

A young girl with reddish-brown hair is the central figure, wearing large white headphones and a light blue t-shirt with a rainbow and cloud graphic. She has a concerned expression. The background is a blurred classroom with other students and a green chalkboard.

GÖNG!

My spectralacular Life

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ABOUT

Format:

10 × 10' and 1 × 83'

Focus

Autism, Neurodiversity, Friendship,
Self-confidence, Diversity

Target Audience:

Kids 9+ / Family

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A HEARTWARMING JOURNEY INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY MIND OF A GIRL WHO SEES THE WORLD A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY – AND A LOT MORE VIVIDLY.

SYNOPSIS

A German series is making waves internationally – Gong! My SpectRacular Life, a production by KiKA, has been honoured with a nomination for the prestigious international Emmy Awards, one of 56 nominees across 14 categories. This heartfelt dramedy dives into the unique experiences of Eileen, a 10-year-old girl with autism, and the story about how she navigates life, offering a refreshing perspective on neurodivergence. Nominated for the „Kids: Live-Action“ category, it stands out as the sole German contender in the children’s section. In 10 episodes, Eileen’s extraordinary worldview is authentically brought to life by involving neurodiverse individuals as well as experts on autism, child development and education, who play various roles in the project, for example, as members of the writing team, consultants, or child carers.

Eileen is autistic and she is supposed to go on a school trip – a concept that fills her with dread. That’s why she wants to sabotage the trip. However, thanks to her brother and his best friend, she discovers the thrill of embarking on adventures alongside good friends, and her goal changes. She too wants to find a BFF before she has to go on the school trip.

**GONG! THE SERIES FOR CHILDREN
ABOUT AUTISM & TOLERANCE**





CHARACTERS

EILEEN

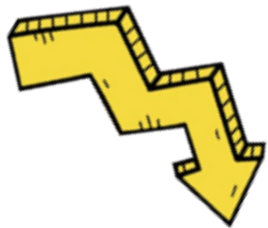


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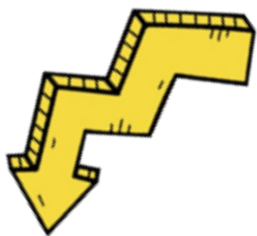


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MIA

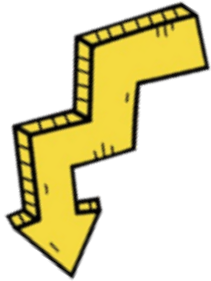


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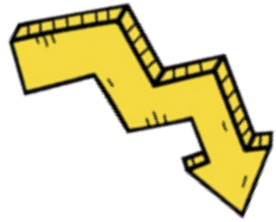


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PARENTS



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EPISODES

EPISODE 1

Alien

Eileen is autistic and has just started at school. Usually, she leaves the building with her school companion, Sören, before the bell rings. However, Sören is held up today, so Eileen has to find her way out alone, which makes her feel even more overwhelmed by the upcoming school trip. She decides that she doesn't want to go. Her brother Lenni disagrees: Eileen has to come!



EPISODE 2

Focus

After speaking with Sören, Eileen realizes that the school trip is even worse than she feared. Determined to stop it from happening, she looks for support, but neither a spiritual life coach nor her grandparents prove helpful. Meanwhile, Lenni practices his wing shot with his dad, Bernd, reluctantly standing in goal. Lenni's best friend, Mia, is searching for the perfect headline for the school newspaper, but much like Lenni's shots, her ideas keep missing the target.

EPISODE 3

Runaway

Eileen starts thinking about how she might sabotage the school trip. Lenni wants to convince their dad, Bernd, that he needs therapy sessions. When Lenni and Mia storm off into the garden, they pass Eileen. They're heading to their grandparents' house, but Eileen thinks it's too dangerous. Reluctantly, she follows them on an unexpected adventure, forgetting to tell their parents that they're leaving.





EPISODE 4

Casting

At her big best friend casting event, Eileen meets many of her classmates – she wants to find a best friend to go on the school trip with. Meanwhile, Lenni is celebrating his birthday in the garden. Their parents and Mia wonder: where are all the children going? When Eileen's casting event gets out of hand, even Lenni realizes that not all the guests came for him.

EPISODE 5

Shopping Mall

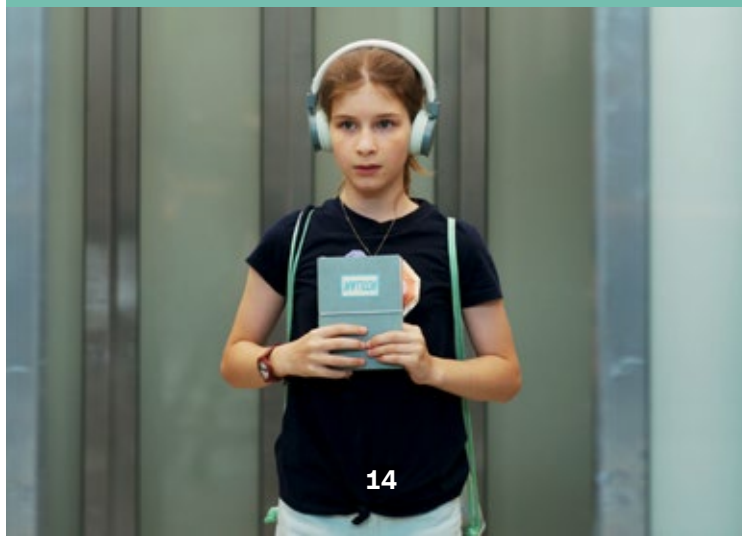
Eileen meets Sophie, Sofi and Soffy at the shopping mall, a place she usually avoids. It quickly becomes clear that the three girls have a very different idea of 'shopping' to what Eileen expected. Meanwhile, other classmates are out shopping too: Gabriel is helping Clara pick out a new outfit.



EPISODE 6

Listening

Gabriel invites Eileen to join the choir. However, the rehearsal goes badly – the others are too loud and out of tune. Eileen can't handle the noise, despite loving to sing. Gabriel comes up with a way to cheer her up. Meanwhile, Lenni redeems a voucher for a therapy session, which was a birthday gift from Eileen.



EPISODE 7

Formicarium

After giving a presentation on ants, Eileen entrusts Fred with her formicarium, the ants' home. Although Fred promises to be careful, he accidentally drops it. Clara offers to help, and together they try to fix the formicarium before Eileen returns. It's a good thing Clara took the woodworking class!



EPISODE 8

Pajama Part

Gabriel, Clara and Fred attend Eileen's pyjama party to celebrate the ants' new home. Meanwhile, Bernd and Dalma are enjoying a quiet evening in the garden – finally some peace! Lenni and Mia are there too, and everyone is happily dancing in the living room. Everyone except Eileen, that is, who stays in her room. She would like to join them, but the chaos is just too much.



EPISODE 9

Climbing

After the pyjama party doesn't go as planned, Eileen invites everyone to a climbing park. As her support worker, Sören has to go up into the trees too. Gabriel, Clara, Fred, Lenni, Mia and Eileen all help each other through the climbing course. Meanwhile, their grandparents are preparing the picnic, but the group must first conquer the ropes.



EPISODE 10

Departure!?

Eileen is sure that with her friends by her side, she can handle the school trip. To prepare for the unexpected, her family sets up a school-trip boot camp. Eileen competes against her family members in various challenges. Meanwhile, Clara, Gabriel and Fred are packing their bags for the class trip to the countryside. The friends finally meet at the bus stop, ready for the journey ahead.





GALLERY









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