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RUSSIA'S SHADOW WAR IN AFRICA

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NGLOW, arte,
Deutsche Welle

Russia is quietly expanding its influence in the Sahel, shifting the balance of power in Africa.

After military regimes in Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso drove out Western troops, Russia is exploiting the resulting power vacuum for its geopolitical advance. The Sahel region – once a place of flourishing trade and culture – is now characterised by terror, repression and power struggles. This hard-hitting investigative documentary – filmed under life-threatening conditions – gives voice to those who dare to speak out. Their testimonies reveal the hidden mechanisms behind Russia's rise in the region and the consequences for those caught in the crossfire.



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SHIFTING ALLIANCES

RISING AGAINST CHINA'S POWER

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025
NGLOW, arte, Deutsche Welle

A new alliance is reshaping East Asia, raising urgent questions about peace, power, and the risk of conflict.

While global attention remains focused on Ukraine, the Middle East and US trade policy, major shifts are unfolding in East Asia. Longtime enemies Japan and South Korea are moving closer together and seeking an alliance with Taiwan. An axis is emerging that opposes China alongside the US. But does this evolving alliance promote stability or does it turn East Asia into a powder keg? How reliable is the United States under President Trump? And what would an escalation in East Asia mean for global peace and economic prosperity? This documentary investigates these pressing questions on the ground in Japan and South Korea, offering rare insights into a region caught in a rapidly evolving power struggle.



MASTERS OF THE SEA

THE ROLE OF SHIPS IN GLOBAL HISTORY

90' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Loopfilm, ZDF, arte

Since the dawn of time, humankind has dreamed of reaching the horizon.

Brave explorers ventured to the ends of the earth, uncovering new continents. As the world became more connected, trade and communication expanded rapidly. Steamships marked a breakthrough for mobility and worldwide trade. Then as now, ships drive globalization forward.





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OUR NEW WORLD

3 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Boréales, Federation Studios, Lionfish Films, Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV, France Télévisions, USHUAIA TV, CNC, RTS Radio Télévision Suisse

Our planet is in a state of flux. Entire ecosystems are transforming under the pressure of a rapidly changing climate.

From mountain peaks to coral seas, habitats are shifting. Species – both animal and plant – must adapt or vanish. Human-made emissions have disrupted nature's balance. However, there are people on the frontlines, doing what they can to face this transformation head-on. Climate change affects more than just wildlife. It alters the natural rhythms of Earth itself. Droughts and heatwaves are drying out once fertile land, while alpine regions are seeing the opposite: snow and ice retreat, and green takes over. In the oceans, temperate waters are becoming warm enough to host tropical life. The very identity of places is being rewritten.

Episodes:

1. The Pulse of Change | 2. A Wild Renaissance | 3. Carbon Hunters









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MARA: REBIRTH

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Wildlife Films, Terra Mater Studios, Servus
TV, WNET, PBS, CPB, arte France, National
Geographic Channels International

The Mara is probably the most diverse and important savanna ecosystem on the planet.

What makes it special is not just that it is the northern limit of the Serengeti, but that it is the meeting place of migrations from the south and the north-east. It is the place where the migrations stay longest and feed into the richness of this place. Great. But this is not a migration film. It is a kind of antithesis of a migration film. It answers the question about what happens when the famous wildebeest migration departs.

Episodes:

1. The Emergence
2. The Awakening



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THE WHALE JAIL

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV

Activists worldwide ignite a firestorm of protest to rescue 87 belugas, and 11 orcas held captive in a Russian “whale jail,” destined for Chinese marine parks, in a gripping docu-thriller revealing the extraordinary power of compassion and persistence against seemingly insurmountable odds.

This gripping, emotionally charged documentary is about more than just a single scandal – it’s about the cost of captivity, the battle for transparency, and the shifting global attitudes toward marine mammals. It confronts the legacy of the Orca trade, from SeaWorld’s heyday to China’s modern aquatic empire, asking what it really means to set a wild animal free – and whether freedom is even possible after so much has been taken.







AXOLOTL

SALAMANDER FROM THE UNDERWORLD

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Nutshell Productions, ZDF, arte

Deep in the dwindling waterways of Xochimilco, south of Mexico City, hides a creature that embodies abilities so remarkable that scientists have tried for hundreds of years to unravel them.

The Axolotl possesses an extraordinary ability to regenerate any part of its body and defies aging entirely. Scientists have recently unlocked its genetic code, offering new hope for regenerative medicine in humans. Yet, this remarkable creature teeters on the brink of extinction, with fewer than 100 individuals remaining in the wild. As its survival hangs by a thread, a coalition of locals, conservationists, religious groups, and cryogenic researchers fights to save it. But is their effort enough – or is it already too late?





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Presale

THE NATURE OF CHRISTMAS

52' (ENG, GER) | Release: Fall 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Längengrad Filmproduktion, Servus TV, WDR, arte

Get ready for an enchanting journey through the natural history of Christmas!

When we think of Christmas, we can't help but picture Santa Claus and his trusty reindeer. For centuries, reindeer have been the ideal pack animal, perfectly adapted to living in snow, ice, and frigid temperatures – with or without glowing red noses. But we don't stop at the North Pole! According to the Bible, a humble donkey was present at the birth of Jesus, and we visit the unique donkey island Lamu off the coast of Kenya, where these animals are the primary mode of transportation.

Join us as we uncover the secrets behind mistletoe branches and trace the origins of the beloved Christmas tree. And don't forget the charming robin, which is also intricately intertwined with this holiday. This documentary is a feast for the eyes with lavish images that will transport you to magical landscapes, and we've added a touch of humor and adventure to keep things entertaining. This documentary will take you on a wild journey around the world to explore the true nature & magic behind this beloved holiday!



A full-page background image showing two people in winter gear standing on a frozen body of water. The person on the left is a woman wearing a grey beanie, sunglasses, a black jacket, and a blue life vest. The person on the right is a man wearing a white beanie, a blue and white jacket, and an orange life vest. They are standing on a large, dark-colored ice canoe that has the text "CHANTIER NAVAL ISLE-AUX-COUDRES" written on its side. The water is dark blue with scattered ice floes, and a city skyline is visible in the background under a clear sky.

FROZEN WORLDS

WINTER IN EASTERN CANADA

45' (ENG, GER, FRA) | 2024

EPorembny AMP Polska, Moers Media, NDR, arte, Bonjour Quebec

Canada's largest province, Quebec, stretches from Montreal to the Arctic Circle. Winters here are the coldest and longest in North America. With brutal winters plunging to -40°C , the mighty St. Lawrence River freezes solid – setting the stage for adrenaline-pumping ice canoe races. The documentary follows canoeist Sophie Asselin and her team as they train and compete in this unique winter sport. North of Quebec City, vast wilderness takes over: the Taiga is home to caribou, wolves and Jean-Luc Kanapé, a Cree First Nation Wildlife Guardian, who fights to protect the dwindling herds. Further north, in the remote Inuit settlements of Nunavik, life continues without roads and under layers of snow. From family ice-fishing traditions to air supplies in isolated villages, this film is a journey through a land where winter rules.



THE WHIP FIGHTERS OF INDONESIA

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
kornkonzept, ZDF, arte

An Indonesian tradition at a crossroads.

In Waerebo, a secluded mountain village on the island of Flores, Indonesia, the annual ritual of Caci, a ceremonial whip fight, continues to echo through generations. Handed down from father to son for centuries, this striking tradition embodies deep cultural pride and identity. Yet, as modern influences gradually seep into village life, age-old customs face new pressures. Can Waerebo adapt to the changing world while preserving the essence of its unique heritage?









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THE MAGICAL WORLD OF SPICES III

4 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Moers Media, ZDF, arte

They may be small in size, but their stories span centuries and continents. From hand-harvested juniper berries in Albania to the delicate saffron threads picked in Greece, from the salty soil where Italian capers thrive to the golden turmeric roots of India, each spice reveals a unique blend of natural conditions and cultural tradition. We meet the people who grow, gather, and process these botanical treasures, and explore how ancient knowledge and modern techniques come together to preserve their quality and meaning. Alongside these stories, we immerse ourselves in the surrounding nature and local customs, discovering how these spices not only flavor our food, but also connect us to place, heritage, and community.

Episodes:

1. Juniper from Albania
2. Saffron from Greece
3. Capers from Italy (Delivery: Fall 2025)
4. Turmeric from India







Long-running Series

AT OUR NEIGHBOUR'S TABLE

SEASON 15

13 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2024
Berlin Producers, ZDF, arte

At Our Neighbour's Table returns with a fresh serving of culinary stories. We join locals – farmers, chefs, housewives, fishermen, and winemakers – at their tables and in their kitchens to uncover regional delicacies and traditional recipes passed down through generations. Whether it's baking with ancient grains or fermenting, we dive deep into how ingredients are grown, gathered, and transformed. At Our Neighbour's Table celebrates slow food, culinary heritage, and the people who keep it alive – all while offering an authentic taste of everyday life in these captivating places.

Episodes:

1. Lithuania
2. Bad Gastein, Austria
3. Bordelais, France
4. Moravia, Czech Republic
5. Moselle, Germany
6. Strasbourg, France
7. Lanzarote, Spain
8. Røros, Norway
9. West Serbia
10. Northern Baden, Germany
11. Uzbekistan
12. Wales, Great Britain
13. Meteora, Greece

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AI THERAPY

THE ALGORITHM WILL SEE YOU NOW

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Moers Media, ZDF, arte

Would you trust an AI with your deepest thoughts?

Mental health struggles can strike anyone, anytime – and with too few human therapists to go around, the consequences can be devastating. Enter artificial intelligence: a powerful tool already making waves in diagnosis and emotional support. But how close is too close?

Meet Saskia. Her AI advisor lives on her phone – always on, always listening. For her, it's more than tech. It's a lifeline. Research from Oslo University shows young people are embracing this digital intimacy, often finding AI advice surprisingly authentic. Saskia's been with her partner Daniel for 15 years. Her AI joined the relationship three years ago. Now, they're a trio – and no one's complaining.

Are we on the edge of a mental health revolution or crossing a line we can't uncross?





THE 50 SHADES OF MENTAL HEALTH

10 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2024 - 2025 | Berlin Producers, rbb, arte

From clinical disorders to everyday struggles, the series shows: mental health affects us all.

This bold series gives a voice to people living with mental health conditions such as schizophrenia, OCD, eating disorders, and dementia, as well as emotional challenges like trauma, bullying, or burnout. With raw honesty, those affected share what it truly feels like to live with these conditions. Each episode is supported by insights from psychologists, psychiatrists, neurologists, and biologists, who explain the physical and neurological roots behind the symptoms. This unique blend of emotional storytelling, scientific depth, and powerful imagery makes the series both touching and enlightening.

Episodes:

1. Therapy | 2. Bullying | 3. Schizophrenia | 4. OCD | 5. Burnout | 6. Trauma
7. Eating Disorders | 8. Hypochondria | 9. Dementia | 10. Chronic Pain



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FLOW

THE FORCE OF WEATHER

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025
SPIEGEL TV, Primitive Entertainment,
arte, CBS, Curiosity Stream

Unlocking the secret powers behind Earth's changing climate.

We all feel the weather shifting – but what's really driving these dramatic changes? This documentary takes you deep into the unseen engines of our planet: the colossal flows of air, fire, and water that shape every aspect of life on Earth. Through breathtaking visuals and gripping storytelling, this journey reveals how global warming is disrupting nature's most powerful systems – and what it means for our future.

Episodes:

1. Wind and Ocean
2. Fire and Ice







EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH POLE

IS ANTARCTICA MELTING?

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025

ThurnFilm, BR, arte, Film- und Medienstiftung,
Deutscher Filmförderfonds, Hessen Film & Medien



If all the ice in East Antarctica were to melt, sea levels would surge by a staggering 52 meters – enough to redraw the map of the world. Now, aboard the legendary research vessel Polarstern, a team of scientists is racing against time on a daring expedition to the frozen edge of the Earth. Their mission: to uncover where this colossal melt may have already begun, how rapidly it's unfolding, and what it could spell for the future of our planet.

Traversing over 10,000 nautical miles through frigid waters, they gather critical data from the ocean and ice, setting up remote camps in one of the most extreme and unrelenting environments on Earth. Will their findings uncover how close we are to a climate tipping point? The clock is ticking and the world is watching.

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REQUIEM IN WHITE

OUR DYING GLACIERS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | FREILUFTDOKU

The Eastern Alps' glaciers are vanishing and there's no turning back.

Scientists agree: the glaciers of the Eastern Alps are on an irreversible path to extinction. As the ice melts and permafrost crumbles, the warnings grow louder, yet life in the mountains pushes on. Summer tourists pack into glacier cable cars for one last glimpse of the shrinking ice. In winter, ski resorts operate at full throttle. The natural landscape is being reshaped at an industrial scale: snow farming, artificial snow cannons, slope reinforcement, massive earthworks. It's a high-stakes race against a ticking clock.

"Requiem in White", directed by Harry Putz, is a powerful cinematic farewell to these dying giants. Shot across 14 glaciers in Austria, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, the film blends science with raw emotion through intimate interviews and stark imagery. It leaves viewers with a chilling question: How do we choose to say goodbye to a world that's disappearing before our eyes?



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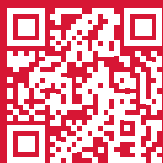
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