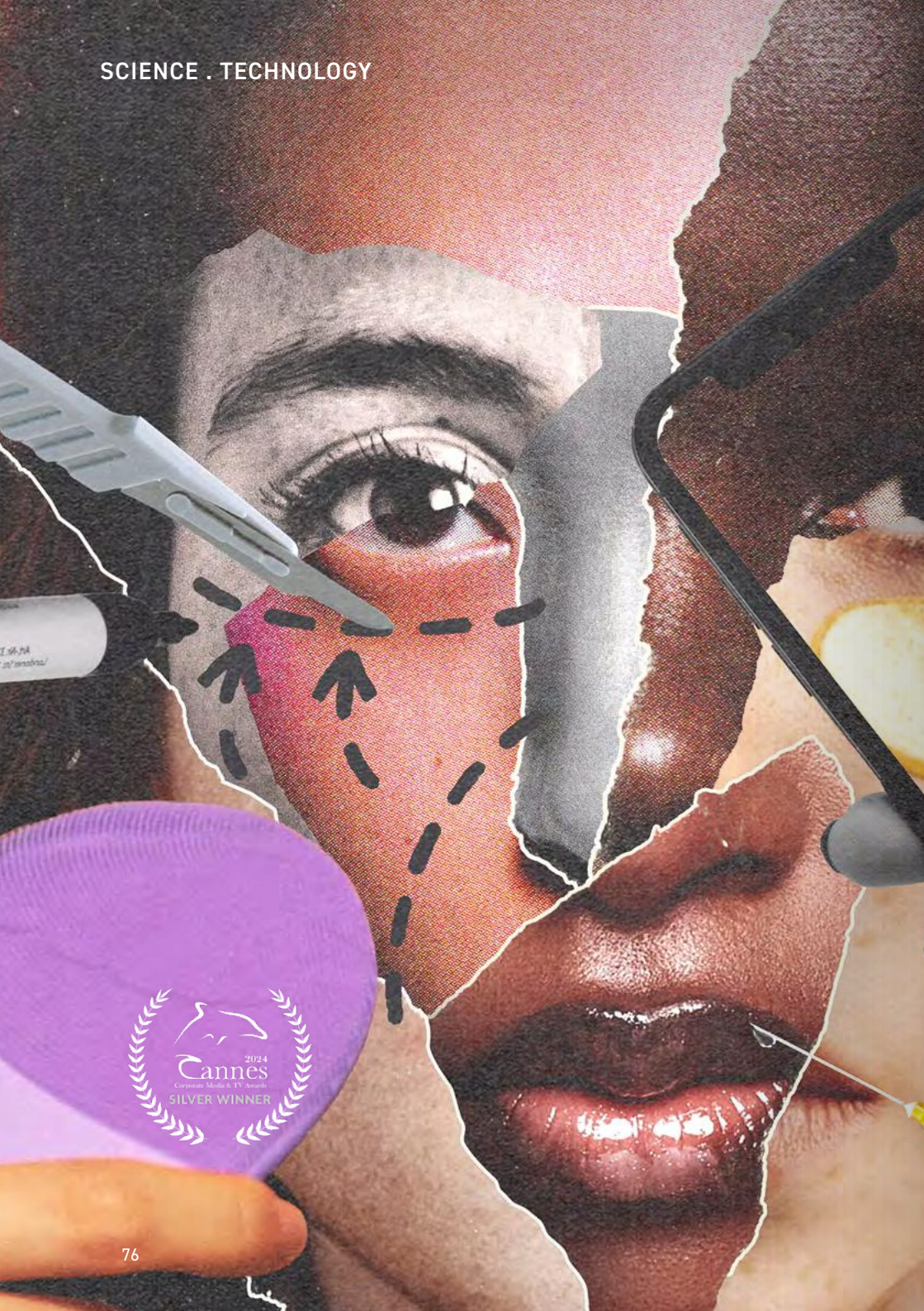
52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte, ZDFinfo

Extinct species never come back - until now. We are in the midst of the greatest mass species extinction since the disappearance of the dinosaurs. Up to 150 species are disappearing every day. Species extinction could be even more decisive for the survival of humankind than climate change. But what was once considered science fiction is no longer out of the question. What is driving the human ambition to bring back extinct species? What does it mean to revive an extinct species? Should it be allowed or are we playing God with unpredictable consequences for our entire planet? Is now the time to use such radical methods to save as many species as possible, in the interest of everyone?









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DECODING BEAUTY

90' (ENG) | 2024

Autentic Studios, Curiosity Stream

In a world obsessed with image, this compelling documentary takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the complexities of modern beauty standards. Seamlessly weaving together scientific insights and personal narratives, this documentary uncovers the psychological and societal impacts of our collective obsession with beauty. Social media has magnified our tendency to compare ourselves to others. Many of the images we encounter today are far from reality—heavily filtered, edited, and curated—raising the question: are we chasing unattainable beauty standards? Insights from industry experts, plastic surgeons, and skincare chemists reveal how advancements in technology have expanded the options for corrections, alterations, and even complete transformations. From Botox to fillers and skincare innovations, the film unpacks how these tools are making it easier than ever to alter appearances. By challenging unrealistic and often unattainable beauty ideals, “Decoding Beauty” seeks to ignite meaningful dialogue, questioning what it truly means to be beautiful in today’s image-driven society and offering a fresh perspective on self-worth in the digital age.

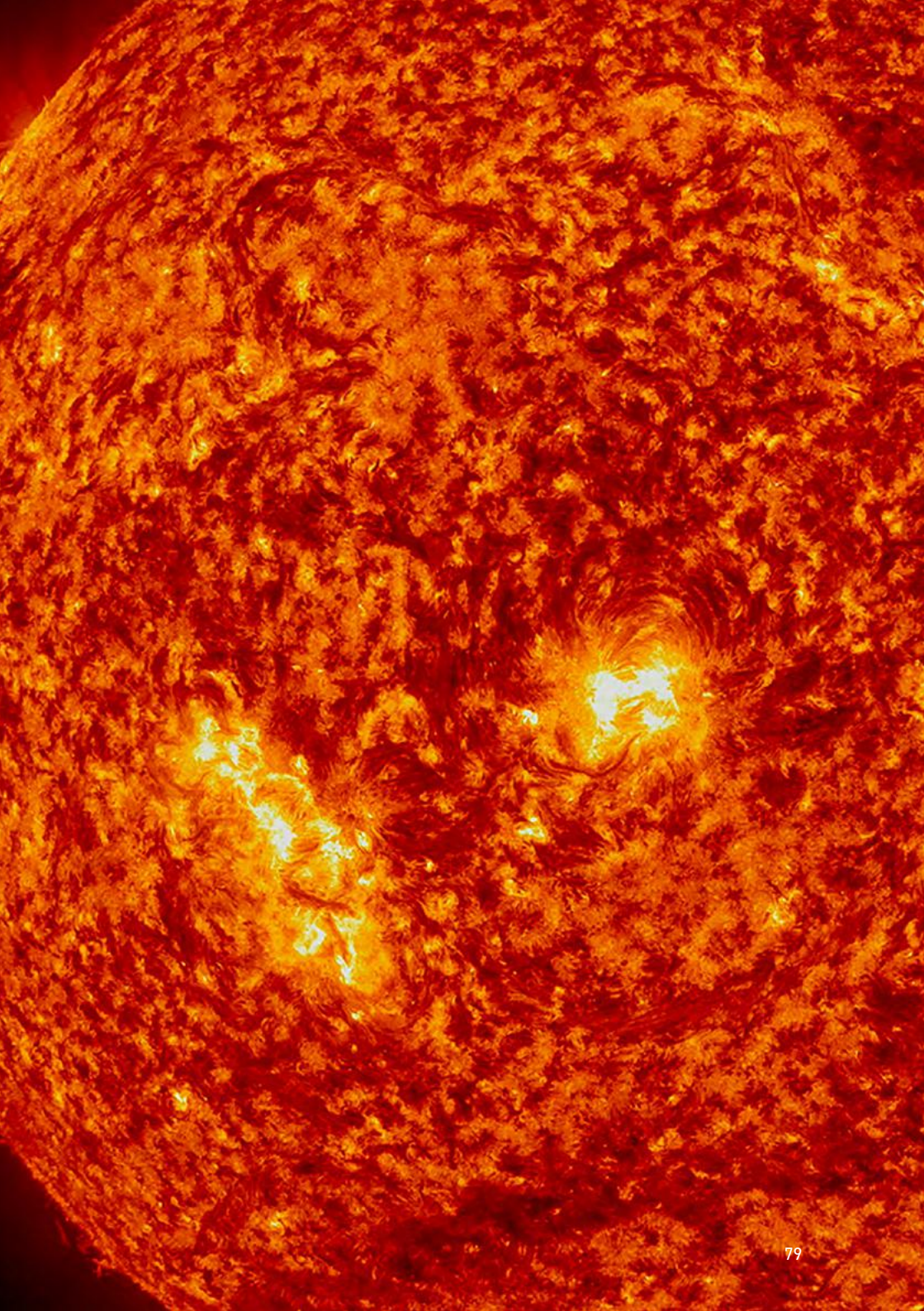


THE SUN

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2023
SPIEGEL TV, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

A giant ball of gas and raw energy with a temperature of up to 15 million degrees, the sun is the origin of life on earth and influences an infinite number of natural phenomena. This documentary is dedicated to the search for the significance of our home star for mankind, science and nature. Researchers at the American Space Agency NASA, at the Canary Islands observatories, and at the hottest and coldest places on earth share their insights. We can expect an emotional journey through science and history, peppered with human stories, at the end of which the complex bandwidth of life is revealed. Never before in the history of mankind has it been more important to uncover the secrets of the sun. Because for our earth, the sun is not just any star. It is the ultimate star.



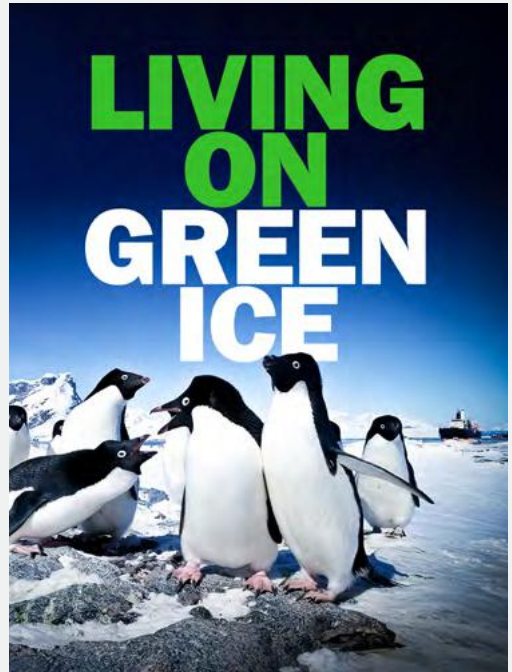


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LIVING ON GREEN ICE

52' (ENG) | 2024
Primitive Entertainment,
ZDF, arte

We think of the Arctic as glistening with white sea ice. But marine biologists know that if you look closer, especially at its underside, Arctic sea ice should be green! Polar sea ice is not only a place for polar bears and penguins to rest, it is the base of their food supply, thanks to the iridescent green algae within. Filmed on several Arctic and Antarctic expeditions, this documentary blends spectacular beauty, quirky scientists and cutting-edge research to explore an unknown aspect of climate change.



THE FUTURE OF FOOD



SUSTAINABLE BUILDING



THE FUTURE OF FOOD

5 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2021 - 2023 | NZZ

Explore groundbreaking innovations in food production from the rise of plant proteins and lab-grown meat to modern farming techniques preserving biodiversity. Join us on a journey to discover how we can create a more sustainable, efficient, and ethical food system for generations to come.

Episodes:

1. Rethinking Food – Towards a Meat-Free Future
2. Vertical Farming – Can High-Tech Vegetable Factories Save Our World?
3. Food vs. Feed – When Humans and Animals Compete for Food
4. Norway's Algae – Sustainable Superfood
5. Modern Farming – Conserving Alpine Fauna

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING

3 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2023 - 2024 | NZZ

From carbon-neutral concrete that could turn the climate killer into a climate hero, to the rise of green materials like straw, hemp, and wood, there are many innovative approaches to make construction more eco-friendly. This series highlights groundbreaking efforts aiming to make a significant impact in the fight against climate change.

Episodes:

1. Green Concrete: From Climate Killer to Climate Hero?
2. The Green Construction Revolution
3. Wood – The Future of Sustainable Building?

TRUE CRIME

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BENEATH THE SURFACE

CRIME STORIES

5 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2019 - 2023 | NZZ

Explore the harrowing and often hidden sides of human behavior. Each episode delves into a specific, chilling topic: the psychological and social roots of murder, the pervasive and often overlooked issue of femicide, the dark underworld of organ trafficking, the alarming rise of deepfake pornography, and the relentless quest for justice in the Philippines' brutal drug war. Through interviews with experts, survivors, and perpetrators, the series reveals the deep-seated causes and far-reaching consequences of these disturbing phenomena, exposing the complexities of human nature and the darker aspects of our world.

Episodes:

1. AI's Dark Side - How Women Become Victims of Deepfake Porn
2. Bone Collectors: Searching for Justice in the Philippines' Drug War
3. Femicide: The Forgotten Victims
4. Bloodlust - The Desire to Kill
5. Organ Trafficking

DEATH ON MALLORCA

THE BEER KING KILLINGS

3 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2023

Constantin Dokumentation, Amazon Prime Video

It is one of the most mysterious murder stories of the 1990s and has remained unsolved for over 25 years – the triple murder case of renowned bar owner Manfred Meisel, his son Patrick, and animal keeper Claudia Leisten. Meisel rose to fame when he made the legendary “Bierkönig” famous beyond the borders of Mallorca. The documentary shows the reconstruction of the case by the chief investigator of the Spanish police at the time. He examines and questions the motives for the crime, which remain unclear to this day. Unveiling previously overlooked clues, the documentary sheds new light on the perpetrators.

Episodes:

1. Rise of the Beer King | 2. Everyone is a Suspect | 3. The Man of Trust





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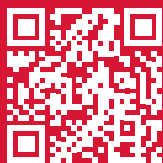
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