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# STILL THEY RISE

*AFGHAN WOMEN UNDER THE TALIBAN*

52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

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Since seizing power in 2021, the Taliban have issued decree after decree aimed at erasing women from public life. Education, work and freedom were all stripped away from them. But many of them fight back – quietly, courageously, and with unwavering determination. Although it is now forbidden for women to travel without a male guardian, Dr. Hamida makes the journey to a remote provincial hospital every week, where she leads the women's department. In Kabul, young midwife Rahela continues her rounds, visiting pregnant women in need. And in a modest living room in the district of Dashte Barchi adult women gather in secret, defying the Taliban's ban on education.







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# GAME OVER

*THE FALL OF CREDIT SUISSE*

4 × 45', 104' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Contrast Film

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Credit Suisse no longer exists, even though it was 'too big to fail' and had built its reputation over a century. How could this happen? This four-part documentary series reveals what was hidden behind the reputable image of the major Swiss bank: a corporate culture of high risk and greed, accepting huge losses as long as the bonuses kept coming in. Since its establishment in the 1970s, this culture has run like a red thread through the history of the bank and shows why the unexpected end was unavoidable.

**Episodes:**

1. Level 1 - Greed
2. Level 2 - Megalomania
3. Level 3 - Pride
4. Level 4 - The Fall



CURRENT AFFAIRS







# SURVIVING GLOBALISM

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025  
Spiegel TV, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

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The US and China are in fierce competition. Others are catching up. How can we survive – and even thrive – in a globalized world? When Steve Jobs presented the iPhone in 2007, hardly anyone could have guessed how it would change the world. The supply chain is as global as the communication that runs on these devices. Yet, geopolitical tensions between the superpowers US and China are rising. Global production is no longer just about finding the best and cheapest production conditions; it has also become a matter of risk management and fierce competition for global leadership. Is globalization fundamentally in crisis? While in Europe developments seem increasingly complicated, new possibilities arise on other continents. The roles of winners and losers are being redistributed. And those who don't play along lose.

**Episodes:** 1. Smartphone Wars | 2. New World Order

# COLD WAR IN PARADISE

*THE PACIFIC POWER STRUGGLE*

52' (ENG) | 2025  
Berlin Producers, WDR, arte

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The Solomon Islands are a beautiful island nation, but also a geopolitical powder keg. China is showering the islands with lavish gifts, but Australia and the US are also fighting for influence. It's a power struggle that's dividing society, leading to corruption, protests and violent riots. Located in the Pacific, the islands are strategically extremely valuable to the superpowers. But how long can a small state go its own way in the global struggle between the superpowers without drowning itself?





## SHIFTING ALLIANCES

*RISE AGAINST CHINA'S POWER*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

NGLOW, ZDF, arte, Deutsche Welle

A new alliance is reshaping East Asia, raising urgent questions about peace, power, and the risk of conflict. 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 US under President Trump? And what would an escalation in East Asia mean for global peace and economic prosperity?



## RUSSIA'S SHADOW WAR IN AFRICA

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

NGLOW, ZDF, 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 reveals the hidden mechanisms behind Russia's rise in the region and the consequences for those caught in the crossfire.











**20 new episodes by 2027!**

# MORLOCK MOTORS

10 × 90' (ENG, GER) | 2024/2025  
Spin TV Special Interest, Kabel Eins

Vehicles, machines, airplanes, military equipment: Boss Michael Manousakis and his crew turn steel into money, operating from their 22,000-square-meter base in Germany's Westerwald – a massive steel city full of extraordinary vehicles, machines, and military equipment. They buy rare vehicles and unusual equipment of all kinds, sourcing from every corner in the world. As the Morlocks navigate tight deadlines, unexpected obstacles, and unique cultural experiences in far-flung places, their dedication to big deals and passion for rare machines always shines through.

## Episodes:

1. The Humvee Operation
2. High-Stakes Mission on Hawaii
3. A Food Truck Emergency
4. Classic Cars and Adrenaline Kicks
5. Big Deal in Indonesia
6. A Big Trip across the USA
7. Pulled Over in the US
8. Flying High – A New Plane for Michael?
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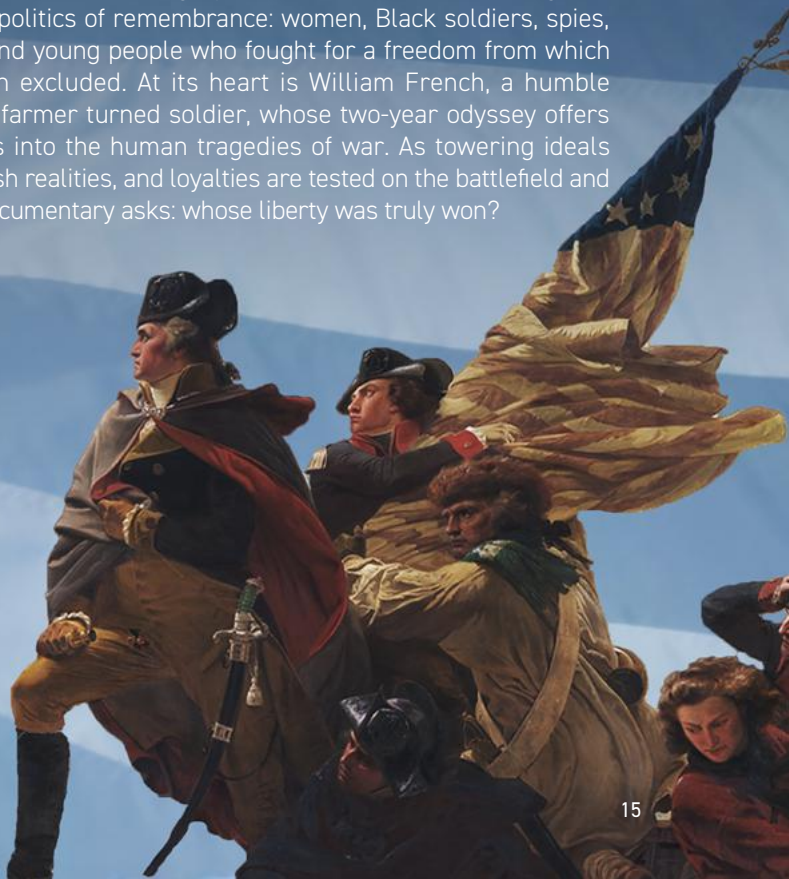
250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

# INDEPENDENCE DAWN

*THE FORGOTTEN REVOLUTION*

2 × 45' (ENG), 90' (GER) | Release: December 2025  
Go Button Media, Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

This documentary takes a new, unvarnished look at the birth of the United States of America. It combines the classic chronology of an epochal upheaval with the biographies of those who have long had no voice in the politics of remembrance: women, Black soldiers, spies, ordinary men and young people who fought for a freedom from which they were often excluded. At its heart is William French, a humble Massachusetts farmer turned soldier, whose two-year odyssey offers a powerful lens into the human tragedies of war. As towering ideals collide with harsh realities, and loyalties are tested on the battlefield and at home, this documentary asks: whose liberty was truly won?









# BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN

*EUROPE'S DARKEST YEARS*

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025 | Vincent Productions, NDR, arte

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From 1930 to 1945, Eastern Europe became the stage of mass violence on an unprecedented scale. In the vast territory comprising Poland, the Baltic states, Belarus, Ukraine, and parts of Russia, the crimes of Nazi Germany and those in the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin overlap. While the Wehrmacht and the Red Army clashed in brutal battles, the SS and the Soviet secret police spread fear and terror among civilians. Here, two dictatorships unleashed a reign of violence unlike anything seen before. Historians estimate that around 14 million civilians were murdered in this region alone – mainly Jews, Poles, Balts, Belarusians, and Ukrainians. What made Eastern Europe the epicenter of such devastation? To what extent did Stalin's policies of repression pave the way for the German occupiers long before the war began? Based on interviews with contemporary witnesses and extensively researched archive material, the documentary explores the mechanisms of terror, mass murder, and famine.

## HISTORY





# THE JUNGLE HOSPITAL

*THE MYTH OF ALBERT  
AND HELENE SCHWEITZER*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
SMP Signed Media, ZDF, arte

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The Schweitzers became icons of humanism in the post-war period. In recent years, however, this has been critically questioned. What remains of the Schweitzers' legacy – in Europe and in Gabon? In 1913, Albert and Helene Schweitzer set out to build a hospital in Gabon. Albert went on to become the celebrated “jungle doctor” and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, long regarded as a symbol of humanity and moral responsibility. Far less known is the role of his wife Helene, a teacher and trained nurse who, despite her struggle with tuberculosis, kept the clinic alive through her tireless dedication. The documentary tells the story of Albert and Helene Schweitzer as two extraordinary personalities. At the same time, it explores how their legacy is reinterpreted today – not only through European eyes, but also from African perspective that expose colonial entanglements and paternalistic views.

# ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES OF NIGERIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
SMP Signed Media, NDR, arte

Looted treasures, shattered terracottas, and the lost city of Atlantis – Africa's forgotten masterpieces resurface. The story follows the Nok terracottas and the Ilé-Ife bronzes, two of Nigeria's most remarkable archaeological legacies. From illegal excavations and the lost knowledge of the Nok culture to the rise of Ilé-Ife, the first metropolis of sub-Saharan Africa, the films reveal forgotten riches and confront the impact of colonization. Nigerian and international researchers shed new light on glorious and tragic chapters of Nigeria's past.

**Episodes:** 1. The Nok Terracotta Sculptures | 2. The Ife Bronzes



A portrait of Antonio Salieri, an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a dark coat and a white cravat. The background of the portrait is dark with faint, golden musical notation and lyrics like "dolce", "O", "so", "la", "be", "a", "ti".

# ANTONIO SALIERI

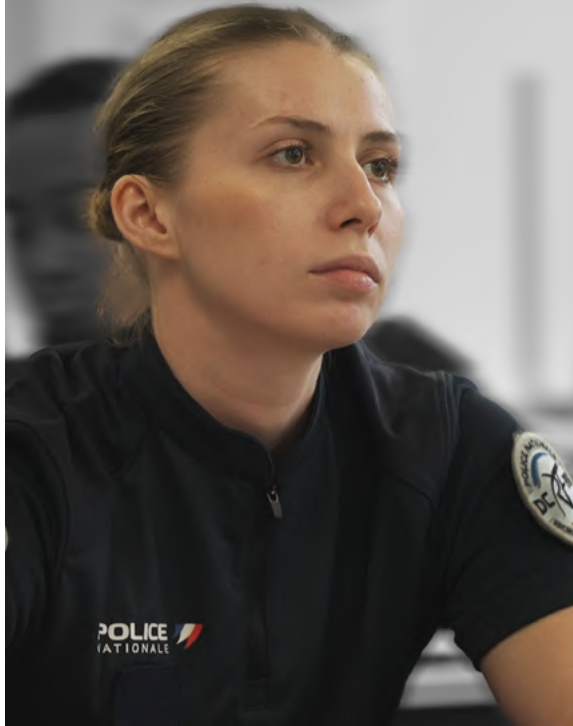
*MASTERMIND OF MUSIC*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Clever Content, Autentic Studios, ORF, ZDF,  
arte, RTR, Vienna Film Fund

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In 1766, a 16-year-old Italian musician stepped out of a carriage in Vienna and went on to shape the musical life of the city for more than half a century. For more than 35 years, Antonio Salieri held the position of court conductor, moved in the circles of Haydn and Mozart, and taught Beethoven, Schubert, and Liszt among many others, leaving an enduring mark on music history. Yet to this day, Salieri's name is entwined with one of history's most spectacular "cold cases": the 19th-century rumour that he poisoned Mozart out of jealousy of his musical genius. Actor Tobias Moretti retraces Salieri's footsteps, visiting original locations, meeting musicians and historians, and investigating the alleged rivalry. How could a man, admired as both musician and human being, known for his integrity and concern for orchestra musicians, fall under suspicion of having murdered the greatest musical genius of his time?



# POLICE WOMEN

*THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Zeitsprung Pictures, ZDF, arte

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Today, the presence of women in uniform feels almost commonplace – on city streets, in football stadiums, at mass demonstrations, and even in the crime dramas we watch at home. Yet this visibility was neither inevitable nor easily won. For decades, women fought an uphill battle for equality within one of democracy's most crucial institutions. This documentary charts that journey in Germany, France and Italy – from the 1960s to the present – through vivid personal testimonies and eyewitness accounts. It tells of the early pioneers who endured ridicule and hostility, and of the trailblazers who rose to lead police forces at the highest levels. It is a powerful story of resilience, transformation, and the relentless pursuit of change.

# MASTERS OF THE SEA

*THE ROLE OF SHIPS  
IN GLOBAL HISTORY*

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



From ancient galleys to today's colossal container ships, seafaring has always embodied our thirst for adventure, a pioneering spirit, and technical progress. Courageous seafarers like Columbus and Magellan explored new sea routes, reshaping our understanding of the world. Steamships marked a technical revolution. Powered by coal and steam, they are no longer at the mercy of the wind. Sea travel became faster and more reliable. Intercontinental connections enable economic expansion: Today, 80 percent of world trade is conducted by sea, forming the backbone of the global economy.



# HISTORY'S X FILES

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
La Luna TV, DMAX Spain

The trails of many historical figures fade into the mist of time... Where are the remains of Alexander the Great? And those of Cleopatra, Nefertiti or Julius Caesar? This historical series delves into the mysteries of history, legends, myths, and unresolved secrets. Each episode is presented from a contemporary perspective, with the scientific and historical rigor the story deserves, narrated by experts and renowned archaeologists and researchers.

## Episodes:

1. Alexander the Great: The Lost Hero
2. Alexander's Origins: Philip II of Macedon and Olympias
3. Cleopatra: The Last Queen
4. Nefertiti: A Life of Mystery
5. Julius Caesar: Veni; Vidi; Vici.
6. Commodus: More Than a Gladiator





# WHAT WENT WRONG V

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Millstream Films and  
Media, Spiegel Geschichte



The new season of this popular long-running, adrenaline-fueled series dives deep into six recent catastrophes. Each disaster is retold through survivors and first responders, as well as engineering experts who help make sense of the machines that went mad.

## Episodes:

1. Titan Submarine Implosion
2. Bayesian Super Yacht Sinking
3. Pylos Migrant Boat
4. Valencia Tower Fire
5. Europe's Deadly Floods
6. Baltimore Bridge Collapse



140th anniversary of the Invention of the car in 2026

# MY HOLY CAR

*AN OBSESSION MADE IN GERMANY*

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025  
Hoferichter & Jacobs, SWR, NDR, MDR

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More than a machine, the car is Germany's great love story. Despite the climate crisis and overcrowded cities, the number of vehicles in Germany is rising to a record high. Cars are becoming more numerous, larger and more powerful. The documentary film explores Germans' emotional relationship with cars – between fascination, fetish and contradiction, we meet passionate car lovers and fierce critics. VW, Audi and BMW offer rare insights into their tricks of emotional seduction. A road movie with powerful images that shows how deeply the car is anchored in German society. How realistic is it to say goodbye to this status symbol?





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# RIDDLE IN THE WIND

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions, ServusTV, arte

Something strange is happening, thousands of miles from the nearest landmass, on isolated volcanic islands in the so-called Roaring Forties. Certain animals are thriving while others are disappearing for mysterious reasons. To solve this riddle, mammal and bird specialists set up camp on these rugged islands that are constantly lashed by the Southern Indian Ocean lows in order to place an array of tagging devices on penguins, elephant seals, albatrosses, orcas and other large animals. The resulting data reveals a number of unexpected consequences of human activity that affect the birth and survival rates of ocean wanderers. Some scientists propose and implement a range of remedies.



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# AMERICAN AMAZON

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Grizzly Creek Films, ServusTV, the  
WNET Group, WDR, arte, PBS, CPB

This is a journey into the last secret wilderness in North America. An ancient bastion of life anchored in place by two-thousand-year-old cypress trees. A labyrinth of flooded forests and pulsing arteries. A place buzzing with new stories: from the mass migration of the world's only social raptor, the swallow-tailed kite, to the dazzling spectacle of the ghost orchid and its surprising nocturnal pollinators. A world where big mysteries still tread around every corner of the swamp: the cryptic behaviour of the American black bear, the silent footsteps of the Florida panther. Tales bubbling up from crystalline springs and emerging out of serpentine blackwater rivers: the playful chatter of river otters, the heavy splashes of Gulf sturgeon, and the deep bellows of the American alligator. Here, in the wet and wild American South, among the last stands of cypress, tupelo, strap ferns, pitcher plants, and epiphytes, is what E.O. Wilson called "America's Amazon" – a hotspot of biodiversity rivaling anywhere on Earth – and yet somehow its story has never been told.

**Episodes:** 1. Hidden Forests | 2. Secret Rivers











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# SHELLS

*WITHIN A SHELTERED SPIRAL*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Rooted Media, ServusTV, arte

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Humans have treasured seashells for as long as they have collected pretty things. Why do they have such a hold over us? With vibrant colours and a multitude of shapes and textures, seashells are biological treasures, magical messengers from the sea. Seashells inspire artists, shape cultures and adorn garments. In many ancient cultures seashells were accepted as currency. In Africa they were bartered among tribes, communities, and royal courts. They enabled long-distance trade across boundaries and between strangers. While seashells are no longer used as money, they still hold mystical and symbolic significance in African societies.







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# SAME SAME – BUT DIFFERENT

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Getty Images, ServusTV

Evolution has spawned countless creatures. Today, Earth harbours millions of species, from tiny microbes to the 200-tonnes blue whale. Animals live on land, in the oceans, and in the air – and most species look very different in size, limbs, body shape and appearance. Some of them are closely related – closer than you'd expect. Yet other species look surprisingly alike, even though they're not even related. Did you know that the rock hyrax, the size of a cat, looking like a marmot – is related to the elephant and to manatees? That we humans are related not only to primates, but also to colugos – air-gliding mammals that live in the jungles of Southeast Asia? Oddly, ostriches and crocodiles are also related, as they share the same ancestors: theropods. At the same time, you'd expect a certain relationship between whales and whale sharks. But nope, sorry. And let's not even get started on snakes and eels!









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# PENGUIN BAYWATCH

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions, ServusTV, France Télévisions, USHUAIA TV, CNC

Penguins are charismatic and funny characters. They always look as though they are ready to go out to a fancy dinner. They are clumsy on the ground yet extremely graceful in the water. Their neighbours on the beach are often naturally clumsy and grotesque as well: elephant seals look like gigantic bean bags when they leave the ocean to mate, give birth and moult. To delve into the lives of penguins and their invasive neighbours, a new generation of talented film makers and divers is committed to spending extensive periods of time with them in their remote and hostile environment using the most advanced tools in 4K HDR cinematography. Specific and easily identifiable king penguin characters will emerge and help us to develop in-depth stories. Despite its humorous approach, the series relies on hard facts and serious science.

**Episodes:** 1. Tuxedo Summer Bash | 2. Pyjama Party







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# OSLO

*THE WILD HEART OF NORWAY*

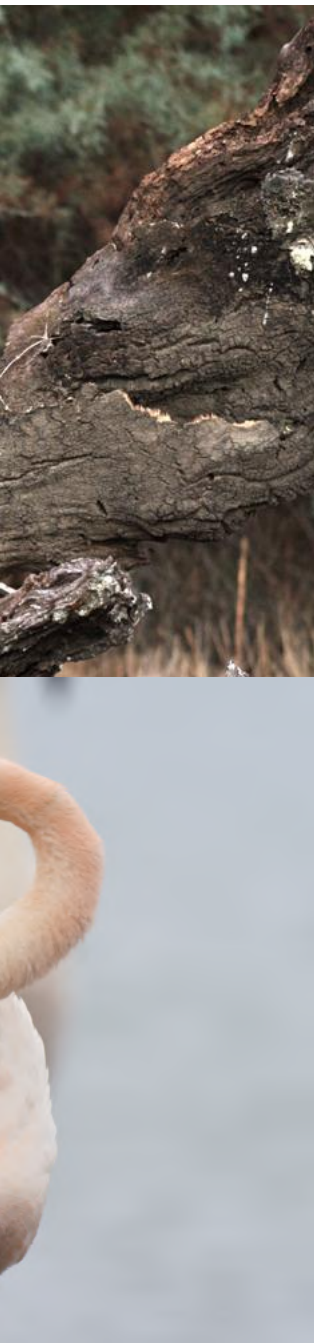
52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Terra Mater Studios,  
Story Surge Films, Earthmedia Film, ServusTV, NRK, SVT

This documentary is set entirely in Oslo, Norway's capital. Yet it is not a film about people. It's about the animals that thrive in the seams of city life. Beavers build their lodges along the banks of the river. Further downstream, salmon leap, defying concrete barriers, returning with ancient urgency. A moose appears in a snowy garden, steam curling from its nostrils as it nibbles fallen apples. Foxes streak through alleyways and playgrounds, stealing sausages and teaching their kits to survive. Badgers tunnel under flowerbeds and fences, transforming Oslo's suburbs into subterranean empires. Beyond the last tram stop, wolves roam the forests that encircle Oslo – silent, spectral, and almost mythic. Above it all, a peregrine falcon. The city itself becomes her hunting ground, a vertical savannah of steel and shadow. These creatures don't pass through the city – they live within it. From herons in misty wetlands to squirrels leaping between rooftops, Oslo pulses with untamed life.









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# DOÑANA

*SPAIN'S GARDEN OF EDEN*

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Wanda Films,  
Wanda Visión, Ukbar Filmes, Terra Mater  
Studios, ServusTV, RTP, MOVISTAR

A breathtaking portrait of one of Europe's last true wildernesses. Located in Southern Spain, the Coto de Doñana National Park is not only the continent's largest ecological reserve – it is also a critical resting point for over 300 migratory bird species and a sanctuary for endangered animals such as the Iberian lynx and the white-headed duck. The film captures the magic of transformation: from drought to abundance, from ancient traditions to thriving biodiversity. Told through immersive, visually rich chapters, it unveils the most compelling stories from this extraordinary ecosystem. Doñana is more than just a nature park – it's a living organism. Every wingbeat, every drop of water tells a story of survival, adaptation, and beauty.

#### Episodes:

1. Wild and Wondrous Wetlands
2. Sand, Sea and Survival







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# THE NATURE OF CHRISTMAS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

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

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. Take a wild journey around the world to explore the true nature & magic behind this beloved holiday!



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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. It's so special because it is the meeting place of migrations from the south and the north-east. This two-part mini series tells the story of what happens when the famous wildebeest migration departs. The absence of the wildebeest is the time when many of the Mara's resident animals give birth to their young. This is a story about birth and growth, a factual look into what happens most of the year in this world-famous African wilderness.

**Episodes:** 1. The Emergence | 2. The Awakening







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# KATAVI

*AFRICA'S FALLEN PARADISE*

3 x 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

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

In the heart of Africa's Great Rift Valley lies Katavi, a little-known National Park spanning more than three thousand square miles of western Tanzania. Here lions, hippos and crocodiles live more or less in harmony, until an unusual climatic cycle transforms the natural dry season into the toughest drought in almost a century. Desperation pushes all these animals to the edge of their endurance. Lion cubs face mortal danger from a rogue male lion intent on takeover, hippos fight viciously for territory rights in a dwindling river and even crocodiles, usually capable of surviving prolonged periods without food or freshwater, fall victim to the intense conditions.



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



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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 and ocelots, monkeys, and 100 species of reptiles all make their home in this remote coastal oasis. 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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# 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 front lines, 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. The Carbon Hunters







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# WHALE JAIL

52', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV

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 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.

*Also available as a feature documentary: ORCA – BLACK WHITE GOLD*





# 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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A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a person's face, focusing on the eye and cheek. The person has dark, intricate tattoos on their skin, including a large, stylized design on the cheek and forehead. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the tattoos.

# TATTOOS

*ENIGMA OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC*

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 30' (GER) | 2025  
UFA Documentary, rbb, arte

Deep within the valleys of the Marquesas Islands endures a knowledge once thought nearly lost: patutiki, the intricate tattoos that for centuries embodied status, spirituality, and identity. More than a hundred years ago, German explorer Karl von den Steinen recorded and preserved these sacred designs, consigning them to European archives even as they continued to live on the skin of islanders. Today, patutiki exists in two worlds: in the quiet drawers of museums and libraries, and on tattooed bodies across the globe. But who truly holds this knowledge? Caught between scientific study and oral tradition, between colonial archiving and the living practice of tattooing, the story of patutiki reveals itself as far more than art – it is a testament to memory, resilience, and cultural survival.

**Episodes:** 1. Myths | 2. Power



# OMAN

*JEWEL OF ARABIA*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

A land of deserts, mountains, and endless coastline – Oman is where ancient traditions meet a vibrant modern spirit. This two-part documentary takes us from the heights of Jebel Akhdar and its rose gardens to the Sharqiya Desert and the green hills of Dhofar. At the centre of the film are people such as climbing coach Alanood Alsalami and fashion designer Amal Al Raisi, who bring Oman's diversity and the balancing act between tradition and modernity to life.

**Episodes:** 1. Incense and Desert Winds | 2. Roses and Sea Breeze











# INSIDE PAKISTAN

4 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Vincent Productions, NDR, arte

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In Pakistan, tradition and change, faith and pop culture, poverty and optimism as well as male dominance collide head-on. While conservative values dominate the daily lives of many people, the younger generation is seething with a desire for change. In four episodes, people share stories about their everyday lives, their challenges and their dreams.

## Episodes:

1. Country of Family
2. Country of Diversity
3. Country of Men
4. Country Afar









# WILD GALÁPAGOS

*LIFE ON THE ISLANDS*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | doc.station, NDR

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Sea lions lounging on park benches without fear of humans, giant tortoises crossing the street at a leisurely pace, marine iguanas hanging out on the ferry docks – wild nature within arm's reach makes the Galapagos Islands a dream destination for nature lovers. The archipelago, located 1,000 kilometres off the coast of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean, has developed from an insider tip to one of the most popular destinations in South America. Around 300,000 travellers visit the Galapagos National Park every year, and the trend is rising. And that's where the problems begin. Every visitor poses a threat to nature: seeds brought in by visitors can spread and disrupt the ecosystem, the tourist boom is leading to unwanted population growth, and water and energy are becoming scarce.





# UNCOVERING TAIWAN

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Berlin Producers Media, rbb, arte, TaiwanPlus

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While Taiwan is often seen as a hub of democracy and technology under the shadow of China, few know it is an archipelago of nearly 170 islands. From the rugged mountains of Formosa to the hidden treasures of the surrounding isles, we explore the awe-inspiring beauty and rich cultural heritage that make these islands truly unique. Witness the raw power of nature, the resilience of local communities, and the tireless efforts to protect the islands' biodiversity in this immersive journey through Taiwan's natural marvels.

## Episodes:

1. From the Sea to the Summit
2. Treasures of the Pacific



# PORTUGAL'S NATURE PARKS II

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Kinescope, Radio Bremen, arte

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Portugal, the narrow country in southwestern Europe, has much more to offer than 600 kilometres of beaches and surf spots. The country's nature parks are home to unspoilt natural landscapes, rare animal and plant species, and intact ecosystems. Join us as we explore the rugged north, the mountainous border region with Spain, the stormy west coast of Lisbon, and the pristine countryside.

## Episodes:

1. Douro Internacional
2. Serras de Aire e Candeeiros
3. Guadiana Valley
4. Sintra-Cascais



# EXPLORING EUROPE BY NIGHT TRAIN

4 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 45' (GER) | 2025

Molle & Korn, JYOTI Film, arte, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg,  
Fernsehfond Austria, Nordnorsk Filmsenter

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Night trains show Europe from a new perspective – uncovering the landscapes, wildlife, and people along the way. In this four-part documentary series, we travel the continent's most spectacular night train routes, uncovering the landscapes, wildlife, and ecosystems along the way. Encounters with fellow travelers highlight their deep connection to nature. Travel with us from Germany to Scandinavia and through Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, as well as across the Balkans to the edge of Istanbul. Each journey moves through the night into the first light of morning.

## Episodes:

1. From Berlin to Stockholm
2. From Villach to Edirne
3. From Budapest to Zurich
4. From Oslo to Trondheim







# BEAR WITH ME

90' (ENG, GER) | Release: December 2025  
AGITPROP, Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

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Maxy Niedermeyer, a 80-year-old former circus trainer, built a remarkable artistic career. For six decades, she toured all over the world, gaining fame for her animal training. But when public opinion shifted and animals were banned from circuses, her life changed forever. Under pressure from civil organisations, all animals in Italy, where she guest-starred for the last time, were confiscated. Maxy managed to keep only two of them, due to their old age and inability to adapt back to nature. Now, with only Natasha, her 43-year-old brown bear, by her side, Maxy spends her final years in isolation. The film follows their extraordinary bond, capturing the twilight of a once-renowned circus star whose fate is tied to the life of her last companion.



# THE FORGOTTEN TEMPLES OF TIBET

*RESTORING MUSTANG'S LOST HERITAGE*

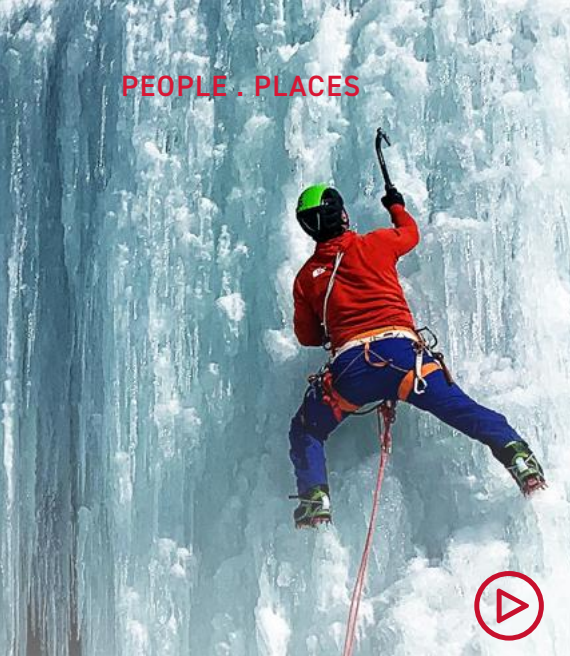
52', 30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

High in the Himalayas, at an altitude of 4,000 meters, lies the ancient kingdom of Mustang, surrounded by towering, impassable mountains. Over the centuries, these sacred sites fell into decay, putting Mustang's rich cultural heritage at risk. The recent restoration of its monasteries has sparked a remarkable revival. Italian conservator Luigi Fieni and his friend Tsewang Bista, nephew of Mustang's last king, embark on a four-week journey through the former kingdom. Their mission is to preserve Mustang's cultural heritage for future generations. Meanwhile, China seeks to prevent Mustang from becoming a refuge for Tibetan exiles.





PEOPLE . PLACES



## FROZEN WORLDS

WINTER IN EASTERN CANADA

45' (ENG, GER, FRA) | 2024

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

With brutal winters plunging to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 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 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.



## HOT ROADS IV

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THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS ROADS

6 × 52' (ENG, GER), 6 × 45' (GER)

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. They lead over steep mountain passes, into deep gorges or through absolute solitude. No map shows the obstacles and what the routes actually look like. Road conditions can change from day to day, from hour to hour. In rain, mud, sandstorms, falling rocks, or hurricanes, it is a tour into the unknown. But where danger lurks, beauty is not far away.

**Episodes:** 1. From Colombia's Caribbean Coast to the Desert I | 2. Guinea's Adventurous Trade Routes  
3. Pakistan's Karakoram Highway I | 4. Madeira's Wild Mountain Roads I | 5. Turkey's Notorious D915  
6. Through Patagonia on Chile's Carretera Austral



## THE MAGICAL WORLD OF SPICES

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12 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2023 - 2024  
Moers Media, ZDF, arte

They may be small in size, but their stories span centuries and continents. 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.



## AT OUR NEIGHBOUR'S TABLE

197 × 30' (ENG, GER, ENG subs)  
2010 - 2024 | berlin producers, ZDF, arte

Find out what cooking means in different cultures. This series offers the culinary treasures of the people who know it best: farmers, winegrowers, chefs, housewives, fishermen and many more. We visit people in different regions and accompany them through their everyday life. The art of cooking is sensual and that's why we show you regional food at its best and slow food lived as it should be. In addition to the preparation of their typical regional dishes, we take a look at the production or purchase of the ingredients. Find out what cooking means in the different cultures and regions of Europe and the rest of the world.

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A woman with long curly hair, wearing a black bucket hat and sunglasses, sits on a sandy beach. She is holding a smartphone in her right hand, looking at the screen. To her right, a large, semi-transparent digital avatar of a man with pink hair and a purple shirt appears to be floating. In the background, a couple is embracing on the beach, and the ocean waves are visible under a cloudy sky.

# LIFE AND LOVE WITH AI

52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

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Will we live in a future where people, relationships, even the dead are replaced by AI? 'Artificial intelligence is more empathetic than many people,' says TJ. After several blows of fate, he found comfort in an app that offers him a virtual partner – empathetic, undemanding and always available. And J. R. Adams? He regularly exchanges text messages with the digital clone of his deceased mother to keep her in his life. Artificial intelligence is penetrating deeper and deeper into our relationships, promising closeness where real connections are fleeting – but at what price? Simone Schnall, professor of experimental social psychology, warns: 'We know nothing about the long-term consequences. Without regulation, we risk companies putting profit before the well-being of users.'

# CLIMATE ENGINEERING

*THE REALITY OF CARBON REMOVAL*

52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

In a world where it is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve climate targets, science and start-ups have developed groundbreaking technologies. It is now possible to remove CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the atmosphere in order to save the climate. But after the hype comes the reality check. By 2050, several billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> have to be sucked out of the air every year – so far, just 1 million tonnes have been removed. Is that enough? This documentary takes a deep dive into the emerging CO<sub>2</sub> removal industry. The wealth of ideas and pioneering spirit are immense: from huge direct air capture plants in Iceland to CO<sub>2</sub>-binding concrete and biochar, to using the sea as a CO<sub>2</sub> storage facility and underground carbonisation – the solutions are diverse. But are the current efforts, the available financing and the political framework conditions sufficient to remove the billions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> to achieve global climate targets?











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# ELECTRIC SKIES

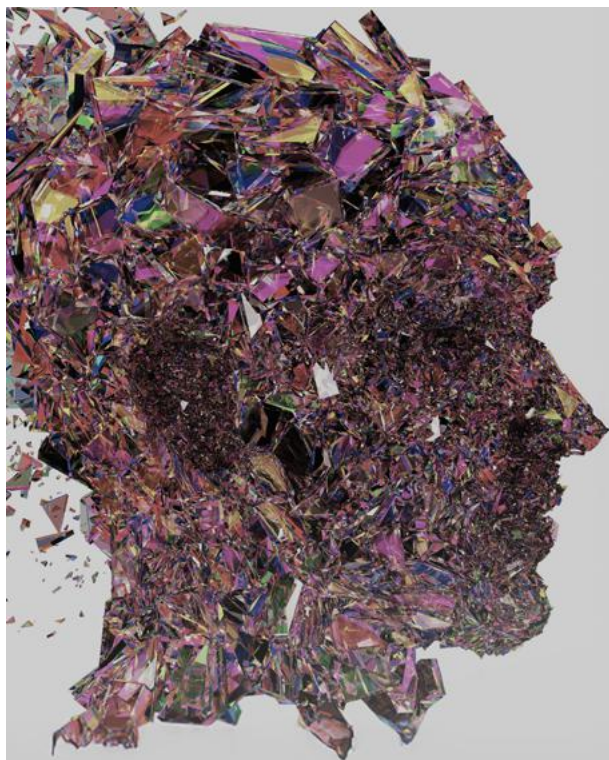
*THE MYSTERY OF LIGHTNING*

45' (ENG, GER) | Release: December 2025  
Autentic Studios, NHK, ZDF

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3.5 million lightning strikes hit the earth every day. And the trend is rising, as extreme weather events are increasing dramatically from year to year. A single lightning strike releases enormous amounts of energy, sometimes reaching 100 million volts and 200,000 amps. Lightning can extend up to 700 kilometres and reach temperatures of up to 35,000 degrees Celcius. It is among the most dangerous and deadly forces of nature. There are even so-called megaflashes, super-lightning bolts that can extend for hundreds of kilometres. Their destructive power is enormous. But scientists have now discovered that the enormous energy of lightning also has a life-promoting power and can promote plant growth. In fact, lightning even plays a central role in the origin of life.

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# MIND MATTERS

*INSIDE YOUR BRAIN'S TOP 5 SECRETS*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Autentic Studios,  
ProducersRoom, Getty Images

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How does the human brain learn? Why do people talk in their sleep? And why have some people infallible memory while others can't remember what they ate last night (or who they slept with last weekend)? This documentary provides a captivating and visually stimulating exploration of the human brain. It tackles topics such as addiction, nightmares, memory, learning, and the subconscious. Through a blend of scientific insights, dynamic animations, and relatable anecdotes, the program highlights the intricacy and marvel of the brain.





# BODY CODE

*UNLOCKING THE TOP 5 BODY MYSTERIES*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Autentic Studios, Getty Images, ProducersRoom

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Does good body fat exist? How do wrinkles develop? And is doing nothing and relaxing keeping us healthy? This documentary offers a fascinating and visually engaging insight into the workings of the human body, addressing body fat, wrinkles, relaxing, talking while asleep, and our sexual orientation. By combining scientific explanations with vivid animations and relatable examples, it underscores the complexity and wonder of the body, encouraging viewers to appreciate and understand the profound mechanisms shaping our everyday experiences.

# SCIENCE OF HOPE

4K

52' (ENG) | 2025

Autentic Studios, ProSieben,  
Film- und Fernsehfond FFF  
Bayern, Deutsche Stiftung für  
Engagement und Ehrenamt

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In these trying times, holding on to hope may seem foolish. But who are we without hope? From Jane Goodall (Ph.D., DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace) to paralympic athlete Wojtek Czyz, astronaut Chris Hadfield, sailor Boris Herrmann and Tibetan Buddhist Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche, each of our protagonists has faced dramatic turning points in their lives yet emerged stronger than before. And we want to understand why! With insights from leading experts such as neuroscientist Tali Sharot, we uncover the science behind these inspiring journeys, revealing how hope empowers resilience and fuels change.





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# THE SUM OF ALL CITIES

8 × 52' (ENG, GER, FRA) | 2025  
DBcom Media, DBC2, Knowledge  
Network, Radio-Canada Explora

Cities are often defined by numbers; population, cost of living, crime rate, temperature, GDP... by themselves, those numbers are just that. Your basic statistics. But look behind a number and you'll find a story. And that story will lead you to another number. And that number reveals another story and that story connects to another number... and before you know it you've got the sum of a city.

## Episodes:

1. Panama City
2. Berlin
3. Ulaanbaatar
4. Seoul
5. Stockholm
6. Marrakesh
7. Las Vegas
8. Whitehorse





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# THE ANIMAL WITHIN 2

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Go Button Media for Autentic, Super Channel

Though science strives to build perfect machines, none are more finely calibrated than the ones that survive, endure, fight, and thrive in the natural world. Under the hoods of majestic beasts, the specs are too impressive to be invented. Physiological features allow creatures to adapt, endure, target prey, collaborate, put up a valiant defense, and move as if invisible. How does the raven's voicebox allow it to emit noise bilaterally? On the savannahs of sub-Saharan Africa, the hyena uses its jaw like a vice grip, crushing bones effortlessly with the power of physics. In the barren wilderness, the transparent fur of the lonely polar bear inspires the next generation of warm weather gear. The hidden blueprints of the animal kingdom provide a glimpse of engineering at its finest. Each elegant machine forged of flesh and blood has been meticulously conceived to survive and flourish in the wild.

## Episodes:

1. The Master Hunters
2. The Communicators
3. The Endurance Champions
4. The Stealth Experts
5. The Survivors
6. The Warriors









4K

# FLOW

*THE FORCE OF WEATHER*

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025 | SPIEGEL TV,  
Primitive Entertainment, ZDF, 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: 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. Shot across 14 glaciers in Austria, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, this 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?





# A HEART ON DEMAND?

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Hoferichter & Jacobs, rbb, arte

Groundbreaking advancements in transplantation medicine are emerging amidst a global shortage of donor organs. With over 8,400 patients in Germany alone awaiting life-saving transplants, the film delves into innovative solutions that could redefine organ donation. At Berlin's Charité hospital, Dr. Eriselda Keshi pioneers in tissue engineering, transforming animal organs into human-compatible replacements. In Japan, Dr. Minoru Takasato develops organoids – miniature lab-grown organs from stem cells, offering hope for scalable solutions. Meanwhile, Swedish scientists test artificial hearts designed to mimic the human organ's natural functions. Blending cutting-edge research with moving patient stories, the film highlights both the promise of technology and the persistent societal and ethical challenges. From lab-engineered pancreases to four-chambered mechanical hearts, "A Heart on Demand?" showcases the future of personalized medicine and asks: How far are we from a world where no patient dies waiting for an organ?

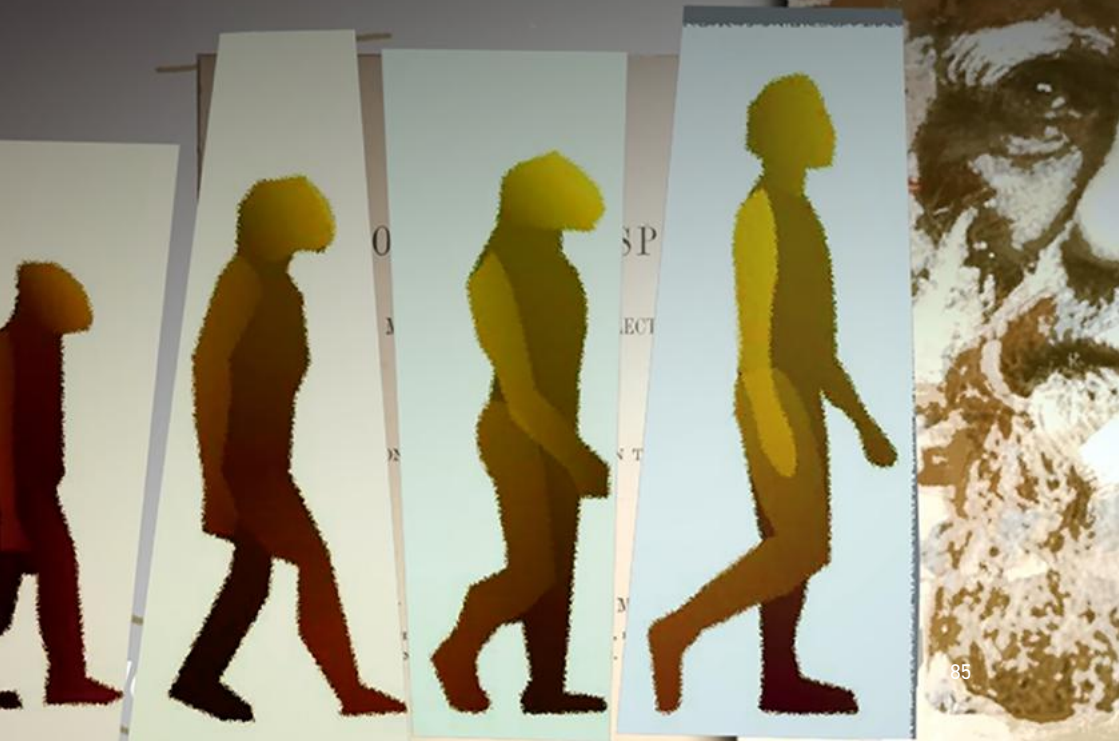


# POWERFUL GENES

*THE MIRACLE OF HUMAN ADAPTATION*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | south & browse, ZDF, arte

Exploring humanity's journey through evolution and what the future holds for our species in an ever-changing world. Modern humans have existed for about 200,000 years. But instead of stagnating, we continue to evolve. Again and again, our species makes small but sustainable "evolutionary updates." We take a journey through human evolutionary history and discover how we've adapted to our environment over time. And we look to the future: Will we be able to adapt evolutionarily to our world in the future? Are we and our genes at the mercy of technology and climate change? Has evolution ended?





## THE 50 SHADES OF MENTAL HEALTH

10 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
berlin producers, rbb, arte

From clinical disorders to everyday struggles, the series shows: mental health affects us all. 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. Chronic Pain | 2. Dementia | 3. Hypochondria
4. Eating Disorders | 5. Trauma | 6. Burnout | 7. OCD
8. Schizophrenia | 9. Bullying | 10. Therapy

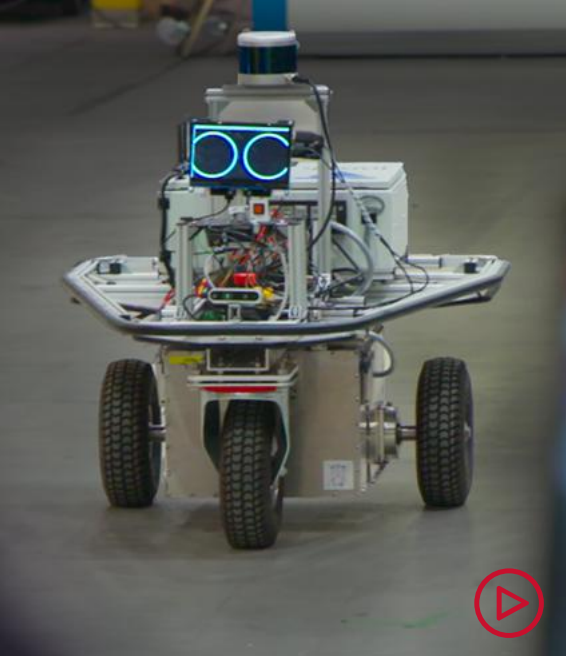
## AI THERAPY

*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. Research shows young people are embracing this digital intimacy, often finding AI advice surprisingly authentic. Are we on the edge of a mental health revolution – or crossing a line we can't uncross?





## AI-ROBOTS

*SMART WAREHOUSE LOGISTICS*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | 14a Media

Smart warehouse systems and innovative AI solutions are driving unprecedented speed, safety, and efficiency in global intralogistics. Discover a future where robots take center stage – from fully automated picking systems to AI-driven fleets operating around the clock without human intervention. Companies worldwide are investing millions in automation to overcome labor shortages, reduce costs, and optimize their supply chains. Pioneers in intralogistics, leading institutes, universities, global technology companies, and visionary startups are already developing the next generation of autonomous systems, pushing efficiency to an entirely new level.



## THE ART OF BREATHING

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | WDR

Breathing feels natural, but few unlock its full potential. Techniques like holotropic breathing and the Wim Hof Method are gaining traction in sports and wellness, improving focus, reducing stress, and boosting performance. "The right breath can completely change your life. It can make the impossible possible – anyone can do it!" says breath coach Yasin Seiwasser. Freediver Anna-Karina Schmitt dives over 80 meters deep on a single breath and set a world record for lake apnea diving – while managing her multiple sclerosis through breathwork. This documentary takes viewers on a journey of discovery into the most natural yet often overlooked force in our lives.

# THE WORLD IN 30 MINUTES

230 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2016-2025 | NZZ

With captivating storytelling and a critical eye, each episode promises to enlighten, entertain, and educate!

Explore compelling stories in Current Affairs & Conflicts, delve into breakthroughs in Science, Technologies & Health, uncover the complexities of Nature & Environment, and gain insights into Society, Culture & Human Interest. Join us on a journey through the most pressing and fascinating topics of our time.



## CHILDHOOD WITHOUT SMARTPHONES

*IS GROWING UP WITHOUT SMART  
PHONES STILL POSSIBLE?*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

Many children and young people own a smartphone and often spend hours on Instagram, TikTok, or Snapchat. Social contact takes the form of likes and comments, while endless scrolling and gaming quickly become a full-time occupation. Studies link excessive smartphone use to depression, anxiety, and concentration problems. A boarding school in Switzerland takes a strict approach to buck this trend: during the day, all devices remain in locked boxes. The result: significantly less distraction in class and genuine conversations during breaks. Psychotherapist Nady Mirian explains which rules really work when it comes to media use.



## TRUMP AND THE END OF THE AMERICAN DREAM?

30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

President Trump promised a tough stance on immigration and ordered nationwide raids. Few issues divide the United States as deeply as this one. The film takes viewers to Arizona, directly on the border with Mexico, where the clash over America's future is palpable. It follows Wendy, whose asylum status is suddenly in jeopardy; Isabel, an activist fighting for the rights of migrants; José, a son of immigrants who nevertheless voted for Trump; and Michael, a MAGA supporter championing the president's policies.

## MEDITERRANEAN IN DANGER

*RIISING TEMPERATURES,  
INVADING SPECIES*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ, SRF

Unnoticed by millions of tourists who are drawn to the beautiful Mediterranean every year, life beneath the surface is changing dramatically. The Mediterranean Sea is reaching record temperatures, increasingly turning into tropical waters. This benefits invasive species such as the carnivorous bearded fireworm and the aggressive lionfish, which have spread explosively in the Mediterranean in recent years. These intruders not only threaten the fragile marine ecosystem, but also endanger the livelihoods of many coastal residents who depend on the sea.



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