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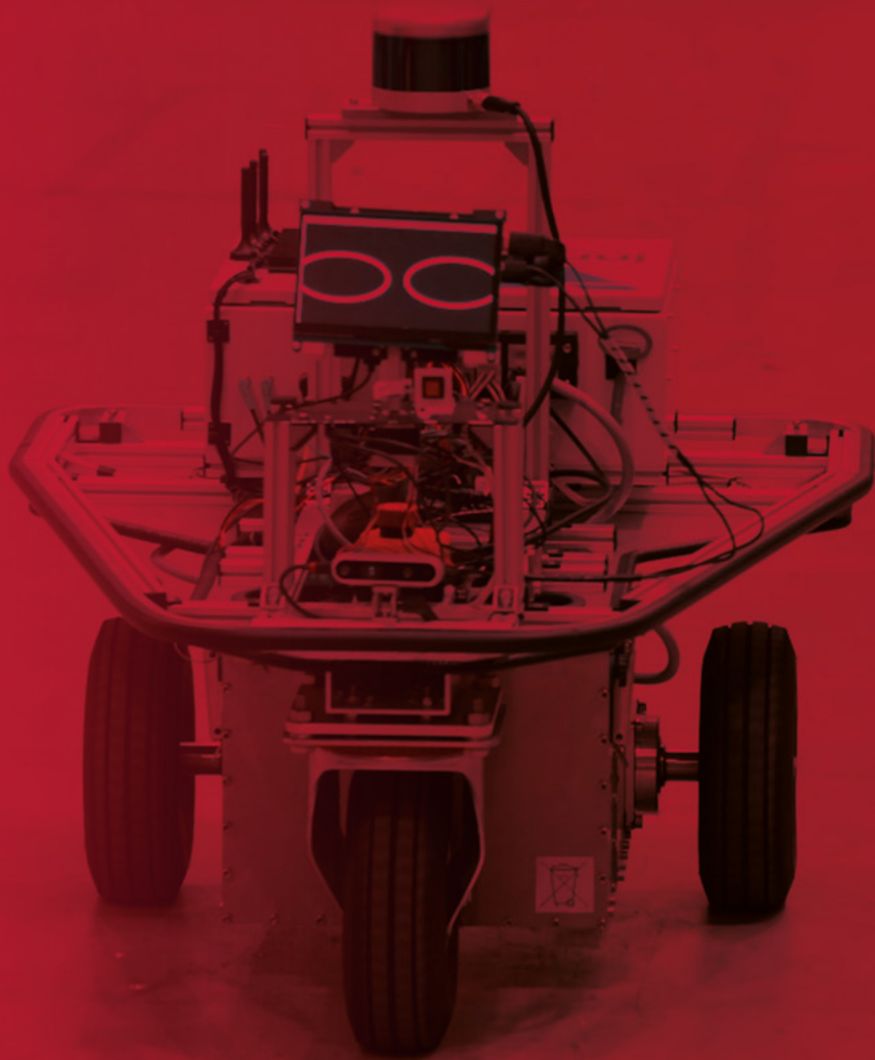
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# COME FLY WITH ME

*THE GOLDEN AGE OF AVIATION*

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

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In the late 1940s, thanks to technological advancements, pioneering spirit, and a touch of luxury, air travel transformed our world. The success story began in the 1920s with efforts to make the sky accessible to paying passengers. The first airlines consisted of daredevils in flying machines, but they quickly realized that passengers desired comfort, not thrills. After the Second World War, iconic aircraft like Lockheed's Super Constellation and Boeing's 707 became game changers. Travel had never been so fast, safe, or luxurious. Airlines competed to transport their passengers from one continent to another in the most comfortable manner. Airplanes became platforms for style, elegance, and opulence. The elite – successful businessmen, royals, statesmen, and show business stars – became the jet set.

80th Anniversary of the end of WW2

# AMERICAN SPY OR NAZI TRAITOR?

*The Untold Story of Eric Erickson*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Hoferichter & Jacobs, mdr, arte

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Eric Erickson is credited with providing intelligence on Nazi fuel production that may have shortened World War II. His story even inspired a Hollywood film. Yet, his legacy is fraught with contradictions. Even after the war had begun, he continued to conduct oil business with Nazi Germany, maintained contacts within the SS, and left behind letters riddled with inconsistencies. Who was Eric Erickson truly? This film embarks on a global quest for answers. In the United States, his great-nephew Joe Erickson sheds light on the man behind the legend. In Sweden, Maja Willner questions his reputation, while in Germany, Matthias Koch delves into his entanglements with the German oil industry. As archival photographs and documents are meticulously examined, a complex and multifaceted portrait emerges.



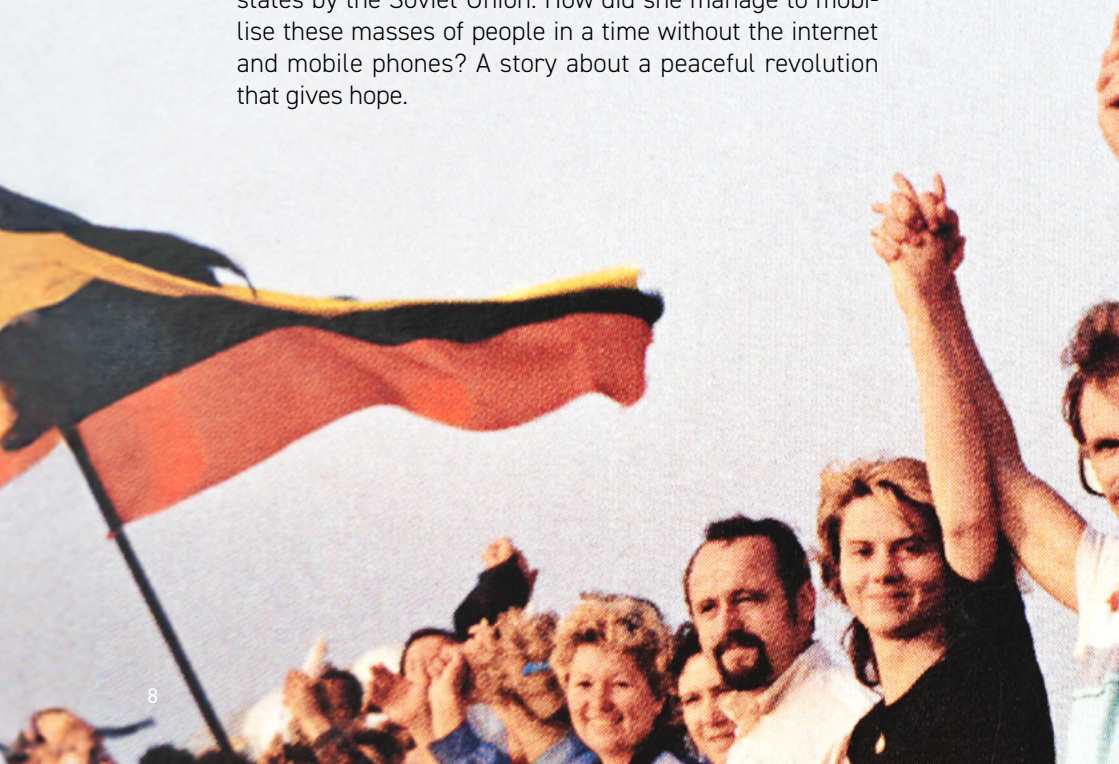
# THE BALTIC WAY

*A PEACEFUL PROTEST THAT CHANGED HISTORY*

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

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An almost forgotten story that is becoming topical again today against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine. A human chain more than 600 kilometres long in the Baltic states led to the independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in 1989. It was the longest-known human chain in history. This documentary film tells the story of how one woman, despite threats from Moscow, managed to bring two million people onto the streets and end the occupation of the Baltic states by the Soviet Union. How did she manage to mobilise these masses of people in a time without the internet and mobile phones? A story about a peaceful revolution that gives hope.







## HISTORY





# ELITE ESCAPES

*TRAILS OF FAME & FORTUNE*

6 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2021-2024  
Autentic Studios, ZDF, arte

Discover the most extraordinary destinations in the world – where history, glamour, and legends collide.

From the shimmering cliffs of the Amalfi Coast to the electric nights of Ibiza, from Havana's hidden secrets to the timeless allure of Marrakesh, and the icy elegance of St. Moritz, each episode takes you on an unforgettable journey. We explore iconic destinations around the world that have shaped culture and defined luxury. Discover the hidden stories behind the glamour, the legends that gave these places their soul, and the history woven into every corner.

**Episodes:**

1. Light & Glamour – History of the French Riviera
2. Love & Dolce Vita – History of the Amalfi Coast
3. Summits & High Society – History of St. Moritz
4. Legends & Luxury – History of Marrakesh
5. Rum & Revolution – History of Havana
6. Parties & Paradise – History of Ibiza



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# SECRETS OF ANCIENT STRUCTURES

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Release: Summer 2025  
Go Button Media for Autentic, Superchannel

Ancient civilizations erected structures that continue to inspire awe and wonder. But how did they do it? And what secrets lie hidden within the walls of these incredible monuments? Archaeological finds and new technologies reveal clues to long-enduring mysteries. How did the Celts build Newgrange to last, even through cataclysmic flooding? And how do Mayan pyramids like those found at El Castillo hold clues to an ancient civilization's advanced understanding of the cosmos? As ancient edifices reveal design almost beyond comprehension, does captivating geometry like that found at the Chand Baori stepwell hint at otherworldly interference? From the iconic arches of Rome's Colosseum, to a fortress perched atop a remote volcano in Sri Lanka; from the colossal stone sculptures that dot an island in the Pacific, to an iconic wall that spans a whole continent, and the glimmering pools of Angkor Wat, what ancient secrets can be revealed about the structures that have shaped our world?

## Episodes:

1. Secrets of the Shrines
2. Cosmic Alignment
3. Battling Giants
4. Volcanic Origins
5. Dealing With the Devil
6. Beyond the Tomb







# HISTORY'S X FILES

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

Where are the remains of Alexander the Great? And those of Cleopatra, Nefertiti, Julius Caesar, or Philip II of Macedon? The trails of many historical figures fade into the mist of time...

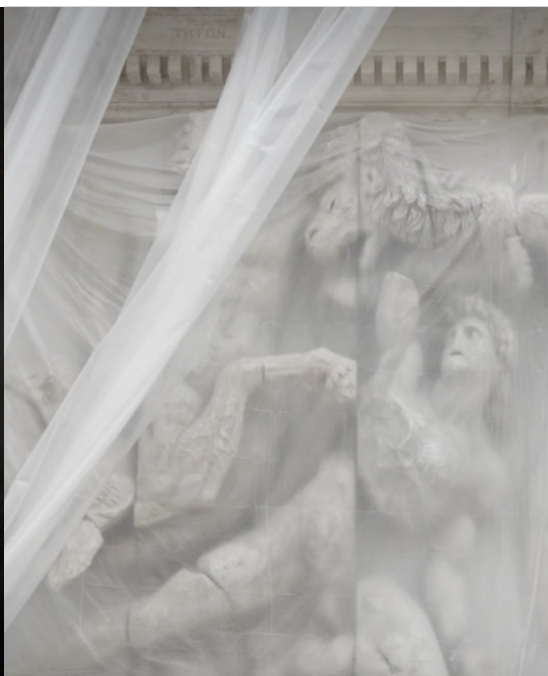
This historical series delves into the mysteries of history, legends, myths, and unresolved secrets. Each episode is presented from a contemporary perspective, with the scientific and historical rigor the story deserves, narrated by experts and renowned archaeologists and researchers. Where are those ancient history heroes that remain missing? We will seek answers.

## Episodes:

1. Alexander the Great: The Lost Heroe
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



## HISTORY







# WHO OWNS HISTORY?

*THE BATTLE OVER CULTURAL HERITAGE*

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2021-2024  
Medea Film Factory, ZDF, arte

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From the bust of Nefertiti to the Pergamon Altar, from Berlin's Quadriga to Cameroon's lost throne – priceless cultural treasures shape national identities and spark heated debates about ownership and restitution. In this documentary series, acclaimed art historian and looted art expert Bénédicte Savoy embarks on a journey to uncover the hidden histories of world-famous artifacts now displayed in Berlin. How did they get there? Were they acquired legally, or through deception, coercion, or colonial power dynamics?

**Episodes:**

1. Nefertiti – To Whom Belongs This Beauty?
2. Pergamon Altar – A Looted Monument?
3. Brandenburg Gate – The Untold Story of Berlin's Quadriga
4. Mandu Yenu – The Stolen Throne?

## HISTORY





# WHAT WENT WRONG V

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

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Season 5 of this popular long-running, adrenaline-fueled series dives deep into six recent catastrophes, including deadly maritime disasters, engineering failures, and climate-related tragedies.

Each disaster is retold through survivors and first responders, as well as engineering experts who help make sense of the machines that went mad: high tech infallible constructions that suffered catastrophic failure through engineering errors that were wholly preventable.

## Episodes:

1. Titan Submarine Implosion
2. Bayesian Super Yacht Sinking
3. Pylos Migrant Boat
4. Valencia Tower Fire (Delivery: Summer 2025)
5. Europe's Deadly Floods (Delivery: Summer 2025)
6. Baltimore Bridge Collapse (Delivery: Summer 2025)

# RIEFENSTAHL

115' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Vincent Productions, WDR, NDR, BR,  
SWR, rbb, Rai Cinema

Leni Riefenstahl is considered one of the most controversial women of the 20th century. Her films TRIUMPH OF THE WILL and OLYMPIA stand for perfectly staged body worship and the celebration of the superior and victorious. At the same time, these images project contempt for the imperfect and weak. Riefenstahl's aesthetics are more present than ever today - but is that also true for their implied message? The film examines this question using documents from Riefenstahl's estate, including private films, photos, recordings and letters. It uncovers fragments of her biography and places them in an extended historical context. How could Riefenstahl become the Reich's preeminent filmmaker and keep denying any closer ties to Hitler and Goebbels? In personal documents, she mourns her "murdered ideals". Riefenstahl represents many postwar Germans who, in letters and recorded telephone calls from her estate, dream of an organizing hand that will finally clean up the "shit-hole state". Then, her work would also experience a renaissance, in a generation or two this time could come - what if they are right?

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MOSTRA INTERNAZIONALE  
D'ARTE CINEMATOGRAFICA  
LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA 2024  
Official Selection

Telluride  
Film Festival

# FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT

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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.



# FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT







20 new episodes by 2027!

# MORLOCK MOTORS

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

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Vehicles, machines, airplanes, military equipment: "Morlock Motors" is Europe's largest US goods dealer.

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. From dusty military bases in Hawaii, where they disassemble Humvees, to a dream flight in a Eurofighter, every episode unveils a new adventure. 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.

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# OPERATION AFRICA

*THE RACE FOR  
TOMORROW'S RESOURCES*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Streetsfilm, HR, arte

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As the EU pushes towards climate neutrality by 2050, it's locked in a geopolitical race with China for access to precious resources. The green future comes at a price, and many of the raw materials needed are sourced from crisis regions in Africa. So far, China has taken the lead, but Europe is eager to catch up, promising fairer conditions to African countries than the authoritarian competition from Asia. Yet, not all are thrilled with the idea of former colonial powers returning to hunt for resources. Between jungle and rainforest, the green future is quickly becoming a fierce geopolitical race, raising ethical and environmental concerns that deeply affect local communities. From illegal cobalt mining in the Congo to controversial green hydrogen projects in Namibia, this documentary exposes the untold realities of Europe's clean energy ambitions, revealing the complex trade-offs between progress and exploitation.





# SHADOW ECONOMIES

*THE SECRET LIFELINE OF CAPITALISM?*

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025  
Kick Film, BR, arte, FFF Bayern

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Worldwide, one in two people works in the informal economy and the trend is rising.

In the countries of the “Global South”, insecure, unregulated employment relationships in the shadow economy have always been the bitter norm. But even in the western industrialized countries, the proportion of people with a “standard employment relationship”, with clear rules for working hours, vacation and insurance against illness and old age, is falling. What are the causes of this development and what are the prospects? What will the future of work look like? Will informal work become the new norm? And what is it like to live in this precarious, informal normality?

CURRENT AFFAIRS





# DESERTED

*EUROPE'S DEADLY MIGRATION POLICY*

52' (ENG, GER), 45' (GER) | 2024

BR, Deutsche Welle, NDR, Lighthouse Reports

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Refugees are abandoned in the desert and left to die: the deadly cost of Europe's migration policy.

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 and caused dozens of deaths. Drawing on over a year of research by renowned international media partners, the film reveals, for the first time, exclusive footage captured at great risk, showing how EU partners such as Tunisia and Morocco 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.



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# HOT ROADS IV



*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. Anyone traveling on the most dangerous roads in the world is taking a risk, however beautiful the view may be. No map shows the obstacles and what the routes actually look like. Road conditions can change from day to day, from hour to hour. But where danger lurks, beauty is not far away.

#### Episodes:

1. From Colombia's Caribbean Coast to the Desert (Delivery: Summer 2025)
2. Guinea's Adventurous Trade Routes | 3. Pakistan's Karakoram Highway (Delivery: Summer 2025)
4. Madeira's Wild Mountain Roads | 5. Turkey's Notorious D915
6. Through Patagonia on Chile's Carretera Austral (Delivery: Summer 2025)







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Season 3 coming in Summer 2025

# THE MAGICAL WORLD OF SPICES II

4 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
Moers Media, ZDF, arte

Their scents are familiar, but their origins hold untold stories. Join us on a journey across continents and discover a world of flavors, shaped by nature, tradition, and scientific insight. From the coriander fields of Portugal to the chili-growing deserts of Arizona, the sun-drenched landscapes of Cyprus and Turkey, each flavor has a rich history waiting to be uncovered. Explore the everyday culture of each region, and gain insight into the production, processing, and knowledge of these spices. Experience the beauty and splendor of nature, from wildlife to plant life, as we uncover how nature and craftsmanship come together to shape the spices that define our kitchens.

#### Episodes:

1. Coriander from Portugal
2. Marjoram from Cyprus
3. Chili from Arizona
4. Cumin from Turkey





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# WHEELS FOR THE WILD

*SERENGETI'S MASTER MECHANICS*

45' (ENG, GER) | 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.





# BEYOND THE SLOPES

*ALPINE CHALLENGES*

5 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2023 - 2025 | NZZ

The Alps are more than just a winter wonderland – they are a crossroads where tradition, nature, and modern challenges collide. This series takes viewers deep into the heart of Europe's most famous mountain range uncovering the critical issues that define its future. From the effects of climate change on winter tourism to the growing danger of rockslides, from the extremes of mountaineering to the financial forces transforming iconic landscapes, this series highlights both the triumphs and struggles of those who call the Alps home.

**Episodes:**

1. Winter Tourism in the Alps – Between Euphoria and Distress
2. Snow Machines: Battling Climate Change on the Slopes
3. Rockslides: A Growing Threat in the Alps
4. The Ultimate Alpine Challenge: 82 Peaks in 51 Days
5. Swiss Mountains for Sale: The Investor Takeover

A red Swiss Alpine train is shown traveling through a snowy mountain landscape. The train is moving along a track that is bordered by a wooden fence. The background features snow-covered mountains and a clear blue sky. The train has a white roof and a red body with white accents. The number '3508' is visible on the front of the train.

# THROUGH SNOW & ICE

*SWISS ALPINE RAIL JOURNEYS*

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

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A train journey through snow-covered valleys, towering peaks, and stunning alpine landscapes. Embark on a breathtaking rail journey through Switzerland's winter wonderland, 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

# SCIENCE . TECHNOLOGY

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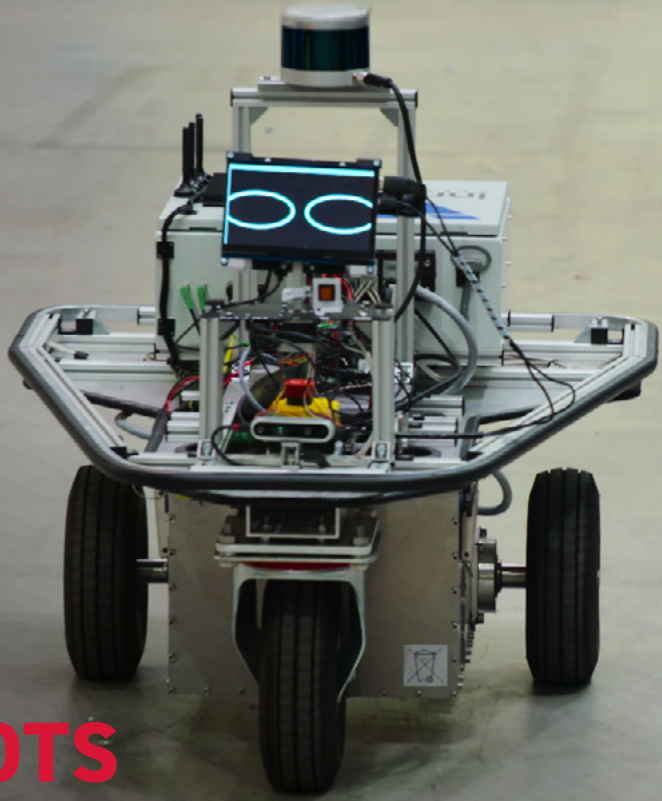
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# AI-ROBOTS

*SMART WAREHOUSE LOGISTICS*

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



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Autonomous robots are revolutionizing warehouse logistics – gradually replacing humans in the material flow of the future.

Smart warehouse systems and innovative AI solutions are driving unprecedented speed, safety, and efficiency in global intralogistics. This documentary offers exclusive insights into 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. The market for robotics and AI in warehouse logistics is growing rapidly and becoming a key economic driver. 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.



# PANAMA CITY



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# THE SUM OF ALL CITIES

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

This series is a fascinating and fast-paced tour around the world. Far-reaching research, stunning graphics, along with extraordinary storytelling, reveal cities made unique by their own measurements, people and places intricately and intrinsically connected by everyday numbers. Population, cost of living, crime rate, area size, death and birth rate, temperature, GDP... Because behind those numbers, you'll find a fascinating 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
- [Your City here!](#)



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# SCIENCE OF HOPE

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

This is the very question at the heart of SCIENCE OF HOPE. Together, we explore how scientific insights, combined with the personal stories of those who refuse to give up, can inspire resilience and change. SCIENCE OF HOPE offers viewers compelling reasons to keep fighting for a better world. Among our main protagonists is world-renowned UN Messenger of Peace and bestselling author Dr. Jane Goodall, whose work embodies the power of hope in action.

*"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."*  
– Jane Goodall



# SCIENCE OF HOPE

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# A HEART ON DEMAND?

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

Groundbreaking advancements in transplantation medicine are emerging amidst a global shortage of donor organs.

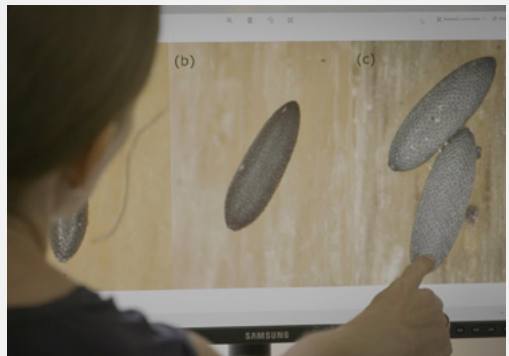
With over 8,400 patients in Germany alone awaiting life-saving transplants, the film delves into innovative solutions that could redefine organ donation. At Berlin's Charité hospital, Dr. Eriselda Keshi pioneers Tissue Engineering, transforming animal organs into human-compatible replacements. In Japan, 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?

# THE ONE HEALTH APPROACH

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
Langbein & Partner, ORF, 3sat,  
VAM, Fernsehfonds Austria,  
Filmfonds Wien

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The health of humans, animals and the environment is closely interlinked and must be considered as a whole. If this balance is upset, diseases can arise that are transmitted from animals to humans and can develop into epidemics. Researchers from all over the world are currently working on an approach to deal with this problem - the so-called One Health approach. Human health can no longer be viewed in isolation. Animals and humans share habitats, climatic and environmental conditions - and many pathogens.



# POWERFUL GENES

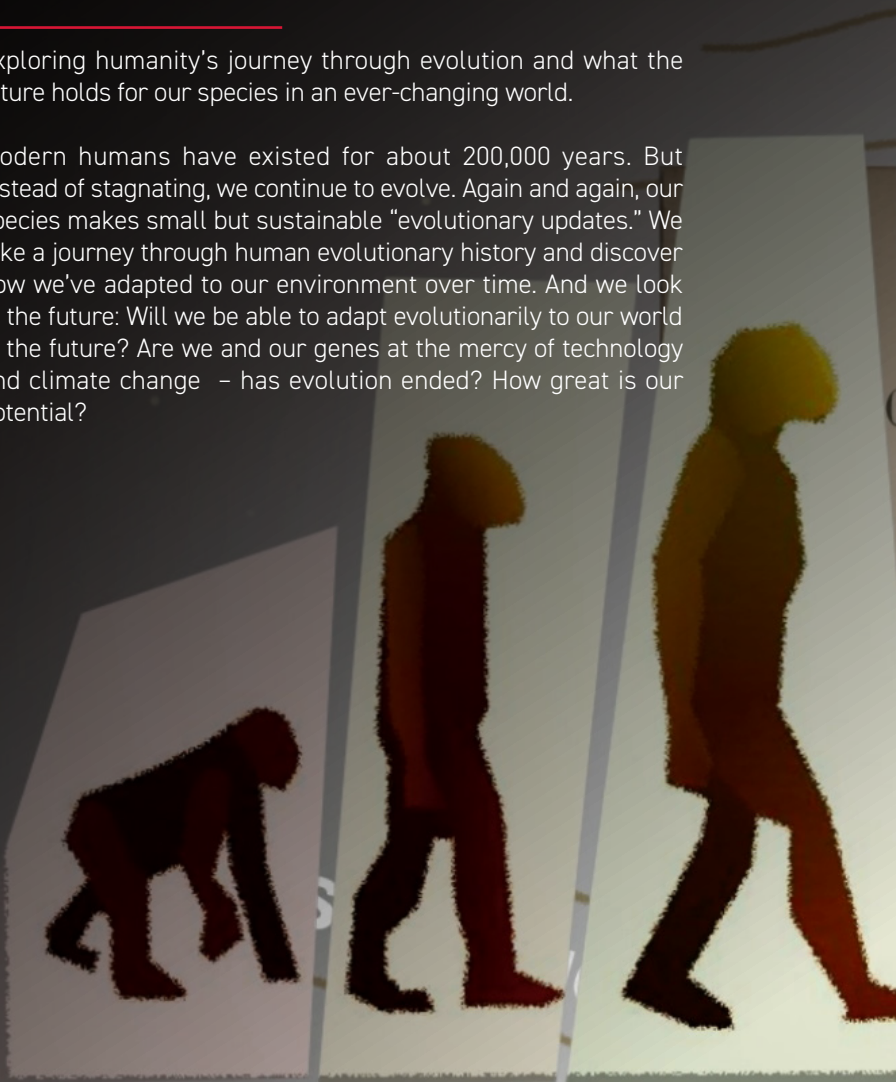
*THE MIRACLE OF HUMAN ADAPTATION*

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

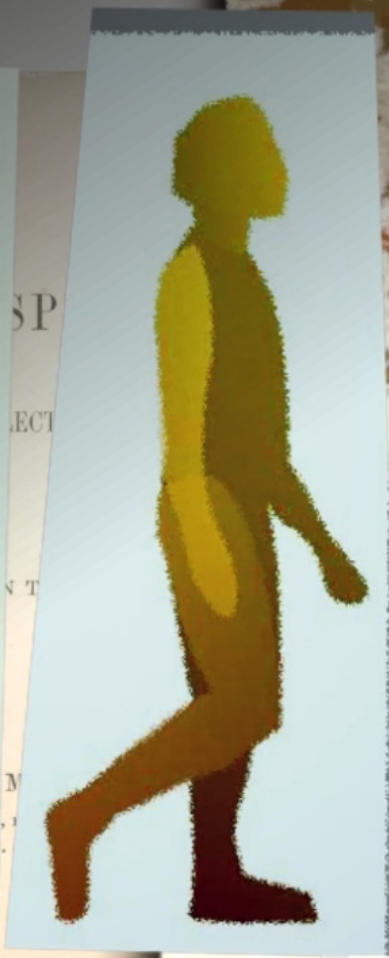
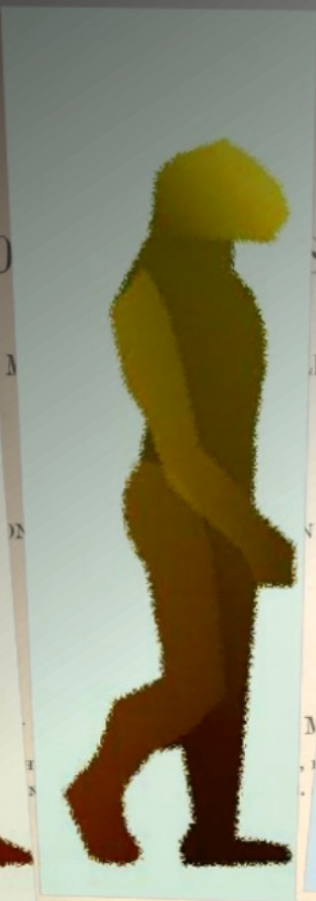
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Exploring humanity's journey through evolution and what the future holds for our species in an ever-changing world.

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? How great is our potential?







# THE ART OF BREATHING

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | WDR

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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, who trains professional athletes. Freediver Anna-Karina Schmitt dives over 80 meters deep on a single breath and recently 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: our own breath.



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# THE ANIMAL WITHIN 2

6 × 52' (ENG, GER)

Release: December 2025

Go Button Media for Autentic,  
Super Channel

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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. 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



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# TITANS OF DEFENSE

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
Go Button Media for Autentic, 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
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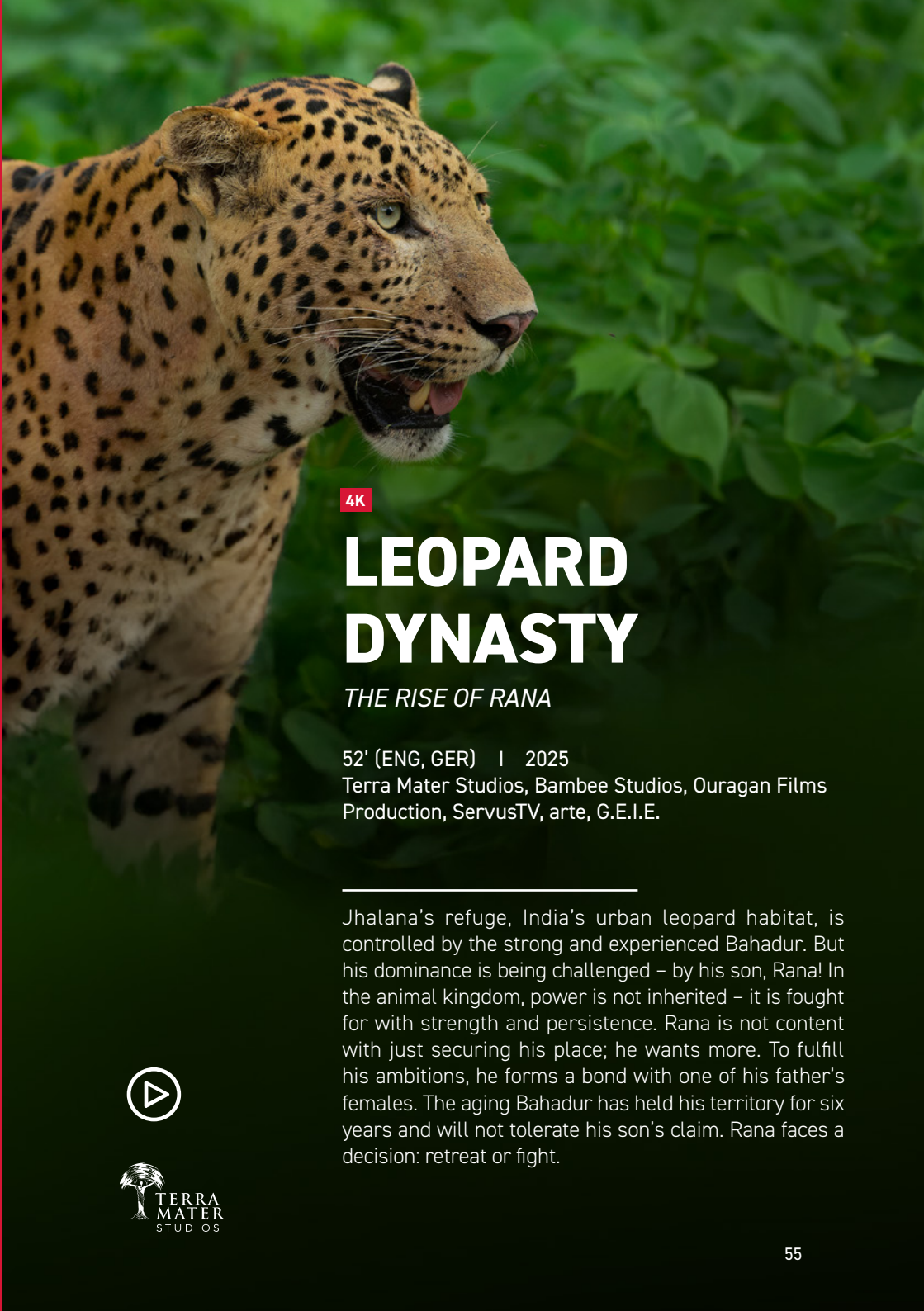
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# LEOPARD DYNASTY

*THE RISE OF RANA*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Terra Mater Studios, Bambee Studios, Ouragan Films  
Production, ServusTV, arte, G.E.I.E.



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Jhalana's refuge, India's urban leopard habitat, is controlled by the strong and experienced Bahadur. But his dominance is being challenged – by his son, Rana! In the animal kingdom, power is not inherited – it is fought for with strength and persistence. Rana is not content with just securing his place; he wants more. To fulfill his ambitions, he forms a bond with one of his father's females. The aging Bahadur has held his territory for six years and will not tolerate his son's claim. Rana faces a decision: retreat or fight.





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# PANGOLIN

*JOURNEY TO FREEDOM*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | Terra Mater Studios,  
Silver Bullet Films Production, Servus TV,  
The WNET Group

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Here is the story of Kosha, an orphaned Temminck's, or ground pangolin, from Zimbabwe. She's a small, harmless, scaly, ant-eating mammal with a ridiculously long tongue. Kosha was rescued from poachers in 2017 and taken to the Tikki Hywood Foundation when she was a pup. Here she was raised by caring humans and released back into the wild. Now fully grown, Kosha offers her main carers, Lisa, Ellen and Luke, a rare glimpse into her secret life. So little is known about pangolins in the wild. Six years of ups and downs – of life and death situations, of previously unknown pangolin behaviour culminating in the birth of her first pup, give Lisa, Ellen and Luke the clues they need to fill in some of the missing gaps in pangolin science. And those revelations will make a big difference to the liberation and survival of the many rescued pangolins to follow.







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# EL SALVADOR

*OF CRATERS AND COASTS*

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

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El Salvador is the smallest country in Central America and its last secret natural and animal paradise. The large national parks are home to uniquely green volcanic craters and turquoise-blue crater lakes rich in fish. From the north to the central plateau to the south, with its black coast and lava-formed coral reef, El Salvador is a true wildlife and natural discovery. Fantastic landscapes of savannas, forest-covered high mountains, cloud and rain forests and mangrove areas underline the diversity of this small country. The documentary shows how pumas are resettling in El Salvador, crocodiles lay eggs in the mangroves, the green sea turtle is observed in its reproduction and rattle snakes, spider monkeys and yellow-naped parrots find their natural habitats here.





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# THE ISLAND OF GIANTS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025  
Atlantic Ridge Productions, RTP

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Whale sharks: mysterious visitors shaping an island's future.

This inspiring story shows how a single marine species can impact the economy and society of Santa Maria, one of the smallest islands in the Azores. It is the only place in Europe where large numbers of whale sharks are sighted, yet their migration remains a mystery. They appear surrounded by thousands of tunas. Could global warming be at the origin of the recent appearance of this marine species on the island?







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# LAKE LIFE

*SECRETS BENEATH THE SURFACE*

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | nautilusfilm,  
ARD, WDR, arte, NDR, SWR, ORF

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Dive into the deep blue and explore some of Germany's most captivating lakes! From pristine mountain lakes to mysterious volcanic craters, this documentary uncovers hidden underwater worlds and geological wonders. Using state-of-the-art underwater cameras and drones, the team discovers unique ecosystems and species, such as crabs in a lake that sometimes vanishes, sulfur-eating bacteria that give certain lakes a striking purple color and the romantic lives of Bitterlings. Surprising historical artifacts also emerge, revealing human presence beneath the surface.



**Episodes:** 1. Lakes of the Mountains | 2. Lakes of the Coasts





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# SAVÉ VALLEY

*A WILD MIRACLE*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2025

Azor producciones, RTVE

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Wildlife returns to thrive in a vast wilderness, restored to its former glory. In Zimbabwe, there lies a vast valley that, after generations of agricultural and livestock farming has seen its natural environment restored to its original state. The land has been revitalized, and thousands of animals have been relocated from other parks, marking the most extraordinary translocation project of large animals ever undertaken in the world. Now, wild dogs, elephants, rhinos, lions, hyenas, and many other species once again reign over the valley. We will capture their lives, their remarkable survival techniques, and their adaptation to their new home spanning nearly 400,000 hectares. This is Savé Valley, a wild miracle.



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# NATURE'S RETURN

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV

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Is everything constantly changing, or is there more to it? The natural world appears to be governed by constant change, with life full of unexpected twists and turns. Whether influenced by humans or not, progress often seems inevitable. But is this truly the case? A closer look at life's intricate networks reveals that nature can reverse course, filled with interconnected cycles and patterns that make life on Earth both possible and miraculous.





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# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

2 × 52', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Terra Mater Studios, federvieh, ServusTV, NDR/arte

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Cities are like living organisms. When balanced, they keep their inhabitants – humans, animals, and plants – happy. Out of balance, they suffer, impacting all who live there.

Today's challenges put cities under a lot of pressure. What are the consequences of rapid urbanisation for biodiversity, cities' ecosystems, and people's health? And how can we keep cities healthy? 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. White-footed mice in New York can now digest fast food instead of whole grains. Hedgehogs or sand lizards have disappeared from the agricultural landscape, and have found their home in the diverse mosaic of private gardens.

Intriguing behavioural animal stories, sublime city shots, and the exciting projects of proficient scientists will reveal amazing connections in an entertaining way and give us a new look at life in our cities.

**Episodes:**

1. Metropolitan Wildlife
2. Urban Refuges





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# 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



# THE WORLD IN 30 MINUTES

230 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2016-2024 | 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.



## HEALING THE BLIND

*THE HIMALAYAN EYE SURGEON*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | NZZ

Nepalese eye surgeon Dr. Sanduk Ruit is considered a pioneer in the treatment of cataracts. With his revolutionary surgical technique, he has already restored sight to more than 130,000 patients in the global South. Coming from the humblest of backgrounds, the 70-year-old has made it his life's mission to provide high-quality surgery to even the poorest of people - even those for whom the nearest hospital is out of reach. His next quest takes him and his team to the extremely remote Dolpo region in Nepal.





## AI AFTERLIFE

*VOICES FROM THE DIGITAL BEYOND*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | NZZ

"I want to abolish death. No one should ever really have to say goodbye," says Justin Harrison, founder of 'You, Only Virtual'. His app enables the bereaved to communicate with virtual clones of their deceased loved ones - via text message or even by phone call. What sounded like science fiction just a few years ago is now reality. For J. R. Adams, the virtual exchange is a way of allowing his mother to continue to be part of his life. Jason and Melissa Gowin, both seriously ill, create virtual doubles of themselves so that their children can actively maintain memories of them after their death. But there are also critical voices...



## THE FORGOTTEN TEMPLES OF TIBET

*RESTORING MUSTANG'S LOST HERITAGE*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | NZZ

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. Only recently has the restoration of its monasteries 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: to preserve Mustang's cultural heritage for future generations

*52' version coming this fall.*

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