



Selection
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Stories to Stay Awake

In *Stories to Stay Awake*, top Spanish directors bring Chicho Ibáñez Serrador's nightmares back to the world of the living.

The anthology revolutionized the Spanish Television landscape back in the 60s. Now, 50 years later, it returns to transform it once again. The rebooted series features genre talents Rodrigo Cortés (*Buried*, *Red Lights*, *The Contestant*), Rodrigo Sorogoyen (*The Realm*, *Antidisturbios*, *Oscar-nominated short Mother*), Paula Ortiz (*The Bride*, *Chrysalis*) and Paco Plaza (*Verónica*, *The Rec Saga*) who continue in the tradition of the iconic series to explore new cinematic language and unique film narratives.

The resurrection of the legendary Spanish horror series entails four standalone episodes that pay homage to the past and are on the cutting edge of the future.

The Double, directed by Rodrigo Sorogoyen, propels viewers into the year 2045, an increasingly polarised and dehumanised world, where artificial intelligence and machines occupy a growing space in human relationships.

The episode *Freddy*, directed by Paco Plaza, centres on an untalented actor who can't bring himself to confess his feelings to the woman of his dreams.

Rodrigo Cortés's *The Prank* follows a love triangle of characters willing to betray each other for selfish motives and is filled with dark humour.

The Asphalt, directed by Paula Ortiz, tells the story of a down-trodden and frustrated fast food delivery man. One morning, his feet get inexplicably caught in the asphalt of a road. His efforts to free himself only make matters worse, while passers-by take no notice of him. He continues to sink deeper.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 x 50' (Anthology) UHD
Produced by Prointel e Isla Audiovisual, Viacom
Cast Raúl Arévalo, Eduard Fernández, Nathalie Poza, David Verdaguer, Vicky Luengo, Miki Esparbé, Carlos Santos, Adriana Torrebejano, Dani Rovira, Inma Cuesta a.o.

NEW

Drama

White Night

The fascinating story of *White Night* takes place over two parallel time periods. The main period, the present day, depicts the unraveling of the Hébert family following the premature death of their mother Louise “Loulou” Hébert. A parallel era, the years 1970 to 1975, retraces pivotal moments in young Loulou’s life – a wrenching time when her adored husband Vincent, a militant and activist, alongside his accomplice Bertrand, was forced to abandon her and flee the country.

In 1970, a pivotal encounter with her soon-to-be mentor, Aidrian, offers Louise the chance to become a supermodel and to finally launch her first perfume, *White Night*. Its huge success sparks the creation of her cosmetics empire *Nocturne*. Over the years, often out of necessity, but also out of choice, Louise has given up certain political ideals to become a formidable businesswoman.

Everything changes when after a reception honouring her astonishing accomplishments, Loulou is found dead, alone in the garden of her estate. Was it an accident? Murder?

This troubling, unexpected event launches us into a family saga where her children Charlotte, Marlène and Lucas will discover that their beloved mother has now become an unseen spectre, hovering over them, pulling the strings of their destinies, propelling them onto very different paths from the ones they chose for themselves.

Loulou’s shocking will, dramatically portioning out – in unexpected ways – the shares of her successful perfume enterprise, *Nocturne*, overturns the lives of her heirs, shattering the once apparent harmony of the surviving family.

Series | Drama

12 x 60'

Produced by PIXCOM

Cast France Castel, Ron Lea, Rose-Marie Perreault, Antoine Pilon, Marilyse Bourke, Jean-Philippe Perras, Valérie Blais

NEW



BETWEEN TWO WORLDS



Between Two Worlds

The US military presence in West Germany in the early 50s is opening up a 'new world', paving the way for a new era of individual freedom, permissiveness and capitalism. This development in the fictitious town of Kaltenstein is the setting for *Between Two Worlds*, the powerful story of friendship between two women who both strive to create lives for themselves during a time of great change, coming into conflict with the old order: the conservative forces of politics, the Church and society. Confronted with the temptations of the new world, the two unlike women develop in opposing directions, putting their friendship to the test.

Marie is a farmer's daughter in the small town. The down-to-earth, dutiful young woman must assume responsibility for the farm and family after the Americans expropriate the Kastners' land and her father falls into melancholy.

Erika is the daughter of the mayor of Kaltenstein. She's an extroverted woman with a zest for life who sees the presence of the Americans as a blessing.

While her best friend Erika welcomes the new world with open arms and enjoys the easy life with the Americans, Marie awaits the return of her fiancé (and Erika's brother) Siegfried, lost in Russia. Gradually, she allows herself to be drawn into the maelstrom of freedom. Marie begins to

work in the Colonel's household, becomes enthusiastic about art and literature – and falls in love with George, an American GI.

Erika no longer seems to believe in her brother's return. Her brazen behaviour provokes her parents, who threaten to send her to a convent. Generations and tempers collide.

Series | Drama

3 x 90' or 6 x 45'
Produced by FFP New Media GmbH
in co-production with SWR, ARD Degeto,
NDR, WDR
Cast Elisa Schlott, Reomy D. Mpeho,
Franziska Brandmeier, Jonas Nay,
Dietmar Bär, Anna Schudt, Julia Koschitz,
Philippe Brennkemeyer, Samuel Finzi a.o.

NEW



High Spirits

High Spirits is a female-driven family drama from award-winning director Sabine Derflinger (*Step on it*, *Johanna Dohnal – Visionary of Feminism*, *Tatort*) that tells the story of the volatility, collapse and resurgence of a family dynasty centred on three strong women who hold all the cards.

Julia, Ricarda and Constanze are three fundamentally different women. But all are linked to the same man, Karl, and the same business, a family-owned grappa distillery.

Julia is the twin sister of Karl, the patriarch of the family business. Ricarda is his current wife with whom he has two children, Constanze is his ex-wife, but she is still involved with him in business and is now married to his best friend. Their love for Karl is really the only thing they share. When Karl dies unexpectedly, well-kept secrets surface and it seems impossible to reach an agreement on the inheritance. A battle ensues that deeply divides everyone involved: the repercussions of Karl's machinations plunge the family more and more into ruin. The next generation – Ricarda's daughters, Julia's son and his wife – seems doomed. But Julia, Ricarda and Constanze struggle, each in her own way, to free themselves from the past.

The two-part film centres on three strong women, and the actors who portray them are powerhouses in their own right: Leslie Malton (*The Great Bellheim*, *The Little People*); Désirée Nosbusch (*Der Irland Krimi*, *Sisi*, *Bad Banks*); Suzanne von Borsody (*Run Lola Run*, *Beate S.*, *A Faithful Husband*).

Mini-Series | Drama

2 x 90'
Produced by Bavaria Fiction
Cast Désirée Nosbusch, Leslie Malton,
Suzanne von Borsody, Rainer Bock,
Sven-Eric Bechtolf, Hilmi Sözer,
Lilly Charlotte Dreesen a.o.

COMING SOON

TOP DOG

SEASON 2 COMING SOON!



8x45' in Season 1 | 6x45' in Season 2



Decision Game

Until now Vera Schröder's profession was risk analysis, and game theory (interactive decision-making) just an academic discipline developed in the shadow of the Cold War. But when her daughter is suddenly kidnapped, these rational methods are the only weapons the desperate mother has left to save Elsa's life.

The kidnapers demand that Vera raises the risk rating at her insurance company for a small African country. Vera understands immediately: if she complies with the demand, Elsa's chances of survival worsen. Even more so when she realises that Elsa has seen one of the kidnapers.

Vera decides to do the opposite and lowers the rating instead. The consequence: total loss. Regardless of what the kidnapers are planning, if Elsa dies now, they didn't gain a thing. Vera is able to buy her husband Alex, a cop, more time to find their daughter.

The criminals' unscrupulous response is swift. A dangerous, nail-biting game begins. Vera must burn bridges others built for her to demonstrate resolve, and give up control to gain control. Round after round, Vera struggles to suppress her maternal instincts and become cold and calculating. It is the only way her daughter has a chance to survive. The two parents have struggled with tragedy

in the past and the trauma left Vera anxious and the relationship strained. Will this horrific situation bring the couple closer together or to the brink?

The six-part thriller series takes audiences into the complex and fascinating world of risk, corruption and mind games.

Series | Drama

6 x 45'
Produced by Odeon Fiction,
 Tschechien Mia Film
Cast Eva Meckbach, Shenja Lacher,
 Paula Hartmann, Roeland Wiesnekker,
 Jakob Diehl a.o.

NEW



All About Us

Am I living my dream? Am I happy? *All About Us* accompanies a circle of friends in their 30s who share their lives, loves, hopes and dreams. The pressure to "make it" weighs heavy: career, children, house and garden – buzzwords that sometimes sound like a race to the finish with the fear of being passed by or missing chances.

Elementary school teacher Helena has just bought a house with her boyfriend Tayo and they're planning to start a family. Suddenly Annika shows up after having left 12 years earlier without an explanation and turns Helena's perfect plans upside down. While Helena is suddenly caught between her past and new love, Annika is sure: this time she doesn't want to lose Helena.

Season 2 focuses on Emre and Mel. They thought they would grow old together; now their divorce is pending. Emre is sure he'll never fall in love again until he meets the impulsive firefighter Katha.

Series | Drama

12 x 20'
Produced by Studio Zentral
Cast Katharina Nesytowa, Eva Maria Jost,
 Malick Bauer, Erol Afsin, Natalia Rudziewicz,
 Loris Andre Blazejewski, Le-Thanh Ho a.o.

NEW



The World Stands Still

The opening credits of this absorbing drama set the tone: "The characters of this story are fictional. The virus is real."

When the pictures from Bergamo, Italy, go around the world, the lives of Dr. Caroline Mellau, an intensive care physician from Konstanz, and her family are turned upside down. Caroline becomes a member of the hospital crisis team and is on duty around the clock. At the same time, her husband, an orchestral musician, must cancel his concert tour. From one day to the next he is without an income and at home with the children who can't attend school. Their home-schooling reveals a digital education malaise. Add to that daughter Luzy's heartbreak – she and her boyfriend from Switzerland are separated because the border that runs through the middle of the city of Konstanz is closed.

Award-winning author Dorothee Schön wrote the fictional screenplay based on true accounts.

Movie | Drama

1 x 90'
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Natalia Wörner, Marcus Mittermeier,
 Klaus Pohl, Lena Stolze, Lilly Barshy,
 Jona Eisenblätter a.o.

NEW

Crime & Suspense

Sherlock: The Russian Chronicles

This action drama gives a Russian spin to the stories of the world's most famous investigator. *Sherlock: The Russian Chronicles* follows the esteemed detective from London to St. Petersburg, on the trail of a suspected serial murderer. Sherlock Holmes is on the hunt for Jack the Ripper. The infamous killer left a bloody trail in London and fled to the Russian Empire, with Sherlock on his tail.

Holmes's brilliant methods of deduction frequently let him down – he is often misunderstood, as his British mentality is very different from the Russian. But Holmes adapts and learns Russian sayings and ways of thinking.

To help him navigate this unfamiliar country, Mr. Holmes is joined by new sidekicks: Dr. Kartsev and Sophia who is a beautiful, well-educated and daring woman. She had a tough childhood. Every day she is surviving, forced to fight for her own and her son's life. Over time, her relationship with Holmes grows stronger but her feelings for him put her in danger. Dr. Kartsev is an educated and experienced army doctor who becomes Holmes's investigative partner.

Znamensky is a mysterious, cynical, and very dangerous man, who becomes Holmes's main rival. He is the unspoken ruler of the city. Soon Sherlock finds his strings being pulled by the evil genius.

Sherlock: The Russian Chronicles is penned by Oleg Malovichko (*Sputnik*) and directed by Nurek Egen, best known for feature films *The Wedding Chest* and *The Empty Home*, and the TV series *Two Against Death*.

Series | Crime & Suspense

8 x 52'

Produced by SREDA, START

Cast Maxim Matveev, Irina Starshenbaum, Vladimir Mishukov

NEW





Chain Reaction

From the Emmy Award-winning team behind *Generation War*, author Stefan Kolditz and producer Benjamin Benedict (UFA), comes the gripping story of the fateful consequences of a failed robbery.

After the holdup, a seven-year-old boy disappears and an envelope with a lot of money changes hands. The lives of people who never had anything to do with each other collide violently. A mother desperately searches for her child, a clique of young people seeks to make up for a carelessness with unforeseeable consequences, and the manager of a large corporation, who is on the brink of ruin, tries to cover up her downfall. The policewoman entrusted with the investigation is also caught up in the maelstrom of events as she battles her domineering superior, and her daughter is not innocent in all of this.

Series | Crime & Suspense

6 x 52' UHD

Produced by UFA Fiction
in co-production with ZDF

Cast Katja Riemann, Lorna Ishema, Joel Basman, Sebastian Zimmmer, Yasin Boynuince, Karolina Lodyga, Marie-Rosie Merz, Mo Issa, Amina Merai, Anna Grisebach, Maximilian Brauer, Hadi Khanjanpour a.o.

NEW

Agatha Christie's Hjerson

Contained, enigmatic and intense, Sven Hjerson was once a renowned criminal profiler. Throughout his career he's been involved in many high-profile cases, but suddenly he chose to retire from the spotlight, no one knows why.

Klara Sandberg, chaotic, courageous and warm, is a former trash TV producer. She successfully pitches a true-life crime show starring Hjerson. The new show may reset Sandberg's career and life, there's just one snag: she has never met Hjerson.

The story begins when Hjerson has just been informed of his mother's death and, for the first time in over 30 years, is forced to return to Åland. Klara manages to track him down and is on the same cruise ship heading to the archipelago. On the ship, a young journalist is murdered. A reluctant Hjerson and a zealous Klara start to solve a string of murder mysteries.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 x 90' or 8 x 45' UHD

Produced by BR•F, TV4/C MORE, ZDF,
Agatha Christie Ltd., Nadcon Film

Cast Johan Rheborg, Hanna Alström, Maria Lundqvist, David Fukamachi Regnfors, Björn Andréén, Peter Kanerva

NEW



THE
CRIMSON
RIVERS
SEASON 4 COMING SOON

Sløborn

German national weekly newspaper “Die Zeit” calls *Sløborn*: “Great cinema. 8 hours long.”

At the end of season 1, young high school student Evelin and a few other island residents resist the coercive measures of those in power and are able to evade the evacuation. They are the only ones left on Sløborn. This is where season 2 begins...

Evelin unexpectedly receives help from Nikolai, the author. Social worker Freja tries to cultivate a farm with the young people entrusted to her, while dealer Jan renovates his place. But when the power goes out after four months and pirates make the island unsafe, a bitter fight for survival begins for everyone.

They must now learn to become self-sufficient. And to grapple with existential questions like: How do I get food and information? Who is my friend, who is my enemy? How can I preserve the rules of civilisation when rules increasingly need to be sacrificed in order to survive?

Evelin realises that her pregnancy puts her and her child at high risk, and together with her brothers and allies, she devises an escape plan to leave the island. Meanwhile, problems escalate in Freja’s group. Ella leaves the collective farm and joins Jan, while a heated argument erupts between Freja and the unhappy Devid over the group’s leadership style.

Sløborn explores what happens when a society like ours with eroding trust in authorities and each other is faced with a pandemic. It asks: “Who would you trust?” and reflects personal responsibility and accountability.

Returning as the creative force behind season 2 is Christian Alvar (Dogs of Berlin).

Series | Crime & Suspense

3 x 90' or 6 x 45'

Produced by Syreal Entertainment in co-production with ZDF, Tobis, Nordisk Film and ZDF Enterprises

Cast Alexander Scheer, Wotan Wilke Möhring, Laura Tonke, Lea van Acken, Emily Kusche, Annika Kuhl, Roland Møller, Marc Benjamin, Aaron Hilmer a.o.

SEASON 2 AVAILABLE





Theresa Wolff

This fresh new crime series centres on the successful and resolute forensic pathologist Dr. Theresa Wolff. She has just returned to her native Thuringia from Berlin to take over as head of the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Jena.

When a body is found in a car that was pulled from the reservoir, the young forensic scientist and veteran Detective Chief Inspector Robert Brückner clash for the first time. Death is Theresa's profession, but life is her passion. She believes, "If you want to understand death, you first have to understand life." Her research methods, however, encroach on his competence.

Her first case quickly becomes a personal one for Theresa Wolff. The dead woman's husband, university hospital physician Dr. Steffen Köhler, is Theresa's first childhood sweetheart. She prefers to keep that fact from investigator Brückner at

first for understandable reasons. It is only logical that Brückner soon insinuates that Theresa is biased in this case.

In fact, Steffen Köhler comes under suspicion when his secret affair with the young assistant doctor Melanie Uhlmann is exposed. But Vera Köhler was also involved in conflicts at the clinic. She had discovered the theft of drugs from the poison cabinet. And she had noticed signs of physical abuse in an elderly patient in need of care.

The case comes to a head when the body of Vera Köhler disappears from the forensic medicine department. Did Theresa Wolff miss a clue during the investigation that leads to the perpetrator?

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90'

Produced by Ziegler Film

Cast Nina Gummich, Thorsten Merten, Kristin Suckow, Florian Bartholomäi, Roland Wolf, Kirsten Block a.o.

NEW

Frisia

Two small-town cops, one over-ambitious, the other overconfident, fight crime in the East Frisian province of Germany in this hit crime series.

Henk Cassens is Süher Özlügül's spunky partner. Even though he's not in the cool big city that would better suit his ego, his hometown has its advantages. Back in his school days he was a ladies' man.

The two cops, who – both in their own way – feel called to higher things, solve tricky murder crimes among the taciturn yet sincere Frisians.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

14 x 90'

Produced by Warner Bros. International Television Production

Cast Felix Vörtler, Florian Lukas, Holger Stockhaus, Sophie Dal, Theresa Underberg

NEW EPISODES



East Friesland Thrillers

Based on the best-selling novels by Klaus-Peter Wolf, the inimitable Chief Inspector Ann Kathrin Klaasen investigates murders on the coast of East Friesland. Her method of solving cases involves putting herself in the role of the victims to better understand the crime. Her family life suffers due to her dedication to her work. When it comes to an showdown between Ann Kathrin and her husband Hero, he moves out with their 11-year-old son to live with his mistress.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

6 x 90'

Produced by Schiwago Film

Cast Christiane Paul, Julia Rentsch, Christian Erdmann, Barnaby Metschurat, Kai Maertens, Jörg Schütttauf a.o.

NEW EPISODES



The Inspector and the Sea

Idyllically located on the Swedish island of Gotland, the medieval town of Visby looks like a picture of innocence. But behind the facades of its brightly coloured houses lurk evildoers of all stripes, con men, kidnapers, killers. Solving the island's crimes is the job of German inspector Robert Anders, an engaging, laid-back family man. Based on the bestselling crime novels of Mari Jungstedt. Suspense in spectacular landscapes!

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

24 x 90'

Produced by Network Movie, Jutta Lieck-Klenke for ZDF

Cast Walter Sittler, Inger Nilsson, Sólveig Arnadóttir a.o.

AVAILABLE



Beyond the River

Robert Heffler is a single father of three daughters. After a dramatic mission three years ago he asked – for personal reasons and to protect his family life – to be transferred from the crime unit of a hotspot district to Berlin-Köpenick as a dispatcher. At home, he grows his own vegetables to provide a healthy diet for his children. On duty, the thoroughbred detective gets bored creating the duty rosters.

Commissioner Kay Freund, who was forcibly transferred to Köpenick, loves her job. She prefers to be the first on the scene and often the last in the office. She loves structure, and social contacts are secondary at best for her. With her disciplined and responsible nature, she usually manages to keep her impulsive nature under control but also runs the risk of overstepping boundaries. She masters the interrogation room professionally and purposefully with her lightning-quick perception.

Due to a lack of trained staff, Heffler is asked to come back into the field. Heffler's friendly nature and many years of experience make the empathetic inspector a valuable, effective and irreplaceable investigator. Out of necessity, he agrees – without his daughters' knowledge.

The unlikely duo's first case begins when an unidentified man is found in the River Spree: drugged, beaten to death and thrown into the water. It comes to light that he had only recently entered Germany and had worked illegally for a transport company. As the investigators become closer professionally, Heffler is confronted with his own past.

Series | **Crime & Suspense**

4 x 60' and 6 x 60' in production

Produced by Studio Zentral

Cast Jürgen Vogel, Seyneb Saleh, Elisabeth Baulitz, Oleg Tikhomirov, Lea Zoë Voss, Luna Jordan, Bella Bading a.o.

NEW



Breisgau

After joining the Freiburg homicide division, detective Tanja Wilken discovers the police officers are all seemingly related and led by station chief Dorothea Danzeisen and her nephew Dennis Danzeisen, Tanja's new partner. The Danzeisen clan often moves in a grey area between right and wrong with its "Robin Hoodian" interpretation of the law. This is challenging for Tanja who came here from Rostock to distance herself from her criminal father. She wants nothing more than to live an honest life as a police officer, far away from corruption and illegality. She is torn between her sympathy for the Danzeisen ways and a deep sense of duty.

The nepotism exerts a certain attraction on the otherwise principled loner Tanja. Especially at the latest event, the lavish birthday party for patriarch Dorothea at Daniel Danzeisen's family pub, which is also attended by sketch artist Doreen

Danzeisen, forensic expert Dominik Danzeisen and police master David Danzeisen. So many Danzeisens!

Tanja's first case lands her in a moral dilemma when she is assigned to investigate the death of a reporter who was looking into corruption within the police force. Tanja's partner, Chief Inspector Dennis Danzeisen, of all people, was among those in the journalist's crosshairs.

Had the reporter really come across incriminating material against the Danzeisens before her mysterious death? As events come to a head, Tanja must decide whether to investigate with her new colleague or against him.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90'

Produced by hager moss Film

Cast Katharina Nesytowa, Joscha Kiefer, Johanna Gastdorf, Daniel Friedl, Julika Jenkins, Valentin Erb, Rüdiger Klink a.o.

NEW



Wilsberg

Georg Wilsberg runs an antique bookstore and is a private detective in the tranquil town of Münster. He's smart, perceptive, charming and always strapped for cash. He doesn't have a cell phone and refuses to accept any new technology. He also doesn't have a car, but his friends continue to lend him theirs – and have done so for 25 years.

The series set a trend that many crime formats have followed since then. Its mixture of whodunit and light-hearted humour is unique and unrivalled.

The series features eccentric characters that audiences love. And what's more: *Wilsberg* is one of few long-running formats that manages to increase its ratings.

The series typically deals with (socio)political issues or interpersonal conflicts and takes a critical look at our hectic times with a – mostly sarcastic – wink. Entertainment with attitude. Georg Wilsberg is simply 'cool'.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

74 x 90'

Produced by Warner Bros. International Television Production

Cast Leonard Lansink, Rita Russek, Oliver Korittke, Ina Paula Klink, Roland Jankowsky, Teresa Weißbach, Stephan Luca a.o.

NEW EPISODES

A Case For Two – Reloaded

Antoine Monot, Jr. and Wanja Mues represent the exceptional investigator duo in the new edition of "A Case for Two", a successful crime series classic.

How it began: once inseparable, then estranged school friends Benni Hornberg and Leo Oswald meet again after 20 years. Both are in some kind of midlife crisis. The encounter has consequences: Benni switches from insurance law to criminal law to help out his buddy, and then teams up with him to fight for justice.

Hornberg comes across as a homely guy with an unpretentious practice and is therefore often underestimated though he quickly turns out to be dedicated and quick-witted.

Oswald takes unconventional and not always legal paths. But as unsteady as Leo's life may appear, he reliably stands by his friend.

The whodunit series from Frankfurt has seven entertaining seasons under its belt.

Series | Crime & Suspense

30 x 60'

Produced by Odeon Film

Cast Wanja Mues, Antoine Monot, Jr., Bettina Zimmermann a.o.

NEW EPISODES





Disappeared – The M.P.U.

What if a person you love disappeared?

Chief Inspector Radek and his team from the M.P.U. in Berlin pursue every single lead to find the missing, no matter how trivial. They research their subjects' lives in minute detail in order to reveal the truth surrounding the missing. As archaeologists of human biographies, they pore over endless fragments to create pictures riddled with contradictions. The facts they bring to light enable the victims' loved ones to find relief from their suffering.

Series | Crime & Suspense

114 x 45'

Produced by Novafilm Fernsehproduktion

Cast Hans Werner Meyer, Jasmin Tabatabai, Florian Panzner, Susanne Bormann a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Heldt – A Date with Justice

He's roguish and conceited, a cop who's often hard to work with, but who's got great compassion: Nikolas Heldt. This detective series thrives on the witty banter between Heldt and Prosecutor Ellen Bannenberg, as well as on the situation-comedy atmosphere that lightens up their cases, whether they're in the world of kickboxers, scholars or carrier-pigeon breeders. Even though Ellen often has to keep Heldt from doing something he'll regret, she knows that he aces the job.

Series | Crime & Suspense

108 x 45'

Produced by Sony Pictures

Cast Kai Schumann, Janine Kunze, Timo Dierkes a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Ingo Thiel

In this crime series based on true events, Heino Ferch portrays the real-life Special Inspector Ingo Thiel. He never loses sight of the ultimate goal – no matter how hopeless the case may seem. The series premiered with *A Child is Missing*. The film recounts the "Mirco case", a tragedy that shook Germany when a ten-year-old boy was murdered in 2010 in North Rhine-Westphalia. The events in the *Ingo Thiel* series are realistically represented, and the real Thiel acted as advisor to the film crew.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

3 x 90'

Produced by Lailaps Pictures

Cast Heino Ferch, Ronald Kukulies, Verena Altenberger, Joachim Król, Silke Bodenbender, Johann von Bülow, Felix Kramer a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Dengler

Georg Dengler, once a successful special investigator who left the Federal Criminal Police under contentious circumstances, is now a private detective in Stuttgart. He has an innate distrust of power structures. His goal: existential justice and the dismantling of criminal machinations.

Olga Illiescu is a radically free spirit. Growing up as a con artist, she later taught herself programming and is a hacker activist. Ever since she gained access to BKA computers – and had Dengler on her trail – she has been under BKA chief Dr. Müller's constant surveillance. Today she is Dengler's soul mate and secret confidante.

The two strong personalities, played by Ronald Zehrfeld (*In the Face of Crime*) as Dengler and Birgit Minichmayr (*Everyone Else*) as Olga take on the big guys: pharmaceutical giants, meat producers, water and weapons companies.

The most recent adaptation, *Kreuzberg Blues*, covers a subject many people can unfortunately relate to: gentrification and displacement. When her friend's baby is bitten by a rat in the middle of the night, Olga asks Dengler for help in exposing an eviction scandal. She's convinced that real estate investor Jan Kröger is behind terrorising tenants into leaving to make room for new luxury apartments.

But the matter is more complicated than it seems at first glance. Kröger sees himself

as a working-class guy who worked his way up and is now giving back by offering his tenants a good thing. He dismisses all accusations and even suggests hiring Dengler to solve the case. A clever manoeuvre to divert suspicion from himself, or proof of his innocence?

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

6 x 90'

Produced by Bavaria Fernsehproduktion, Cuckoo Clock Entertainment

Cast Ronald Zehrfeld, Birgit Minichmayr, Ernst Stötzner, Jenny Schilly a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Hamburg Dockland

Hamburg Dockland follows police officers and medical doctors on their daily action-packed missions in the port of Hamburg. The 21st precinct is a tough area to patrol: from a busy harbour and the red-light district to neighbourhoods with luxury villas. Each day is filled with new challenges. The police work hand in hand with the medical doctors at the local hospital because crime often leads to casualties. They must often make split-second decisions and quickly adapt to every situation. It is always a priority to save lives, those of the victims and the

criminals. But this inevitably leads to conflicts between the saviours in white and the helpers in green. This successful series that combines police procedural with emotional medical drama is in its 15th season.

Series | Crime & Suspense

395 x 45'

Produced by Studio Hamburg

Cast Matthias Schloo, Sanna Englund, Frank Vockroth, Rhea Harder, Fabian Harloff a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Murder Mysteries

The *Murder Mysteries* of Nele Neuhaus, one of Germany's most popular authors, have long been riveting readers in over 20 countries. Her crime stories unfold in mystical, fairy-tale-like settings in the Taunus region, where she sketches fascinating portraits of a society that flourishes between Frankfurt's skyscrapers and small rural towns.

Heroes of the film adaptation are Chief Inspector Oliver von Bodenstein and his colleague Pia Sander, who approach suspects and the dark sides of humanity with great sensitivity

and skill. Bodenstein heads the Violent Crimes Department, is the father of three children and divorced. He is disciplined, considerate and polite to a fault. Sander is positive and practical, and usually makes smart decisions based on her gut feeling.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

11 x 90'

Produced by All in production

Cast Tim Bergmann, Felicitas Woll, Michael Schenk, Kai Scheve, Natalia Wörner, Gudrun Landgrebe a.o.

AVAILABLE

Among Enemies

Written and directed by Lars Becker and inspired by Georg M. Oswald's novels, *Among Enemies* is a gritty, fast-paced crime series about two cops who live on the edge.

Erich Kessel and Mario Diller work in a troubled district in Munich where integration is failing and drugs are rampant, and Diller must decide between friendship and professional duty. He decides to cover for his colleague who – fresh out of drug rehab – runs over a small-time dealer. Diller's impulsive decision has fatal consequences and Kessel's problems with addiction continue to be a problem in this crime series.

In the latest film, Kessel is being released on parole after two years in prison. As a policeman among criminals, his time behind bars was a nightmare. Kessel vows to stay clean but cell mate Schukri gave him a job on the way out: find his daughter and receive a 50,000 Euro reward. And it sounds like trouble.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 x 90'

Produced by Network Movie

Cast Nicholas Otczarek, Fritz Karl, Birgit Minichmayr a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Marie Brand and...

A well-matched detective duo strives to solve homicides using smarts, athletic prowess, and a healthy dose of humour.

After the death of her father, a police officer, Inspector Marie Brand said goodbye to her homicide department. However, she can't ignore her inherent knack for hard-to-solve murder cases; now she's back and teamed up with Jürgen Simmel, a ladies' man with a soft spot for Marie. Thanks to her brilliant, analytical mind and his hands-on approach, the two form a perfect team.

Marie is able to draw logical conclusions swiftly – and even likes to write with both hands to gain time. Simmel, on the other hand, listens to his gut feeling. And unlike Marie, Simmel recognises very quickly when a situation becomes dangerous. No wonder, then, that he has to rescue his colleague from a dicey situation time and again.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

30 x 90'

Produced by Cologne Film

Cast Mariele Millowitsch, Hinnerk Schönemann, Marcus Mittermeier, Thomas Heinze, Idil Üner a.o.

Ratings Over 9 mio viewers and over 30% market share

NEW EPISODES





The Enemy of My Enemy

For the past year, Klaus Burg has been living with his 18-year-old daughter Alina in a witness protection programme for high-risk individuals. With the help of the former business lawyer, the Federal Criminal Police succeeded in busting an 'Ndrangheta clan. Now Burg and Alina have built a new but modest existence in a remote village in Iceland. But Burg's incriminating knowledge continues to make him a target: Burg had insight into "La Carta", the Mafia's business records.

When the Mafia discovers Burg's secret whereabouts through a hacker attack at the Federal Criminal Police computer centre, a hit squad sets out for the Icelandic

wasteland. But the assassination attempt on Burg and Alina is thwarted at the last second by the surprising intervention of a team of mercenaries. It is in the service of the charismatic self-made billionaire Gabriel Morales. He wants to meet Burg in Milan as soon as possible. Since the authorities can obviously no longer guarantee him protection, Burg agrees to accept the invitation of his unknown lifesaver even though he must leave Alina behind on the Faroe Islands in the care of the mercenaries.

Upon his arrival, Morales makes him an unexpected offer: should Burg cooperate with him, he would provide Alina and him

with unlimited funds to live a safer and freer life beyond a government witness protection programme. Morales appears to be not only a highly successful young entrepreneur with integrity, but also a fierce critic of the state's failure to address rampant mafia crime. Burg agrees to the deal, but is Morales the man he claims to be?

Movie | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90'
Produced by Fiction Magnet
 in association with ndF Berlin
Cast Hans Sigl, Oliver Mommsen, Katharina Nesytowa, Karen Böhne, Julia Stinshoff, Martin Umbach, Orso Maria Guerrini a.o.

NEW



Devil's Valley

Busy defense attorney Klaus Burg has promised his daughter Alina a relaxed weekend together at a hotel resort in the mountains. Their relationship is somewhat strained because he's buried in work and they've spent little time together. The outing turns into a nightmare when Alina mysteriously disappears, only traces of blood left at the scene. Due to a public argument father and daughter had earlier, Burg himself comes under suspicion of having actually murdered his daughter. A call from Enzo Battista, an influential organised crime mastermind, puts further pressure on the lawyer: If Burg wants to see his daughter alive, he must find Georg Wendt, one of Burg's clients who has gone AWOL. Without getting the police involved or attracting any attention. He has 36 hours. Battista wants incriminating bookkeeping documents back that Wendt has in possession. Burg escapes over the hotel roof, but quickly has the Office of Criminal Investigations on his tail. For the defense attorney, a cat-and-mouse game begins, in which Wendt's daughter Maja, of all people, is involved: she helps him through the deep Devil's Valley in the Black Forest to reach her father.

While Burg and Alina start a new life in a witness protection programme, this isn't the end for them. The 'Ndrangheta clan still has its eyes on the lawyer. Hans Sigl returns as Klaus Burg in the sequel *The Enemy of my Enemies*.

Movie | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90'
Produced by neue deutsche Filmgesellschaft
Cast Hans Sigl, Leonie Wesselow, Marleen Lohse, Christian Redl a.o.



Awards

Festival des Deutschen Films Ludwigshafen 2019:
 Reihe: Klassisch erzählt
 Internationales Filmfest Oldenburg 2019:
 International Section

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Family

Mountain Medic

Dramatic and emotional stories centred around a mountain doctor in an idyllic Austrian alpine town near the Kaiser mountains. Popular Austrian movie and stage actor Hans Sigl has played Martin Gruber since 2008: a likeable doctor with a complicated love life.

Martin's previous experience as a neurosurgeon in New York has made him extremely competent, but now, away from the hustle and bustle of the big city, he enjoys being able to spend time focusing on the medical and emotional problems of his patients. Together with his mother Lisbeth, his brother Hans and his daughter Lilli, Martin lives on the Gruberhof, the family farm, which is run by Martin's fiancée Anne.

In 2021, season 14 saw record ratings for the *Mountain Medic*, the show's most successful season to date. Martin was forced to decide between staying in Ellmau with Anne, the woman he loves, or moving back to New York with Franziska, the woman carrying his child. Martin chose love and the alps, and fans breathed a sigh of relief knowing the *Mountain Medic* is far from over.

Season 15 begins with the doctor – distracted by Franziska's pending departure – treating a new patient, a young woman who has suffered a traumatic brain injury resulting from a car accident. Alina's retrograde amnesia affects both her long-term and short-term memory: She cannot remember her life before the accident, or her family and friends. The only person she feels she can trust and confide in is her long-term partner Sebastian. It soon becomes apparent that Sebastian has not been upfront about their life together in Berlin.

Series | Family

121 x 90' or 242 x 45'

Produced by neue deutsche Filmgesellschaft

Cast Hans Sigl, Heiko Ruprecht, Monika Baumgartner, Siegfried Rauch, Mark Keller a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Dr. Ballouz

Dr. Ballouz is based on topics from the non-fiction book “Deutschland draußen” (literally translated Germany outside). The Lebanese-born Ballouz fled his war-torn country and studied medicine in the GDR. After years in London and Paris, he returned to Germany and a small clinic in Brandenburg. The journalist Jasper Fabian Wenzel accompanied the doctor in his daily life for six months.

Armin Ballouz is the kind of country doctor we all wish for but who has become such a rarity. The series *Doctor Ballouz* pays homage to this medical care hero.

Together with his team, Ballouz provides the residents of the economically underdeveloped Ueckermark district with exceptional care and attention, and not just in the medical sense. He is always willing to listen to his patients' problems. They trust him with their stories of love, life, loneliness and hope, and Ballouz becomes a part of their lives.

The odd doctor with a big heart, who wears his signature trench coat and drives a Trabi, is passionate about his work and doesn't shy away from trying unconventional methods – whatever is necessary to help his patients. The sudden loss of his wife, the love of his life, hits Ballouz hard. The community he has always supported, now slowly helps him back on his feet.

Next to Ballouz's private struggles, the modern medical drama series mirrors current social and regional themes. And in season 2, the exceptional doctor continues to solve important medical cases and provide a strong cornerstone for the community. He is also open to a new relationship of his own...

Series | Family

12 x 45'

Produced by X Filme Creative Pool

Cast Merab Ninidze, Clelia Sarto, Julia Richter, Daniel Fritz, Nadja Bobyleva, Vincent Krüger a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Love & Romance

Rosamunde Pilcher

Rosamunde Pilcher's name has long been synonymous with outstanding entertainment, both for her novels – which have sold over 65 million copies all over the world – and for the ZDF small-screen adaptations of her works.

The longest-running show in ZDF's "Herzkin" series kicked off in 1993 and since then well over 150 films have been made. The stories often centre on smart, feisty female characters and there is never a shortage of love, romance or intrigue.

The latest film of the series, *Four Balloons and a Funeral*, asks the question: when are you ready for love?

Florist Gwen, an employee in a wholesale flower shop, is being courted by her likeable boss Joey. Gwen doesn't object, quite the contrary. She has an intense, but also exhausting relationship with her mother Ellen. Fortunately, Ellen's down-to-earth partner Ron is there to be supportive. While delivering flowers to a cemetery, Gwen trips, falls into an open grave and passes out. When she opens her eyes, a handsome man is leaning over her. He's not an angel, but the emergency doctor Lennard. Sparks fly between them. But on the advice of her mother who speaks from experience, Gwen keeps her distance when she learns that Lennard's wife died in a hit-and-run accident a year ago. Serendipitously Gwen meets Lennard's daughter Lilly and after clearing some hurdles, she begins to see the doctor more often. The past, however, keeps Lennard in its grip and Gwen's relationship with Joey deepens under gentle pressure from Ellen. But then Gwen makes a momentous discovery that opens her eyes.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

157 x 90'
Produced by FFP New Media
Cast various

NEW EPISODES





Inga Lindström

Inga Lindström is the pseudonym of German writer and journalist Christiane Saldo. Since 2004, ZDF has been airing adaptations of her novels in the “Herzkino” series. Sweden – with its rocky islands, vast forests and picturesque lakes – forms the stunning backdrop for the Inga Lindström collection. But while the air is sweet and crystal clear, the passions roiling beneath the calm surface prove that the Nordic soul is as fiery and impulsive as that of any Latin country.

Each film tells its own story, mostly romantic ones. Love and passion are frequent themes with dramatic strokes of fate.

Find out what’s next for Anja whose fiancé cheated on her (*Summer of Memories*). Or what Hanna decides: will she begin training for her dream job as a pilot as planned or fulfill her late sister’s wish and take care of her daughters (*My Sister’s Children*).

In the most recent film of the series, *Rose Petals in the Sand*, we meet Catrine. She is about to leave for Nepal, where she plans to work as a nurse for a year. But then events from the past surface that change everything.

Before her departure, Catrine wants to take a trip to the seaside with her mother Ella. On the beach she meets Pelle. She has no idea that his father Tomas and her mother are connected by a tragic secret.

Old feelings of guilt and hurt threaten Catrine’s happiness. Eventually the truth will come out. And with the truth comes forgiveness.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

93 x 90'

Produced by Bavaria Fiction
Cast various

NEW EPISODES



A Summer in...

39 x 90' | New Episodes



Ella Schön

A woman with Asperger's meets a free spirit: Ella Schön is the story of two dissimilar women who shake up the lives of an island community.

Ella Schön is a woman with Asperger's syndrome who finds it difficult to express emotion. She's straight to the point and tells it like it is. When her husband dies, Ella plans to sell their second house on the Baltic Sea. To her surprise, it's occupied by her husband's mistress, Christina, who is also pregnant with his child. As if things weren't already sufficiently complicated – Christina refuses to move out. Linked by fate, the two very different women share the house and everyday life together. Ella is an aspiring lawyer, analytical, and brutally honest. Christina, a single mother and café owner, is chaotic and intuitive. In their own unique ways, the two women enhance the lives of the residents of their community and ultimately, each other.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

8 x 90' and 3 x 90' in production

Produced by Dreamtool Entertainment

Cast Annette Frier, Julia Richter, Rainer Reiners, Josef Heynert

NEW EPISODES



Tonio & Julia

After a rough breakup with her boyfriend in Berlin, Julia returns to her hometown in Bavaria to work as a family therapist in a Catholic church organisation. To her surprise, she recognises her new colleague, Pastor Tonio, from her childhood; for a brief time, they were more than friends. Julia quickly warms up to her old friend, but Tonio senses that her return may put his commitment to God to the test.

At first, work is slow as Julia struggles to gain the trust of the locals in the community, but her persistence pays off. Soon she and Tonio have their hands full serving locals seeking advice and emotional support at the marriage and family counselling centre. However, as an office friendship begins to turn into something more serious for Julia, the two colleagues and lifelong friends must make some difficult decisions for themselves.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

10 x 90'

Produced by Studio.TV.Film

Cast Oona Devi Liebich, Maximilian Grill, Charlotte Schwab, Dietrich Adam

NEW EPISODES



Fairy Tale Cinema

Fairy tale cinema – the tradition of fairy tale film reinterpreted. Transposed into the present in a contemporary and imaginative way, the films in this series celebrate the fairy tale as a narrative form for all generations. Magical stories are centre stage. This is storytelling devoid of hocus pocus, instead highlighting traditional tales, strong emotions, and genuine heroes and heroines. Wonderful fictional entertainment for fairy tale fans – and all those who want to become one.

Fairy tale cinema gives classic Brothers Grimm tales a modern makeover without

losing any of their romantic charm.

Mrs. Holle's Garden also comes from the legendary Brothers Grimm, but "Frau Holle" is a legend in her own right in Germany. It's only fitting that she's played by the immensely popular German idol of the 50s/60s in the ZDF film adaptation: Cornelia Froboess.

In the latest film, *The Star Money of Happiness*, Katja Sterner is faced with ruin. She left her job as a restorer to care for her parents a few years ago. Now they have both passed away, and Katja wants to go back to work. But there are simply no job openings for her. Just as she is about to leave the city in search of work elsewhere, her lucky coin happens to turn up

again. Katja takes this as a sign and sets off for Herzfeldt, the place where her father had originally found the coin bearing a star. She gets hired to restore the old dilapidated pavilion which people call the "Lovers' Dacha". The first kiss, a secret rendezvous, pledges of love all happened in that pavilion for many years. Will it work its magic on Katja?

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

5 x 90'

Produced by Sabotage Films

Cast Alexandra Neldel, Nele Mueller-Stöfen, Maria Ehrich, Andrea Sawatzki, Heino Ferch, Anuschka Tochtermann, Zoe Moore, Jeanee Goursaud, Klara Deutschmann, Cornelia Froboess a.o.

NEW EPISODES

Comedy

Nothing Serious

44 Generation “#it’scomplicated”: Wiebke, Jonas, Basti and Jenny are searching for the loves and jobs of their dreams. But on this rocky road with its many ups and downs, it usually turns out to be “nothing serious”.

They live together in one of very few ungentrified buildings in Kreuzberg, a district of Berlin. The four millennials are thrown together at what could well be the most stressful time of their lives. They’re all between their mid-twenties and thirty something and in the process of making some major decisions. Are they climbing the right career ladder? Where should they settle down? And with whom? When they’re not struggling to find their place in life and in the capital city, they come together at home to work, live, love, plan and party. *Nothing Serious* captures the spirit of generation “#it’scomplicated”. They’re constantly dabbling but it’s never serious, regardless of whether it’s their careers or private lives at stake. Jonas, Wiebke, Basti and Jenny celebrate major successes and suffer massive setbacks. They fall in love and back out again. They fight and make up. All the while, they’re asking themselves where they really belong.

Series | Comedy

12 x 30'

Produced by ITV Studios

Cast Josefine Preuß, Sebastian Fräsdorf, Marie Rathschek, Tim Kalkhof, Dirk Martens a.o.

NEW EPISODES



START THE FCK UP



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Programmer Jana is on the verge of a huge breakthrough with her self-developed app. But then her boyfriend and best friend completely screw her over and kick her out of their joint company. She's left with nothing. Now a lone warrior, she relies on one person only – herself.

The problem is that the only place she can afford to start fresh is also the least convenient place to be alone: “The Next” coworking space. Here she is surrounded by passionately over-motivated but unsuccessful and annoyingly curious, young entrepreneurs.

They're a bunch of chaotic, headstrong yet likeable colleagues who also dream of landing the next big thing: Kenny is a highly ambitious and chaotic idea machine, while his business partner and programmer Jens patiently works through the nights. Eco startup founders Nura and Sophie want to improve the world with plastic-eating worms, and influencer Melina seems superficial and naive at first glance but turns

out to be a pretty smart businesswoman. The good soul of the place is concierge Joachim. He's somehow everything – except from this world.

Not needing anyone's help is easier said than done. Especially since Jana's next big idea is actually Kenny's: a digital therapist. Kenny pitched this idea while drunk and doesn't remember a thing. Jana programs through the nights, and the “Personal Assistant for Mental Health,” or PAM for short, is born. Jana oscillates between her new mantra “I don't need anything or anyone” and a guilty conscience. Maybe she does need the support and – worst-case scenario – even the friendship of her new colleagues?

Series | Comedy

8 x 30'

Produced by Network Movie

Cast Olga von Luckwald, Kelvin Kilonzo, László Branko Breiding, Lena Meckel, Karen Dahmen, Mona Pirzad a.o.

NEW

