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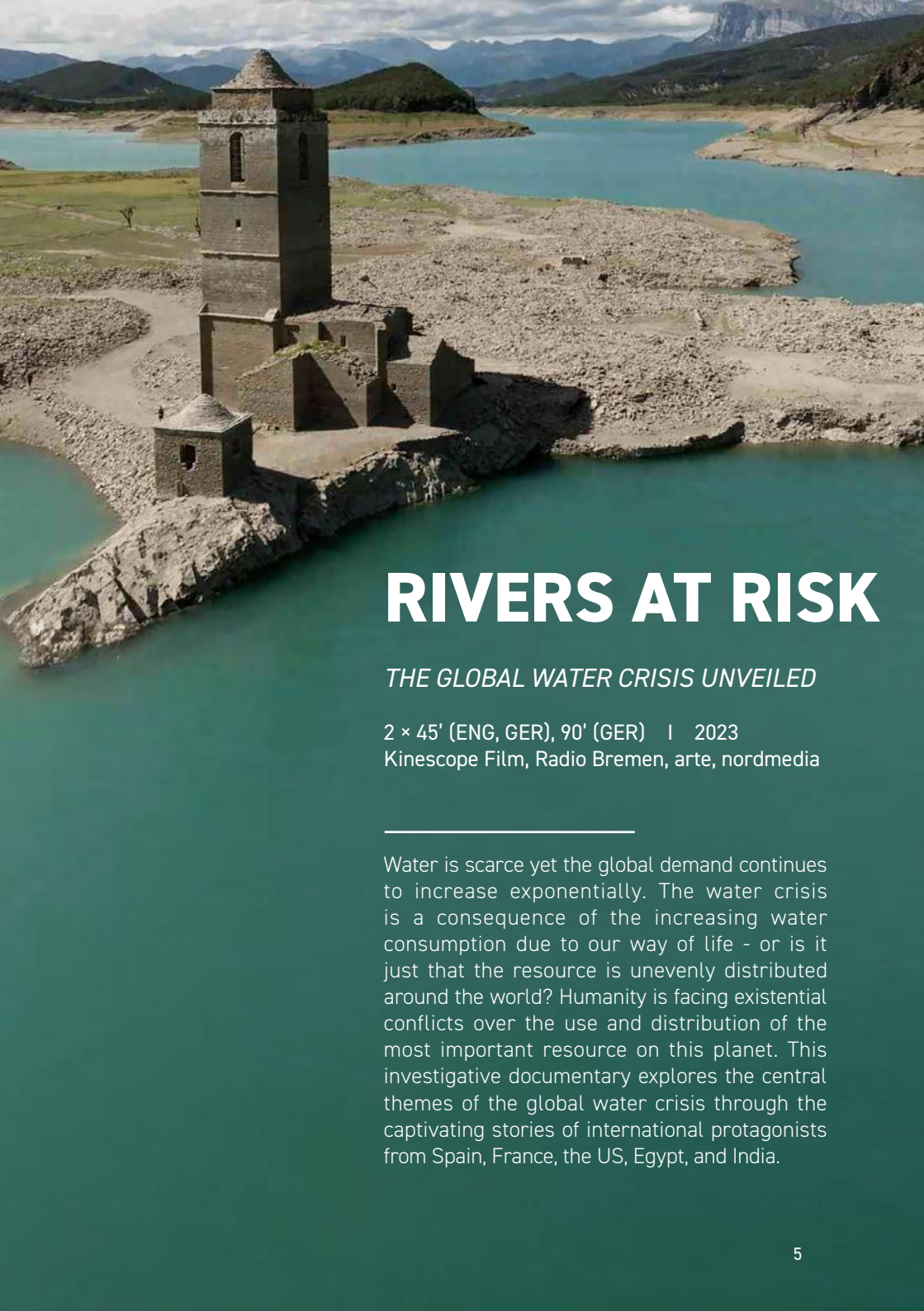
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# RIVERS AT RISK

*THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS UNVEILED*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER), 90' (GER) | 2023  
Kinescope Film, Radio Bremen, arte, nordmedia

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Water is scarce yet the global demand continues to increase exponentially. The water crisis is a consequence of the increasing water consumption due to our way of life - or is it just that the resource is unevenly distributed around the world? Humanity is facing existential conflicts over the use and distribution of the most important resource on this planet. This investigative documentary explores the central themes of the global water crisis through the captivating stories of international protagonists from Spain, France, the US, Egypt, and India.



A tank is shown from a low angle, moving along a dirt road. The tank's long barrel is prominent, extending from the left side of the frame towards the right. Dust is kicked up by the tank's tracks, creating a hazy atmosphere. The background consists of a line of green trees under a clear blue sky.

75th Anniversary of the NATO

# 75 YEARS OF NATO

*NEW CHALLENGES AND CHANCES*

52' (ENG, GER), 90' (GER) | 2024

Hoferichter & Jacobs, ARD, arte, Deutsche Welle

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The peace dividend after the end of the Cold War has been used up. In the 75th year of its existence, the NATO and its member countries are undergoing a profound self-discovery. The confrontation with Russia, which has been looming since 2014 has turned into open hostility with the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in February 2022. The film recounts the balance of the military alliance, which has undergone massive changes since the fall of the Iron Curtain. Is the alliance prepared to defend itself and, above all, how stable is it in the face of the very different interests of its members?

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# NUKEMAILING

*NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AT STATE LEVEL*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Heroes Docs, DOCDAYS Productions, arte

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This is the story of how Russia blackmails the world with threats of nuclear weapons and terrorism at nuclear power plants during its invasion of Ukraine. Delve into the dark world of nuclear weapons and their use as a tool of terror. Through never-before-seen footage and interviews with experts and key players, we explore how nuclear power has become a dangerous game in the hands of rogue states like Russia. With the vulnerability of civil nuclear infrastructure, as well as the global threat of nuclear weapons the stakes have never been higher. This is an intertwining of personal and global stories that reveal the chilling truth about the world's nuclear safety and what needs to be done to protect us all.





## **POLAND ON THE FRONTLINE** *BETWEEN CONFIDENCE AND CONCERN*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | Cardomedia, WDR

"We have to be able to defend ourselves, we have already experienced not being helped before", - these are phrases you can often hear in Poland at the moment. Since Russia's war of aggression, Poland has been a frontline state and has also taken on a new role in the world: it pushed ahead when it came to supplying heavy weapons to Ukraine and wants to build the largest army in Europe. The threats are palpable in the country. How could a misguided Ukrainian anti-aircraft missile hit the small village of Przewodów? What danger is posed by the Wagner group stationed in Belarus? And could the threat from Belarus ultimately be even more dangerous for Poland than the Russian war in Ukraine?

## **MARIUPOL. OCCUPATION.**

52' (ENG) | 2023 | OUP Documentary

This is Andriy's story, and Mariupol is his hometown. In the spring of 2022, the whole world watched live as Russian troops destroyed the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, bearing witness to the suffering endured by those unfortunate enough to be present during the blockade. Andriy was born and brought up in Mariupol. His mother died there during the blockade last year. Andriy still hasn't been able to visit her grave - Mariupol and its surroundings have been under occupation for a year now. How does this city live? Who is left in it? What have the invaders done to Mariupol and its people?

# MAASTRICHT

*THE TREATY THAT  
CHANGED EUROPE*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Hoferichter & Jacobs, MDR, arte



Thirty years ago, the European Community was transformed into the European Union with the Treaty of Maastricht. The Treaty introduced European citizenship, laid the foundation for the single market, and prepared for the introduction of the Euro. Today, the EU is crumbling. National-conservative parties are stirring up opposition to the idea of a unified Europe, even advocating its dissolution. The documentary tells the story from the point of view of a generation that has grown up with a unified Europe and goes on a journey across the continent to explore the legacy of Maastricht. The route leads from Portugal in the far west of Europe to the eastern border of the EU.





# BLOOD, SWEAT & GREENS

*THE EXPLOITATION  
OF EUROPE'S  
HARVEST WORKERS*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
berlin producers, NEDA Films, SP-I,  
WDR, arte, SRF, SVT, SRT Media

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We enjoy a year-round supply of cheap fruits and vegetables in our supermarkets - but how are the working conditions of the farmworkers who harvest them for us? This documentary traces the greens from our shopping cart to the farmland in Europe and exposes the systematic exploitation of harvest workers, especially migrants. How does the fruit and vegetable system and its trade chains work? What are the real costs of the products we buy? What should a kilo of exploitation-free tomatoes cost? The film does not only investigate the issues but also explores potential alternatives and engages in conversations with farmers committed to cultivating fruits and vegetables without exploiting their farm workers.

# HOW DEMOCRACIES

# DIE

**THE ROAD TO  
ILLIBERAL DEMOCRACY**



Pipeline

# HOW DEMOCRACIES DIE

*THE ROAD TO ILLIBERAL DEMOCRACY*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | Release: Fall 2024  
Autentic, 3sat

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The state of Europe is bad, to say the least. Almost everywhere, right-wing populists are coming ever closer to power or have already taken it over. The “illiberal democracy”, as the Hungarian head of government Viktor Orbán calls his political system, threatens to become the future model for many countries. The fatal thing about this is that we do not realize, or only seem to realize, that a state is becoming autocratic, reactionary or even a dictatorship when it is almost too late. In this two-part documentary, we will look at Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands and France, four countries that have already embarked on the path to illiberal democracy. What were or are the strategies used in these countries to destroy democracy - even if not outwardly? What topics are used, what words are chosen, what facades are put up? And do these steps possibly also serve as a blueprint for other countries?

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# EUROPE'S ANCIENT MEGASITES

*MYSTERY OF A LOST  
CIVILIZATION*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Caligari Entertainment, NDR,  
arte, Caligari International

6,000 years ago, it was a large, wealthy, and modern metropolis in the Eurasian steppe with over 10,000 inhabitants. But from one day to the next, the city mysteriously disappeared. The inhabitants of these ancient megasites practiced intensive agriculture on fertile soils, developed crafts, and had a well-functioning social structure. Then, inexplicably, they burned down their houses and the megasites were abandoned. Did the inhabitants fall victim to a plague? Did the climate change so that they could no longer feed their inhabitants? Or did violence and wars lead to their decline? Through targeted excavations, an international research team is looking for answers.









# BLACK EAGLES

6 × 52' (ENG) | 2024 | Millstream Films and Media,  
SPIEGEL Geschichte

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The aircraft was the ultimate machine in the Nazi and Fascist ideologies. Flying represented the purest heroism; machines of steel speeding through the sky symbolised the authoritarian ethos. This is the story of how the six finest Axis fighters came to life. Great engineers pushed themselves and their engineering teams to extremes to provide Nazi and Fascist leaders with the fastest high-performance fighters the world had ever seen. They were up against the greatest industrial nations - the United States and the United Kingdom, and yet they managed to provide their evil masters with technology that held the balance.

#### Episodes:

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

# HISTORY





# WHAT WENT WRONG IV

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Millstream  
Films and Media, SPIEGEL Geschichte

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Every disaster unveils a human failure, and within the narratives of the two ferry disasters explored in this series, there lies a compelling blend of mystery and scandal. Negligence led to the tragic loss of hundreds of lives in both an inexplicable plane crash and an environmental catastrophe claiming the lives of a dozen climbers, alongside a train derailment shrouded in darkness. What links these tragedies together is the subsequent web of cover-ups and finger-pointing. This series delves into the shortcomings of large organizations, where the pursuit of adequate control proves costly, and corners are too frequently cut in the name of saving resources.

## Episodes:

1. The Tempe Train Crash (Greece)
2. Marmolada Glacier Collapse (Italy)
3. Moby Prince (Italy)
4. Germanwings Crash (France)
5. Estonia Ferry Disaster (Estonia)
6. Nordstream 2 Sabotage (Baltic Sea)



# CAPITAL B WHO OWNS BERLIN?

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PRIZE  
NOMINATION





35 Years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall

# CAPITAL B

*WHO OWNS BERLIN?*

5 × 52' (ENG) | 2023

Port au Prince Film & Kultur Produktion,  
Fruitmarket, arte, rbb, WDR

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The exciting and entertaining story of how Berlin became the city it is today. Let yourself be amazed by this gem of a documentary series! A chronicle of housing and life in the metropolis, East-West tensions, urban dreams and nightmares. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Berlin has taken many detours to transform itself from a rather provincial city into a global metropolis that today resembles both a boomtown and an ungovernable zone. It is a story of idealism and megalomania, of activism and the power of capital, of social advancement and exclusion. CAPITAL B takes us into the slipstream of a unique city and into the battles that have been waged passionately and relentlessly in Berlin for thirty years over one question: Who owns this city?

**Episodes:**

1. Summer of Anarchy | 2. Delusion of Grandeur | 3. Crash
4. Poor, but Sexy | 5. The City as Loot



50th Anniversary of Oskar Schindler's Death

# EMILIE SCHINDLER

*WOMAN IN THE SHADOW*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Tangram International, BR, arte, FFF Bayern

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This is the story about a forgotten heroine, without whom the story of her husband, Oskar Schindler, would be told differently today. Since Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List", the whole world knows the story of Oskar Schindler, the German factory owner who saved over a thousand Jews during the Nazi era. But hardly anyone knows that Oskar Schindler saved the Jews together with his wife Emilie. How can it be that she bravely risked her life for others and at the same time failed to free herself from a toxic relationship with her husband for decades? The film explores this question from different perspectives throughout time and tells the story of how Oskar Schindler becomes a celebrated hero and Emilie Schindler dies impoverished and almost unknown in 2001.



80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Paris

# A PRIEST'S DIARY

*THE EXECUTED OF OCCUPIED PARIS*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Kinescope Film, NDR, arte, Nordmedia

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

# BRANDEN- BURG GATE

The image shows the Berlin Quadriga, a sculpture of a chariot pulled by four horses, topped with a winged figure holding a wheel. It is silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky with orange, red, and purple hues. The sculpture is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the page, with the title text overlaid on the left side.

*THE UNTOLD STORY OF BERLIN'S  
QUADRIGA*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2022  
Medea Film Factory, ZDF,  
arte, nordmedia

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The Berlin Quadriga of the Brandenburg Gate underwent a remarkable transformation from a symbol of peace to a triumphant monument. How did it come about that it was first taken from Berlin to Paris as a war trophy by Napoleon, but then forgotten in a depot and almost stayed in Paris forever? It was only during this period of involuntary absence that the work of art became a symbol of Prussia and of the victory over France. The Brandenburg Gate was transformed into a hotspot of German history. Time and again, the horse and carriage has been the focus of attention, as stolen goods, as a backdrop for imperial parades and Nazi marches as well as a symbol during the Cold War and the frenzy of reunification.





# FROM CRADLE TO STATE CARE

*EAST GERMANY'S SOCIALIST  
NURSERY SYSTEM*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2021  
Tellux-Film Dresden, MDR, Federal  
Foundation for the Study of the  
Communist Dictatorship in East  
Germany

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The GDR in the mid-50s. A 6-day week is in force. The young socialist republic needs workers, especially women. But what to do with the many babies when the mothers have to go back to work just six weeks after giving birth? The idea that saves the day seems simple and efficient at the same time: weekly nurseries are created. Anyone can now drop their child off at one of these facilities from 5 a.m. on Monday morning and pick it up again around 6 p.m. on Friday. The former nursery children take us back to the past and tell us about the fears they still carry with them today. A pediatric psychiatrist, an ethicist, an educationalist and a social scientist shed scientific light on the 40-year history of the GDR nurseries and examine the consequences for those affected.

# PERGAMON ALTAR

*A LOOTED MONUMENT?*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023

Medea Film Factory, ZDF, arte, Nordmedia

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In 1864, a German engineer discovered the remains of a lost wonder of the world, the Altar of Pergamon, in the west of the Ottoman Empire. Berlin wanted what was left for its Museum Island, and got it! The replica in the Pergamon Museum continues to impress visitors to this day. The documentary accompanies art historian and looted art expert Bénédicte Savoy on her research: Did the reliefs once come to Germany through political pressure and bribery?



# GOLDEN KINGDOM

*THE NORMANS IN SICILY*

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2023

EPO-Film, MyMax Edutainment, ORF, ZDF, arte, Rai, Fernsehfonds Austria, MIC, Sicilian Film Fund

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They came from the far north, were notorious as fierce warriors and created a progressive and wealthy kingdom during the dark Middle Ages: the Normans. How did this handful of mercenaries establish their own kingdom within a short time? How did they manage to give Sicily an unparalleled period of prosperity? The Normans were masters of mobility, innovation and integration. They traded, relied on the sciences and created magnificent works of art, making Sicily the cultural, scientific and economic centre of Europe. Their recipe for success: they did not oppress, they cooperated. Elaborate reenactments, valuable historical finds and experts from different countries bring the story to life.



## HISTORY

# EMPIRE BUILDERS

## *GREAT FORTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN*

50' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
Pilot Productions, PBS,  
BBC Poland, TVE

*European rights only.*

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Join us on a journey through millennia exploring Mediterranean fortresses and unveiling epic battles, intricate designs, and world-altering legacies. The great fortresses in the Mediterranean have all witnessed epic battles and historic moments over the past thousand years. We explore these battles, the design and construction of these historic structures and their role in shaping the world. We visit Crusader forts in Rhodes, Malta and the Levant, Ottoman forts in Greece, Venetian forts in Crete, Moorish forts in Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Algeria, and Portuguese and Spanish forts on the North African coast.





35 Years since the Fall of the Berlin Wall



## EMPIRE BUILDERS

*BERLIN*

2 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Pilot Productions, PBS, BBC Poland, TVE

Invaded by the French, taken over by the Nazis, occupied by the Russians and then divided down the middle by competing ideologies - to this day, Berlin wears its scars. This documentary explores the city's history, from the era of Prussian kings to Bismarck's unification, through World War I, the chaotic Weimar Republic, and World War II and Berlin's century long division after Germany's defeat in 1945.

### Episodes:

1. Stories from the City | 2. The Cold War

*European rights only.*

## EMPIRE BUILDERS

*LA*

2 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2024

Pilot Productions, PBS, BBC Poland, TVE

Two hundred years ago Los Angeles was a small outpost of Mexico. Today it is one of the largest cities in the US. After the Mexican War of Independence, Mexico took possession of California from Spain. That Hispanic heritage has been a constant through two centuries of spectacular growth. While LA today is identified with the film Industry, it was the forces of war, real estate speculation, agriculture, and the discovery of oil, that fuelled its growth, bringing together a myriad of people from vastly different backgrounds.

*European rights only.*



# COLLECTION OF HATE

*IMAGES OF ANTISEMITISM*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Autentic, Spiegel Geschichte,  
Arthur Langerman Foundation

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He is Belgian, Jewish, a Shoah survivor, a jeweller, a father, a husband, and the owner of the largest collection of antisemitic images in the world: Arthur Langerman. "The most hideous hate images are hanging in my home. It's my way of coping with the trauma of the Shoah," Langerman says. In about 60 years he has gathered several thousand antisemitic objects. Where do the widespread stereotypes of Jews come from? What has led to the deep-seated hatred? And why do anti-Jewish stereotypes persist to this day? Arthur, the seeker, does not let these questions rest. In our documentary, he travels to various places to search for clues.



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## THE HIDDEN HORROR OF SOBIBOR EXTERMINATION CAMP

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Kobalt Documentary, NDR, arte

Auschwitz and Birkenau are names of concentration camps, that are firmly anchored in our memory, while the name Sobibor fell into oblivion. Sobibor extermination camp was established by the Nazis in eastern Poland in 1942, with the aim of "efficiently" murdering Polish Jews and Roma. It was part of "Aktion Reinhard," considered by many researchers and historians to be the "core of the Holocaust." Until recently there were no pictorial records from Sobibor because the Nazis had destroyed the camps in order to cover the traces of their crimes forever. This changed with the groundbreaking discovery of a photo collection of the deputy camp director Johann Niemann in 2020.

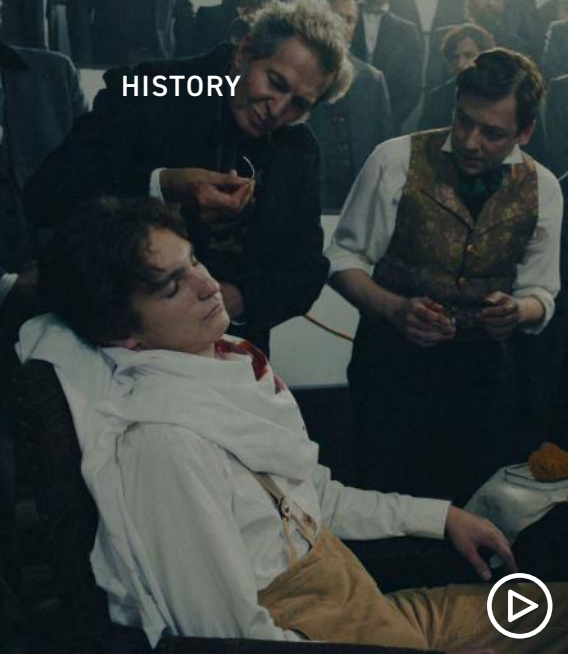
## BELIEVE

5 × 52' (ENG, GER), 84' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Go Button Media with Autentic, Curiosity  
Stream, ntv

A comprehensive picture of the faith of mankind – this series features the origins and mutual impact of 5 world religions, and gets behind their festivals, traditions and the challenges of today. The 5-part documentary series tells the fascinating story of the most important spiritual revolutions in world history that have been of central influence to humanity ever since. Prejudice and false shame may not allow people to inform themselves outside their own religion, but this series offers a remedy. Each episode focuses on the history of one of the five world religions.

**Episodes:** 1. Christianity | 2. Islam | 3. Judaism  
4. Hinduism | 5. Buddhism

## HISTORY



## THE INVENTION OF SURGERY

2 × 45' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2023  
Autentic, Curiosity Stream, ZDF, arte

From early on, humankind dreamed of being able to heal the ailing bodies. However, from Hippocrates' humors to organ transplants and brain surgery, it was a long, bloody road. This is a journey through time from antiquity to the first performed heart surgery. We will meet physicians who, in the fight against diseases put their own health at risk. Who were these people? How has the world changed since their discoveries? We will also shed light on the coincidences that once made these physicians heroes: random encounters and contaminations that became the key to breakthrough discoveries.

### Episodes:

1. The Secret of the Human Body | 2. The Path Inside

## THE ART OF SEDUCTION

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2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Autentic, Curiosity Stream, ZDF, arte

How do charisma, marketing and propaganda still make history today? How can the sex appeal of Elvis Presley be explained, who still makes the hearts of his fans beat faster? How did Eva Perón manage to become one of the most politically influential women of the 20th century, even though she was not a politician herself? Renowned experts reveal the secret of their methods: psychologists explain why rejection is sometimes particularly seductive, historians show what led us into temptation throughout history and political scientists unmask how manipulation functions as a political weapon.

### Episodes:

1. The Power of Women | 2. The Power of Men





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## DEADLY SCIENCE II

6 × 52' (ENG, GER)

Release: December 2024

Go Button Media with  
Autentic, SPIEGEL Geschichte

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

### Episodes:

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

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**Feature Doc**

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# BALDIGA

*UNLOCKED HEART*

90' (GER, ENG subs) | 2024  
Hoferichter & Jacobs, rbb, MBB,  
MDM, BKM, MV Filmförderung

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"Through and through in the broken environment of desires. Hustlers, transvestites, the mentally ill, alcoholics. That's where I feel at home. That's the world that needs to be captured." When the artist and photographer Jürgen Baldiga died of AIDS in 1993, he left behind what was probably the most extensive body of work on HIV, AIDS, homosexuality, and subculture in West Berlin in the 1980s and 1990s. The film tells the story of the artist in all his contradictions and provides an insight into a Berlin subculture that would have been forgotten without him. It is the portrait of a unique artist - at a time when an HIV infection was not only a certain death sentence, but also led to a renewed stigmatization of gay lifestyles.

# THE BOLSHOI SYSTEM

*BALLET, POWER & POLITICS*

90' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | Kinescope Film, ZDF, arte

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Explore the world behind the curtains of the prestigious Bolshoi Theater, considered the pinnacle of Russia's high culture and a microcosm of Russian society. Captured in the year and a half leading up to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, this documentary is a portrait of Russian society before the war of aggression and an examination of the role Russian culture played in the preparations for war. Against the backdrop of current events, it deals with the individual relationships of artists within the political system. Through conversations with Olga Smirnova, prima ballerina and the only member of the ensemble to leave Russia, and Wadim Schurawl'ow, former head of artistic programming at the Bolshoi Theater, this film offers a unique perspective into Russia's esteemed theater.



# ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI

*TRAUMA AND TRIUMPH  
IN BAROQUE ART*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
doc.station, ZDF, arte

It is probably the most famous #MeToo crime in the Baroque art world. The victim is the eighteen-year-old painter Artemisia Gentileschi. The perpetrator: a well-known artist colleague of Artemisia's father. "Forcibly deflowered and repeatedly carnally recognized" - in March 1612, Roman court officials documented the entire course of the trial as precisely as the accusation. Despite such trauma and societal constraints for women in the 17th century, Gentileschi rose to prominence as the first female member of the Accademia di Arte del Disegno. To this day, the groundbreaking Italian Baroque painter is known for masterful depictions of powerful women in mythology and biblical narratives.





# SOUND OF CABO VERDE

*THE LEGACY OF CESÁRIA ÉVORA*

90' (GER, ENG subs) | 2024  
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

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The African archipelago of Cape Verde in the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and South America is world-famous for its music: influenced by the melancholy of Portuguese Fado and Brazilian rhythms, it conveys a melancholy joie de vivre that is unique in this combination. The songs reflect the history and spirit of many generations of islanders, who find their cultural identity in this music. This film combines music, history, and scenery of the Cape Verde Islands to form an attitude toward life

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# A CHEETAH'S PRIDE

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

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A never-before-seen wildlife phenomenon: An extraordinary cheetah family; two mothers with nine cubs! In June 2020, two cheetah mothers met by chance. One is an experienced mother and effective huntress with five cubs. The other mother has four cubs. She's younger and hindered by a blind eye, but affectionate and patient. After the initial meeting, the cubs become mixed up, resulting in one mother adopting the other's cubs as her own. Stranger still, the mothers meet again and, instead of going their separate ways, stay together. Female cheetahs are solitary, this hybrid family is a world first.

**Episodes:**

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







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# THE WILD SIDES

3 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2023

Terra Mater Studios, Red Rock Films  
International, Servus TV, National Geographic  
Channel International, BBC America

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Explore the untamed African wilderness from multiple animals' perspectives, revealing their intertwining wild tales. There are two sides to every story – one wild tale is told from different perspectives in each episode. The dry riverbed of Mashatu, Botswana, is home to an incredible cast of creatures: A herd of elephants, a mother leopard and her cub, a jackal couple raising their young and a feisty troop of baboons. They might all look like great neighbors, but when push comes to shove, every single creature will fight for their piece of African bush. We follow their stories as they fight to stay alive and raise their young in a world full of danger.

**Episodes:** 1. The Drought | 2. The Flood | 3. Growing Up



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# GOLDEN EAGLE

*CALL OF THE WILD*

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

On average, only one of five fledglings will make it past its first winter. Starting out with the very first moments in an eagle's life, this two-parter lets the viewer feel the intense struggle to survive the extreme conditions of the high Alps. Halfway up a towering precipice, in a tiny rocky niche, we watch a small fluffy chick pecking its way out of its eggshell. We see two siblings, deadly enemies from the first moment of their lives, fighting for survival of the fittest. We see the winner learn how to fly and how to hunt. Throughout an entire year, we follow the young bird on an adventurous odyssey from tender parental care to independence and on its challenging search for a territory of its own. Intimate images let us feel the heat of the battle when the youngster is attacked by hostile raptors, and we watch break-neck air attacks on prey.



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# EUROPE'S AMAZON

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

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



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# PATRICK AND THE WHALE

50', 73' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Terra Mater Studios,  
ServusTV, PBS

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Join us on this inspiring and mesmerizing tale about a man and his close bond to a female sperm whale affectionately named “Dolores.” For years, Patrick Dykstra has dedicated his life to traveling the globe, following and diving with whales. He has a finely tuned sense and knows how to act when within touching distance of a whale – what to do, what not to do, and when. This allows him to consistently get closer than anyone else alive – a truly unique skill. Patrick recently experienced a life-changing event. In Dominica, he had a close encounter with a female sperm whale. She seemed to be curious about him, coming within touching distance, pulsing him with her sonar. Patrick felt an overwhelming sense that she was genuinely trying to communicate. We follow Patrick as he travels to Dominica again to find this special so she can help him show us the hidden world of her species. Using stunning underwater footage, Patrick explores the fascinating nature of the sperm whale, attempting to shine a light on its intelligence and complexity, as well as highlighting its current and past relationship with humankind. The film explores the psychology of a man who has sacrificed everything in his quest to understand one of the biggest creatures in the ocean.





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# DETHRONED

50', 90' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Terra Mater Studios,  
Four Corners Film, ServusTV, Four Paws International

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







# A LIFE AMONG ELEPHANTS

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

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60 years ago, almost nothing was known of elephants in the wild. But then one young Scottish biologist changed that forever. In 1965 Iain Douglas-Hamilton arrived in Tanzania to live alongside African elephants. Later joined by his wife Oria and daughters Saba and Dudu, elephants became central to their lives with matriarch Boadicea and gentle young mother Virgo cherished like human relatives. But this garden Eden was short-lived as an ivory poaching epidemic swept across Africa forcing Iain to switch from pioneering scientist to maverick conservationist. He became a lone crusader against the international Ivory trade which was finally banned in 1989. Now back in the field, Iain's work continues alongside a new generation of Kenyan conservationists. This inspiring and emotional documentary combines stunning wildlife imagery with the story of a remarkable life showing how sometimes you have to stand alone to protect what you love.



## NATURE . WILDLIFE



### THE STORM

*WILDLIFE IN WILD WEATHER*



50' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | Terra Mater Studios, Längengrad Filmproduktion, WDR, arte

Every year sees heavy summer storms with thunder and lightning, hail and torrential rain raging over the country. This nature documentary sheds a very new light on the animal and plant world – when the situation gets desperate. Crashing and flashing, a violent cloudburst descends on the highland landscape. No human being would choose to leave home in this weather. Animals, though, are at the mercy of the storm. The film shows the extraordinary strategies adopted by animals, from the tiniest insects to foxes and moles, to cope with the threat. A wildlife documentary with the stylistic devices of a disaster thriller.



### RAPTORS

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2 × 50' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | Terra Mater Factual Studios, THIRTEEN Productions LLC, PBS, CPB, WNET, Dandy Lion Films

Birds of prey are our planet's greatest hunters. United by a hooked beak, taste for flesh and razor-sharp talons, they have conquered the globe. This two-part series tells the story of raptor's unparalleled success. From familiar favourites to entirely new characters, we reveal the latest discoveries alongside extraordinary behaviours. We discover how birds of prey perfect the art of the hunt and how they adapt to the toughest environments. We also ask what the future holds for these remarkable birds in a rapidly changing world.

#### Episodes:

1. Meet The Raptors | 2. Extreme Lives



## NATURE'S CHANGES

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50' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV

Magnificent, permanent, stable – our Earth. But is it really permanent and stable? Or is it in a constant state of flux? In nature, change would appear to be a gradual process. And yet, a closer look reveals just how quickly the world around us can be altered. Wildfires ravage the landscape. Droughts decimate animal populations. On the planet's surface, only one thing is certain: nothing ever stays the same for long. Humans have brought about unparalleled changes in a comparatively short space of time. Now it remains to be seen: will the planet and its inhabitants find ways to adapt to this new, ever-changing world? Or are there limits to what nature is able to achieve?

## ON THE PRECIPICE

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*THE ALPS*

50' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Terra Mater Studios, Servus TV

The Alps are Europe's greatest mountain range, a popular destination for visitors from all over the world and home to some of the continent's most striking flora and fauna. However, as climate change causes temperatures to rise, the mountains themselves are heating up. Alpine safety organizations have warned about the increasing danger for tourists for years: ice bridges are melting, fissures and crevices are expanding and erosion and the thawing of permafrost are causing an increasing number of rockslides and entire mountain peaks are now disappearing. The consequences are having a dramatic impact that is felt far beyond the Alps themselves.

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# WILD HORSES OF ANDALUSIA

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

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"Parque Nacional de Doñana" in Andalusia is home to the Marismeño horses. The rare breed roams freely - until the annual "Saca de las Yeguas", when around 1,500 animals are brought to the cattle market in Almonte. The mare round-up has a tradition of over 500 years. Join rider Carmen Reales Ramos and her 10-year-old cousin, who is taking part for the first time, on their journey.



# THE ADRIATIC SEA

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
micafilm, ZDF, arte

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What a sea! The Adriatic is as diverse as the cultures it connects. Mysterious lagoons, miles of sandy beaches and impressive cliffs characterize this unique natural landscape. Historic cities such as Dubrovnik, Piran, Trieste and Venice reveal their eventful history. The people who live in close contact with the Adriatic Sea experience the beauty and vulnerability of nature first-hand and are committed to protecting it. The series dives into this special sea: unique and beautiful, familiar and yet full of surprises.

**Episodes:**

1. Between Trieste and Comacchio | 2. Between Izola and Primošten
3. Between Ravenna and Vasto | 4. Between Split and Dubrovnik
5. Between the Tremiti Islands and Santa Maria di Leuca
6. Between Kotor and the Karaburun Peninsula





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# NORTH SEA WONDERS

*A COASTAL JOURNEY*

6 × 52' (ENG, GER), 6 × 45' (GER)  
2023/2024 | Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

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White sandy beaches, wild storms, the vast tidal flats - the European North Sea coast is surprisingly diverse. From the rugged Shetland Islands to the marshes of the English Norfolk Broads, from flat Halligen islands to the archipelago off Norway's South Cape, the North Sea always reveals new colors and an abundance of wildlife. The 6-part series presents the unique natural and cultural landscapes of the countries bordering the North Sea - Scotland, England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway - in breathtaking images. Here, people live from and with the sea.

**Episodes:**

1. Germany's Wild Coast | 2. Belgium and the Netherlands
3. Denmark and Sweden | 4. Norway's Coasts and Fjords
5. England | 6. Scotland



A close-up, low-angle shot of an eagle's feathers, showing the intricate patterns and textures of the plumage. The feathers are dark brown and black, with some lighter, golden-brown highlights. The background is a soft, hazy landscape, likely a mountain range, under a clear sky.

# WINGS OF COURAGE

*THE EAGLE HUNTRESS OF MONGOLIA*

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

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Aibota has a dream. She wants to become an eagle huntress. The fifteen-year-old Mongolian girl aims to prove to her male competitors that women can also hunt with eagles. To achieve her goal, young Aibota and her father train daily with the nomadic family's golden eagle on the slopes of the Altai Mountains in the Mongolian province of Bajan-Ölgii. It is the story of a courageous girl who wants to prove herself in a tradition dominated by men. The eagle hunters of Mongolia are the guardians of an almost forgotten tradition. This custom has always been passed down from father to son. The custom is considered a proud family heritage, one in which women have little place. Will Aibota achieve her goal of becoming an eagle huntress? Can she prove to her uncle, her classmates and, of course, herself that she is equal to the men?

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# BEYOND SEOUL

## *THE NATURAL WONDERS OF SOUTH KOREA*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Graef Screen Productions, NDR, arte

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

### **Episodes:**

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

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# ADVENTURE INDONESIA

*SUMATRA UNCOVERED*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2024  
elb motion pictures, NDR

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Kim and Eike, video journalists and passionate travelers, have decided to grab their backpacks and take us on a journey through Sumatra. They arrive by boat from Karimun and travel like the locals to get to know this magical island to the core. We follow them explore the breathtaking landscape, meet the warm and friendly Indonesians, but also visit the less touristy, more conservative part of the largest Indonesian island, where the Islamic sharia law still determines people's lives. A unique adventure of two young travelers experiencing and trying to understand one of the most interesting and beautiful islands in the world.







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# OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

*ARMENIA'S NATIONAL PARKS*

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)  
2023 | Kinescope Film, ZDF, arte

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From the vast, stone plateaus and snow-covered mountains to the great blue expanse of Lake Sevan, witness the secrets of Armenia's diverse ecosystems. The almost uninhabited Arevik National Park is located in a high mountain landscape on the border to Iran and is characterised by snow-covered mountains and deep valleys with clear rivers. Armenia is also home to Lake Sevan, one of the largest high-mountain lakes in the world, which Armenians call the Armenian Sea. The landscape is recognised as a wetland of international importance. 260 different bird species can be observed here.

**Episodes:**

1. Arevik National Park | 2. Sevan National Park



# SILESIA

*EXPLORING THE HEART OF  
EUROPE*

2 × 45' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
doc.station, ZDF, arte

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Silesia - located in the heart of Europe and full of surprises. A cultural landscape with an eventful history, magnificent metropolitan cities, forests haunted by magical creatures, peaks with fabulous views and enchanting landscapes. We drift along the Oder river, experience the cheerful hustle and bustle in a romantic mountain hut in the Owl Mountains and join explorers as they climb down into the stalactite caves of the Krakow-Częstochowa Jura.

**Episodes:**

1. At the Foot of the Giant Mountains
2. Paradise along the Oder River

New Season

# AT OUR NEIGHBOUR'S TABLE

184 × 30' (ENG, GER, FRE, ENG subs)  
2010 - 2023  
Berlin Producers, arte, ZDF

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The culinary treasures of the people who know it best: farmers, winegrowers, chefs, housewives, fishermen and many more. Find out what cooking means in the different cultures and regions of Europe and the rest of the world.

## Episodes Season 2023:

1. Southern Albania | 2. The Karst Region, Italy
3. Galilee, Israel | 4. Rose Valley, Bulgaria
5. Between Alsace and the Palatinate, France/  
Germany | 6. San Sebastián, Spain
7. Middle Franconia, Germany | 8. Tahiti, French  
Polynesia | 9. Faroe Islands, Denmark
10. Cap Bon, Tunisia | 11. Ötztal, Austria
12. Lofoten, Norway | 13. Devon, United Kingdom
14. Corfu, Greece | 15. Southern Styria, Austria
16. Capri, Italy



# HOT ROADS

## THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS ROADS III

6 × 52' (ENG, GER), 6 × 45' (GER) | 2024  
Autentic, berlin producers, ZDF, arte, NDR



The world's most dangerous roads don't need legends to instill respect in those who set out - showing the actual conditions is enough. People, animals and goods are transported on desert tracks, narrow mountain roads or roads made of ice. Traveling on the world's most dangerous roads is a journey into risk. But where there is danger, there is also beauty. These routes are characterized by a diversity and uniqueness that is second to none.

**Episodes:** 1. Camels and Trucks in Rajasthan  
2. British Columbia's Bella Coola Highway | 3. On Tanzania's Dusty Roads | 4. Georgia's Abano Pass | 5. The Trans Sulawesi Highway | 6. Navigating Norway's Arctic Roads



## FLOWERS AND FIRE

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*OUTBACK ADVENTURES IN  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA*

45' (ENG, GER), 3 × 45' (GER) | 2023  
Moers Media, SWR, arte

Western Australia is rough, red and incredibly huge. In one of the oldest landscapes on earth, we search for life's origin with a team of astrobiologists, get stuck with them in the mud, and dive into the tough work on a remote cattle station that is mainly done by young women. On an area as big as mainland Denmark they muster cattle with horses, choppers and trial-bikes. We also see how crocs can be taught to eat toxic toads. Bushfire is a disaster in a terrain full of oil-drenched eucalyptus and quick-burning spinifex grass, so we accompany firefighters in their war against bushfires. But we also learn how the indigenous elders prevent bushburn from the beginning by making fire in the right way.

## NAPLES' DOLL CLINIC

*WHERE SAINTS AND HEARTS  
ARE HEALED*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | Autentic, ZDF, arte

"Ospedale delle Bambole" is one of the most bizarre places in Italy. Patients come to the old aristocratic palace in the middle of Naples' old town from all over the world. Here, dolls and holy figures - and also the hearts of their owners - are healed. Tiziana Grassi calls herself Dottoressa and wears a white doctor's coat. Even if her patients are brought in lifeless and battered, for their owners they are full of life. Sentimental memories, nostalgia, superstition, hopes - the doll clinic of Naples is a place of great emotions. Favorite dolls from childhood or a beloved figure of a saint - Tiziana Grassi cures them all, also with the help of the last old master craftsmen of the city.

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# LIVING ON GREEN ICE

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

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

# THE SUN

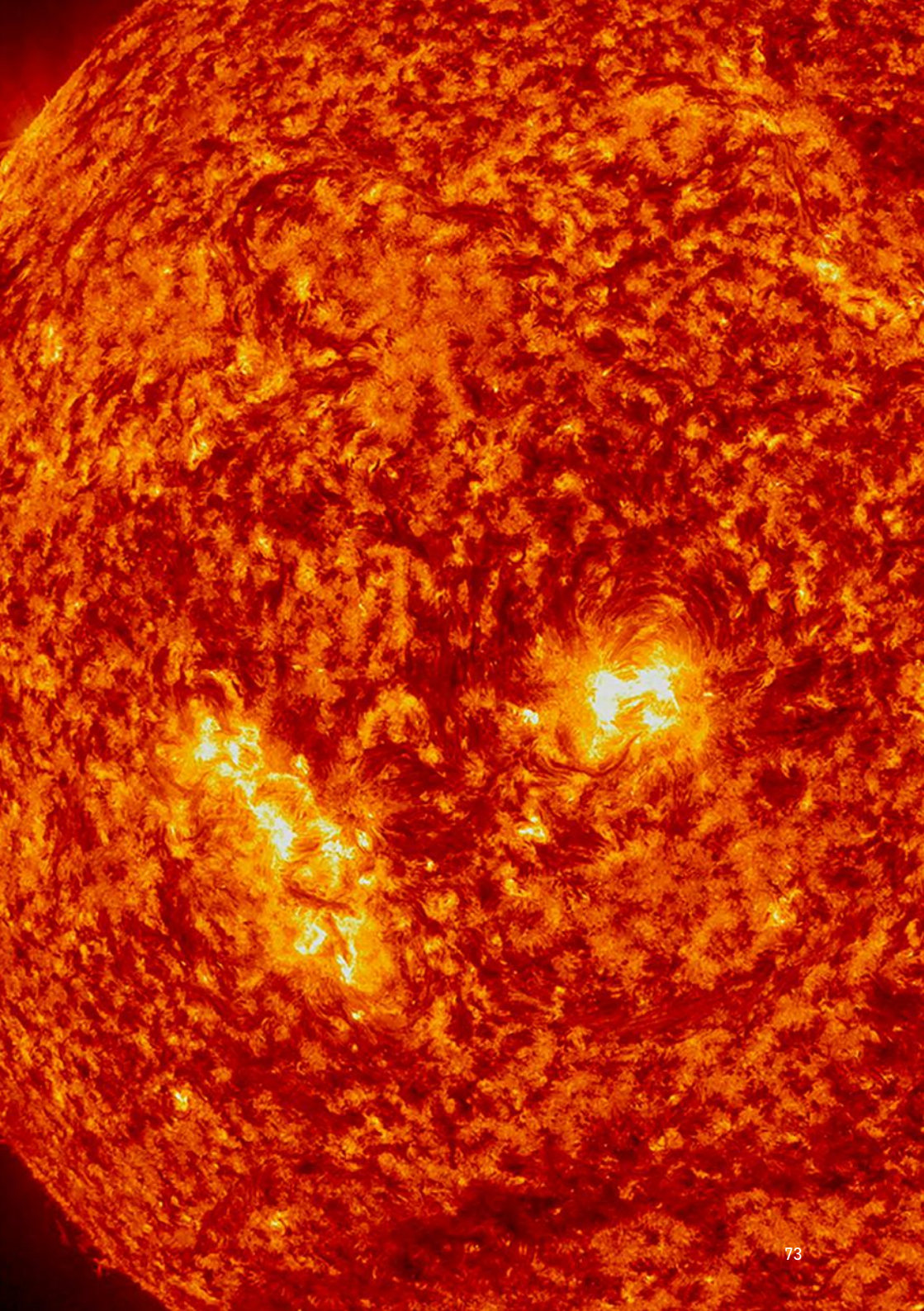
2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2023  
SPIEGEL TV, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

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







# SCIENCE . TECHNOLOGY





# BEYOND TOMORROW

*TECHNOLOGIES OF THE FUTURE*

6 × 30' (ENG, GER) | 2022/2023 | NZZ

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New technologies will change our world and daily lives - but only for the better? This series explores the forefront of technological progress. From the transformative potential of quantum technology and AI innovations in medicine to the disturbing world of deepfakes, this series navigates the promises and perils of cutting-edge advancements. We uncover the inner workings of groundbreaking technologies and their positive effects, while also addressing the potential downsides and threats they bring. Are the technologies of the future truly making our lives better, or do they come with unforeseen consequences?

**Episodes:**

1. Dreaming of a Better World: The Quantum Revolution
2. AI's Dark Side – How Women Become Victims of Deepfake Porn
3. AI in Medicine – Will Algorithms Become the Better Doctors?
4. Vertical Farming – The Future of Agriculture?
5. Nuclear Energy – The Solution for a Green Future?
6. Employed by an App – Freedom or Modern Slavery?

# FROM MACRO TO MICRO

*UNCOVERING EARTH'S  
UNSEEN WONDERS*

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)  
2023 | Autentic, ZDF, arte, NHK

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Our nature is full of secrets. Some are obvious but often overlooked, others lie deep in hiding, far beyond our perception. Nature holds miracles that amaze us and - if we are willing to discover them - help ensure nothing less than the survival of humanity. Through spectacular CGI, high-resolution microscope shots, and high-speed camera images, we show how diverse, disturbingly dangerous, and breathtakingly beautiful this otherwise invisible cosmos is.

**Episodes:**

1. Insects - The Masters of Adaptation
2. Microbes - The Invisible Rulers

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# BEYOND THE 9-TO-5

*THE FUTURE OF WORK*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Langbein & Partner, ORF,  
3Sat, Filmfonds Wien,  
Fernsehfonds Austria, VAM

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How might the future of work appear when viewed through the lens of a tumultuous present? In light of ongoing crises, what adaptations are necessary for the world of work to retain its appeal? With environmental crises, conflict, and the enduring threat of pandemics, individuals are questioning the sustainability of conventional work practices. There is a growing demand for a fundamental shift towards a work culture that prioritizes well-being, equitable collaboration, and meaningful engagement in all endeavors. What might a redesigned, equitable work landscape entail?



# GENDER, HEALTH & INEQUALITIES



## GENDER, HEALTH & INEQUALITIES

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
Langbein & Partner, ORF, 3Sat  
VAM, Fernsehfonds Austria  
Filmfonds Wien

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Women are twice as likely to die of a heart attack, suffer more frequently from the side effects of medication, or live with undetected illnesses. For centuries, medicine has pretended that there is only one gender. Since women are underrepresented in clinical studies, these differences are often only discovered after market approval. And while men's pain is taken seriously, women still have to fight against the myth of the "hysterical woman". "As much as we need social equality between men and women, we also need un-equal treatment in medicine", says gender medicine expert Alexandra Kautzky Willer from the University of Vienna. This applies to all areas of medicine: Research, diagnosis, and treatment.



## PEAK PERFORMERS

*THE SCIENCE BEHIND HIGH-ALTITUDE MEDICINE*

52' (ENG, GER), 70' (GER) | 2022  
berckwerk, Lichtblick Film, BR

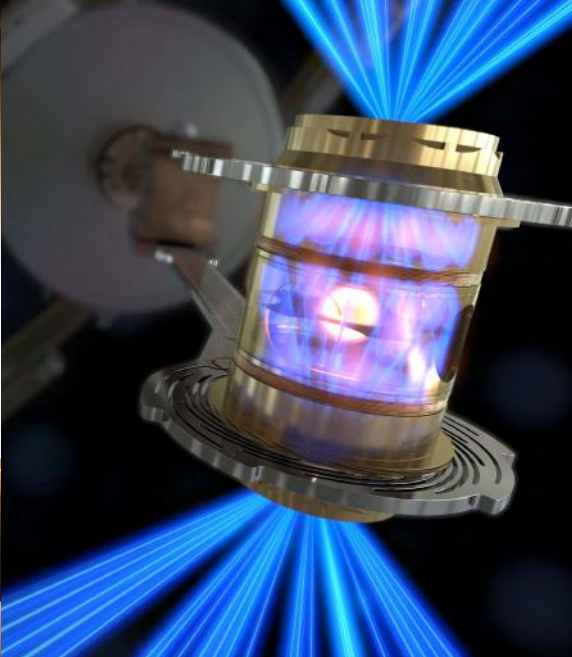
A scientific adventure documentary about the history and development of alpine and high-altitude medicine around the Capanna Regina Margherita, Europe's highest building. Successful high-altitude mountaineer Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner provides a personal insight into her experiences with oxygen depletion at high altitudes, while medical professors share many anecdotes about their research. Together with 51 volunteers, the research team of the Salzburg Mountain Medicine Research Group is conducting a study at Margherita Hut in Italy's Monte Rosa massif. The result is an exciting, informative and scientific film about the dangers and therapeutic strategies of altitude sickness.

## SHADES OF SHAME

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
good karma productions, hr, arte

Shame: the feeling of being embarrassed, of not belonging, of not being worthy. It can take a huge toll on your relationships and your mental health. Why? And is there a better way? This is a revealing documentary about an emotion that we like to keep in the dark. From the shame of being raped to the shame of just not meeting the expectations of others - three people open up and share their feelings and conflicts of shame. Experts explain why we feel shame and how we can find ways to get out. Artistic animations illustrate what happens in our body and our brain when we experience shame and why it feels so similar to physical pain.





# THE PARADOX OF SALT BLESSING OR CURSE?



## IGNITED

*HOW CLOSE IS FUSION ENERGY?*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023 | hr, arte

Lasers ignited a successful nuclear fusion reaction for the first time. But there are quite some obstacles to overcome to move nuclear fusion technology into something we can really use. The nuclear fusion breakthrough has raised high hopes for clean power. This documentary shows the context behind the breakthrough. It explains nuclear fusion in a way that a broad audience will be able to understand what it really means for us. Watching and maybe smiling about the artistic graphic animations, they will grasp what's going on in a nuclear fusion reaction, why it is so hard to create it on earth and how the different nuclear fusion approaches try to make it happen.

## THE PARADOX OF SALT

*BLESSING OR CURSE?*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
doc.station, ZDF, arte

Salt – precious and essential for survival. But has this white gold also become a threat to the future of our planet? Scientists around the world are growing increasingly concerned about salinization. What does this mean for the world's precious freshwater reserves? With its incredible versatility and potential, however, salt also emerges as a promising protagonist of a greener tomorrow. Join us as we unlock the secrets of salt's power to revolutionize green energy production and forge a path towards sustainable building materials.

Pipeline

# TITANS OF DEFENSE

6 × 52' (ENG, GER)  
Release: December 2024  
Go Button Media with Autentic

For as long as humans have known conflict, technology has been the driver of success in war. Combat moved from simple tools like sticks and stones to sophisticated military hardware. From drones that operate autonomously thousands of miles away, to satellites that cover every corner of the globe, to massive aircraft carriers, that are as huge as cities and carry their own colossal machines, to planes that transport other vehicles, and nuclear submarines that can stay undetected for months in the depths of the ocean. War is an undesirable outcome, but, when necessary, the biggest, smartest, strongest, most technically proficient and innovative wins the day. These are some of the world's most impressive war machines.

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



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# DE-EXTINCTION

*SPECIES PROTECTION 2.0?*

52' (ENG, GER) | Release: Summer 2024  
Autentic, ZDF, arte

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

# DEATH ON MALLORCA

## *THE BEER KING KILLINGS*

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

### **Episodes:**

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



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