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KUDAM

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From UFA Fiction, the producers of *Generation War* and Annette Hess, the acclaimed writer behind *Weissensee* and *The Interpreter of Silence*, *Ku'damm* is a tremendously successful period drama set in post-war Berlin. Centred on the formidable owner of a prestigious dance school and her family, the series charts their personal and political struggles as they navigate shifting cultural tides and fight to define their own identities. Spanning decades – from the buttoned-up 1950s to the vibrant 1970s – *Ku'damm* offers a rare, compelling lens on history and the evolving roles of women in a changing world.

Season 4 takes a dive into 70s Berlin: The Bee Gees are conquering discotheques with 'Stayin' Alive', and Europe is in the midst of the Cold War. The Berlin Wall stands impregnable. Headlines are dominated by RAF terrorism, drug deaths and young people's rebellion at peace and environmental demonstrations. The social discourse doesn't stop at the front door of the dance school, which now houses three generations of the Schöllack family: the sisters Monika and Helga, their nearly grown-up daughters Dorli and Friederike, as well as their mother, the ageless matriarch Caterina.

Life among the women is turbulent. Caterina claims she will no longer interfere in her family's life, though taking a step back is easier said than done. Helga seeks solace in alcohol. However, when Hannes, a dentist from Dahlem, enters her life, she dares to hope for a new romance. Her daughter Friederike harbours the impossible dream of becoming a police officer. Caterina's youngest daughter, Eva, returns from prison traumatised, turning the family dynamic upside down. Monika, meanwhile, is focusing on her daughter Dorli's career as a competitive dancer. However, when Dorli is unable to cope with the pressure, the symbiosis between mother and daughter begins to crumble. A catastrophe looms...

Wild, funny, existential and full of heart, *Ku'damm* illustrates that however fiercely women like the Schöllacks fight with each other, they fight for each other even harder.

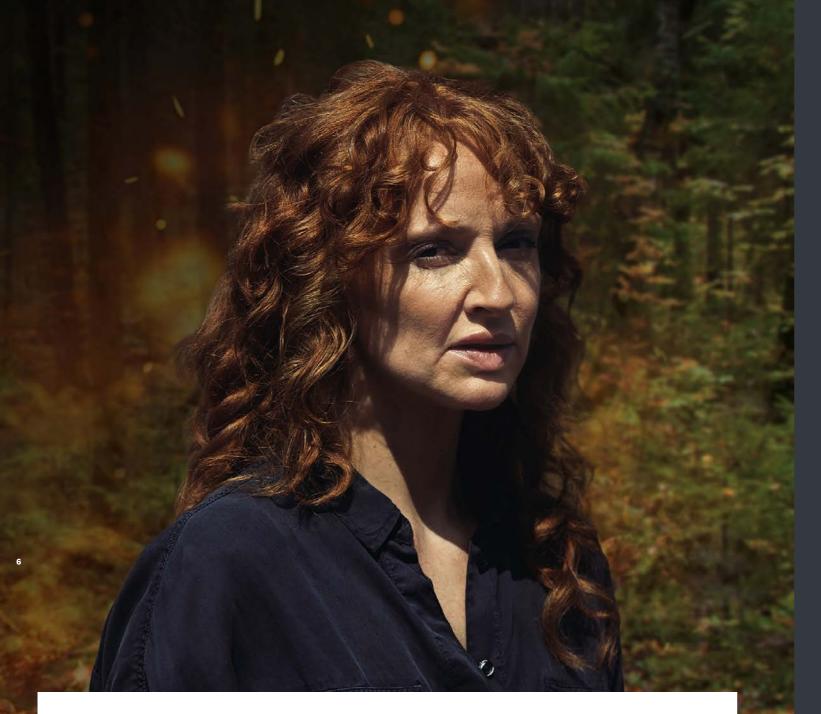
Series | Drama

3 × 90' and 6 × 45'
Original Language German
Produced by UFA Fiction
Cast Claudia Michelsen, Sonja Gerhardt,
Maria Ehrich, Emilia Schüle, Carlotta Bähre,
Marie Louise Albertine Becker, Massiamy Diaby,
August Wittgenstein, Sabin Tambrea,
Florian Stetter a.o.



Drama





Lume

Lucía, a Galician journalist in Lisbon, returns to her hometown of Seara to report on a devastating forest fire. But for her, it's personal.

Her father, Afonso, the 'Abaneiro', was accused of arson 30 years ago, and the fire killed a child. Lucía believes he was innocent and took his life in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Returning to Seara means confronting painful memories and a village that still sees her as the daughter of a criminal.

Met with hostility, she finds an ally in Júlio, a discreet Portuguese National Republican Guard corporal. As their attraction grows, he helps her investigate. With Agent Salgueiro, she reveals a cover-up: the fire's cause is being concealed, and its pattern matches the one pinned on her father

Determined to expose the truth, Lucía follows a trail that leads to a shell company acquiring burned land for a

wind farm – as was the case 30 years ago. With help from Ana, a Galician intern at a small newspaper, and Xan, a teenage hacker, she begins to unravel a web of corruption. The scheme involves politicians and businessmen who have shaped the region's fate for decades, including high-ranking Portuguese official Armando Sá Silva and Seara's mayor, Iolanda.

Meanwhile, the police investigate the suspicious death of Martim, a botanist whose research may hold the key to the mystery. As Lucía gets closer to the truth, she realises that the same powerful forces that framed her father are still at work – and they will do whatever it takes to keep their secrets buried.

Series | Drama

6 x 50'
Original Language Galician, Portuguese
Produced by Coral Europa, Setemedia
Cast Christina Castaño, Albano Jerónimo,
David Rodríguez, Isabel Naveira,
Lúcia Moniz, Ricardo Pereira a.o.

NEW

The King of Šumava

The King of Šumava is an enthralling adaptation of David Jan Žák's acclaimed novel The Return of the Šumava King.

Set against the backdrop of post-war Czechoslovakia in the spring of 1948, the story follows the gripping journey of Josef Hasil, a 24-year-old cook in the National Security Corps. Having survived the war in a German labour camp and fought alongside partisans, Hasil

has no interest in politics. However, as the Iron Curtain descends, the rapidly closing borders and looming fears of World War III thrust him into the perilous world of smuggling. Hasil's unparalleled knowledge of the Šumava mountains enables him to navigate the treacherous path from East to West, making him an invaluable asset to those seeking freedom. The series meticulously recreates this tense period, drawing from Hasil's personal

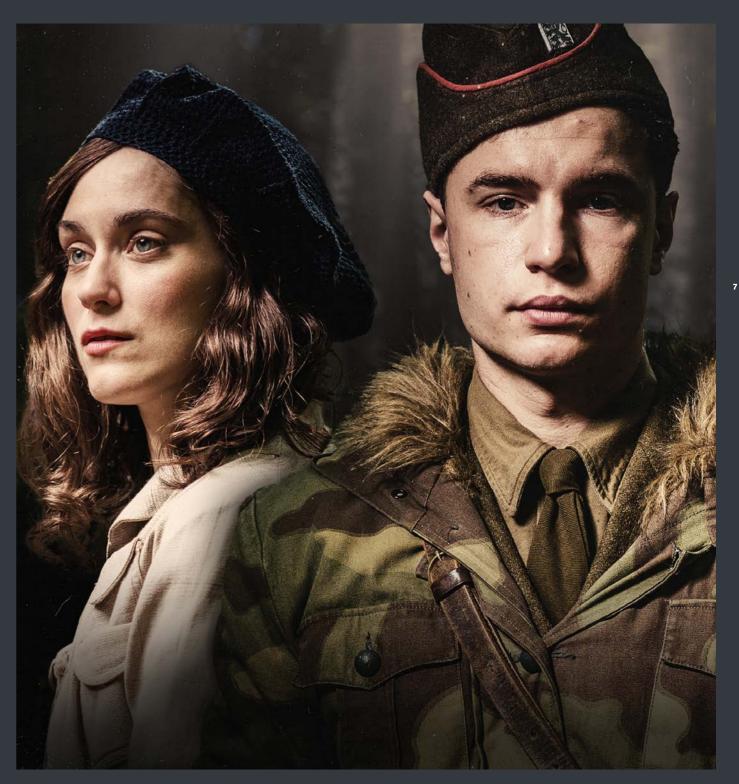
memories, eyewitness testimonies, and archival documents, bringing a true story of resilience and courage to life.

Series | Drama

9 × 45'

Original Language Czech Produced by Lucky Man Production Cast Oskar Hes, Kristýna Ryška, Judit Bárdos, Vojtěch Vodochodský, Jan Nedbal a.o.

NEW





White Night | S02

A dramatic, gripping family saga, concurrent storylines run past and present as White Night Season two takes us back to the 80s. No longer satisfied with her modelling career, Louise Hébert-Lacombe's (Rose-Marie Perreault) dreams of setting up a cosmetics company with her friend and former neighbour Jacinthe. Thanks in part to mentor Aidrian, Nocturne was born, developing into a powerhouse cosmetic industry empire. In her relentless pursuit of opulence, fame, and power, Louise must face major adverse events, maturing into present-day Loulou (France Castel). Meanwhile, Aidrian, obsessed with

protecting and further propelling Loulou's success, lets himself be dominated more and more by his dark side. Murdered on the eve of the launch of her new fragrance, the Hébert clan embarks on a pursuit to find LouLou's killer. Though seemingly solved, it appears that Clémence killed Loulou. What Aidrian and the Hébert children don't know, but soon realise, is that Clémence did not act alone but had an accomplice. Familial bonds fray in their pursuit of this other culprit, with the Hébert clan beginning to tear each other apart. Revelations highlight cracks in each of the characters, generating suspicion, betrayal and shameful secrets that severely test family loyalty and

lay a web of self-destruction. Thrown into situations that force them to cross boundaries, their decisions could have serious consequences that may forever undermine the ties that bind them.

Will the clan survive the ordeal?

Series | Drama

20 × 45' S01 (12 EP), S02 (8 EP) Original Language French Canadian Produced by PIXCOM Cast France Castel, Ron Lea, Rose-Marie Perreault, Antoine Pilon, Marilyse Bourke, Jean-Philippe Perras, Valérie Blais

NEW







Bust Up is a six-part buddy cop crime series set in the wild and beautiful North Island of New Zealand. At the heart of the series are ex-lovers Mihi and Deb who, unexpectedly, after ten years apart, are thrown together as reluctant cop partners in the small town of Waitote. Mihi, now married (to a man), has returned home. Deb has made this her patch for the last eight years and hasn't seen Mihi in all that time, but the truth she is forced to face is that she's never really got over her. Neither of them expected to have to work together but despite the initial tension, it turns out they're a great team.

The long working hours demand trust and instinct, especially under fire.

That's a lot of time in a car denying they still care about each other, and trying not to remember how good they used to be together. Each episode resolves a local crime, while a slowburning mystery simmers beneath the surface until the final episode.

The episodic crimes range from a shark-masked bank robber with asthma, to two children left alone while their mum runs meth, to a bride's 'hen' party gone feral, and a terminally ill man with murder on his bucket list. All while something weightier builds in the background throughout the series.

In the final episode Deb is taken hostage by a wannabe gang prospect.

Mihi tracks her to the home of the drug queenpin. They solve the case, make sense of all those pesky gnomes the town is full of – and finally confront the feelings they've been trying to bury.

They still love each other. That's clear. What they'll do about it is the enticing question for Season 2.

Series | Drama

6 × 60'
Original Language English
Produced by Lippy Pictures and MadeForFilm
Cast Morgana O'Reilly, Roimata Fox a.o.

NEW



Crystal Wall

Full of passion and intrigue, *Crystal Wall* from ZDFneo is a series that follows a bodyguard ruthlessly protecting her client. But when their tension-filled relationship begins to cross professional boundaries and social barriers, someone is bound to get hurt.

On a dark city street, MMA fighter Louna drags billionaire heir Nico Dardenne out of the burning remains of his car, saving his life at the risk of her own. After this intense encounter, Louna decides to apply for a role as his bodyguard, facing strong competition. Though Nico's associates are sceptical about Louna's qualifications for the role, Nico is impressed by Louna and gives her the job.

But as she begins her new role as Nico's bodyguard, she starts to realise that she's bitten off more than she can chew. Being a constant fly on the wall to everything in Nico's life is not easy, joining him on dates and at family gatherings, especially as her feelings towards him start to develop. To complicate things further, her time around the prestigious Dardenne family draws Louna into their dark secrets and a deadly conspiracy that puts her loyalty to Nico on the line.

Though love draws them together, class pushes them apart, and the crystal wall that divides them seems insurmountable. Do Louna and Nico have a chance at love or are the harsh realities of wealth, status and dangerous family truths too much for their relationship to survive?

Series | Drama

Tanja Raunig a.o.

24 x 25'
Original Language German
Produced by Producers at Work Films
Cast Anna Bardavelidze, Gustav Schmi
Bernhard Schir, Philine Schmölzer,
Max Schimmelpfennig, Julian Looman,

NEW





Fritzie's Bucket List

When teacher, mother and friend Fritzie Kühne is unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer, this news becomes the catalyst that has her reexamining her old habits and embracing her inner rebel in the heartfelt drama *Fritzie's Bucket List*.

Fritzie Kühne is a dedicated biology and PE teacher at the Berlin Rosalind Franklin school, who faces the daily school madness and her family life with empathy and understanding. But one day when Fritzie learns that a malignant tumour in her breast is beginning to spread, this news shakes Fritzie's world

in more ways than one. The diagnosis has her rethinking her life as she becomes aware of how conformist she is and how avoidant she is of voicing her opinion. As someone who always puts others' needs first, it's been a long time since she asked herself what she really wants. But as she grabs life with both hands, that's exactly what she starts to do.

In the newest season of Fritzie's Bucket List, Fritzie can't believe her luck when the doctor tells her she's finally healthy. The relieved Fritzie tries to focus her new-found energy on her teenage son and her job but when she learns that her ex-husband has met another woman,

Fritzie struggles to keep her cool. In an attempt to move on from her failed marriage, Fritzie matches with someone on a dating app. To her utter horror however, she learns that the man she's been messaging is actually one of her students and she fears that this could put her job in jeopardy. But for this daredevil cancer survivor, nothing is going to stand in the way of her happiness.

Series | Drama

24 x 45'
Original Language German
Produced by Polyphon
Cast Tanja Wedhorn, Neda Rahmanian,
Tobias Licht, Kirsten Block, Florian Panzner,
Nick Julius Schuck, Gisa Flake a.o.

AVAILABLE





Legacy

Set in the world of investment billionaires, *Legacy* is a classy South African telenovela with startling storylines and a magnificent, diverse cast. It tells the story about a family at war with itself.

Legacy's conflict takes place in an upmarket investment empire, established decades ago by Sebastian Price, the patriarch of the wealthy Price family. Now he is approaching retirement and a family member will soon have to take over his position as CEO of Legacy Investments.

Sebastian's tragic death leads to a nasty power struggle within the family. The stakes are high as secrets keep unraveling, but the Prices will do everything to protect their Legacy.

Series | Dran

208 x 45'
S01 + S02 (each season 104 EP)
Original Language English
Produced by Tshedza Pictures
Cast Mary-Anne Barlow, Michelle Botes,
Dawid Minnaar, Kgomotso Christoper,
Siyabong Thwala a.o.

AVAILABLE

Boundless

Explorer Ferdinand Magellan (Rodrigo Santoro) successfully convinces the Spanish Crown to fund an ocean mission that will take an unknown route west, in search of priceless spice.

Sailing 500 hundred years ago with 5 Spanish ships and a crew of 265 men, including commander and former prisoner Juan Sebastián Elcano (Álvaro Morte), Magellan's adventure would come at the price of unimaginable suffering; starvation, death and punishing weather. Sailors resorted to mutiny after a year at sea until finally finding the Strait of Magellan. Reaching the Philippines, battles with the indigenous tribes resulted in disastrous losses.

Elcano, not Magellan, would lead the expedition to glory, returning with few survivors and a hull full of spices. The legacy of travelling to the Earth's unknown ends would change man's perceptions of the world and the existence of an ocean route west.

Series | Drama

6 × 45' and 1 × 120' UHD
Original Language Spanish
Produced by Mono Films
in co-production with Fulwell 73 Productions
in association with RTVE
in collaboration with PTDF Studios
Cast Rodrigo Santoro, Álvaro Morte a.o.

AVAILABLE

Love & Romance

Top End Bub

After a family tragedy, high flying lawyer Lauren and her husband Ned abandon their city lives and return to the tropical north of Australia where they discover they are now the guardians of Lauren's orphaned young niece Taya.

Discovering that parenting is no easy task, Ned starts a food truck business while Lauren tries to continue her legal work long distance, but it's a difficult balance, especially as they have moved in with Lauren's parents Daffy and Trevor – who are navigating their own relationship as they slowly rekindle their spark.

Meanwhile, Lauren wants to find Taya's biological father, whose identity Ronelle took to her grave. Enlisting the help of a mysterious Cowboy to find him, Lauren is torn – worried that she's upsetting Ned and Taya's budding relationship. However, when she discovers Taya's dad is a Tiwi man, Jarad, Lauren feels certain she should allow Taya access to her Tiwi heritage.

It drives a wedge between her and Ned who feels utterly betrayed.

Things reach fever pitch as a cyclone batters the Top End. Taya is in Tiwi with Jarad, while Lauren, Ned, Daffy and Trevor must wait it out in Darwin. Home truths are revealed – Ned reveals his fear of losing Taya, while Lauren explains her connection to culture and her complicated relationship to family.

Returning to Tiwi to find the cyclone has ripped through the community, Lauren and Ned are reunited with Taya. Lauren and Ned finally find space to reconnect – but not before another complexity is thrown at them... Lauren's this she maybe pregnant!

Series | Love & Romance

8 x 30' UHD
Original Language English
Produced by Goalpost Pictures
Cast Miranda Tapsell, Gwilym Lee,
Gladys-May Kelly, Ursula Yovich,







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

Original Language German 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

AVAILABLE







Katie Fforde Collection

The Katie Fforde romantic series is set against the lush backdrop of New York's Hudson Valley and based on the novels by the best-selling author of the same name. Lively dialogue, big emotions, beguiling characters and realistic stories with a touch of the fanciful - that's what the successful Katie Fforde novels are made of. Fforde weaves her own autobiographical experiences into her novels making them easily accessible to her fans, who love the author's refreshingly relaxed narrative style.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

42 × 90' Original Language German Produced by Network Movie Cast various

AVAILABLE

Inga Lindström Collection

With its rocky islands, vast forests, and picturesque lakes, Sweden forms the stunning backdrop for the Inga Lindström Collection, a series of adaptations of the best-selling book series from the talented writer Christiane Saldo. Built around family, friendship, and the ups and downs of life, each film brims with passion, roiling beneath a calm surface that beautifully mirrors the Nordic setting. With their twisting plots and dramatic revelations, the films never fail to entertain and surprise.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

104 × 90' Original Language German Produced by Bavaria Fiction Cast various

NEW MOVIES

Dream Voyage Collection

This glamorous series takes viewers to some of the world's most beautiful and exotic holiday spots. For many, a cruise on board a luxury liner is the dream of a lifetime. But what happens when that dream becomes a reality? Then life aboard the luxury liner unfolds between heartbreak and romance, passion and jealousy. It may sound just like home, but it's so much more exciting when it happens in Tahiti, Bali or Curaçao!

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

104 x 90' Original Language German Produced by POLYPHON Cast Florian Silbereisen, Sascha Hehn, Daniel Morgenroth, Barbara Wussow,

NEW MOVIES

Doctor Ballouz

Doctor 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

18 a rarity. The series *Doctor Ballouz* pays homage to this medical 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.

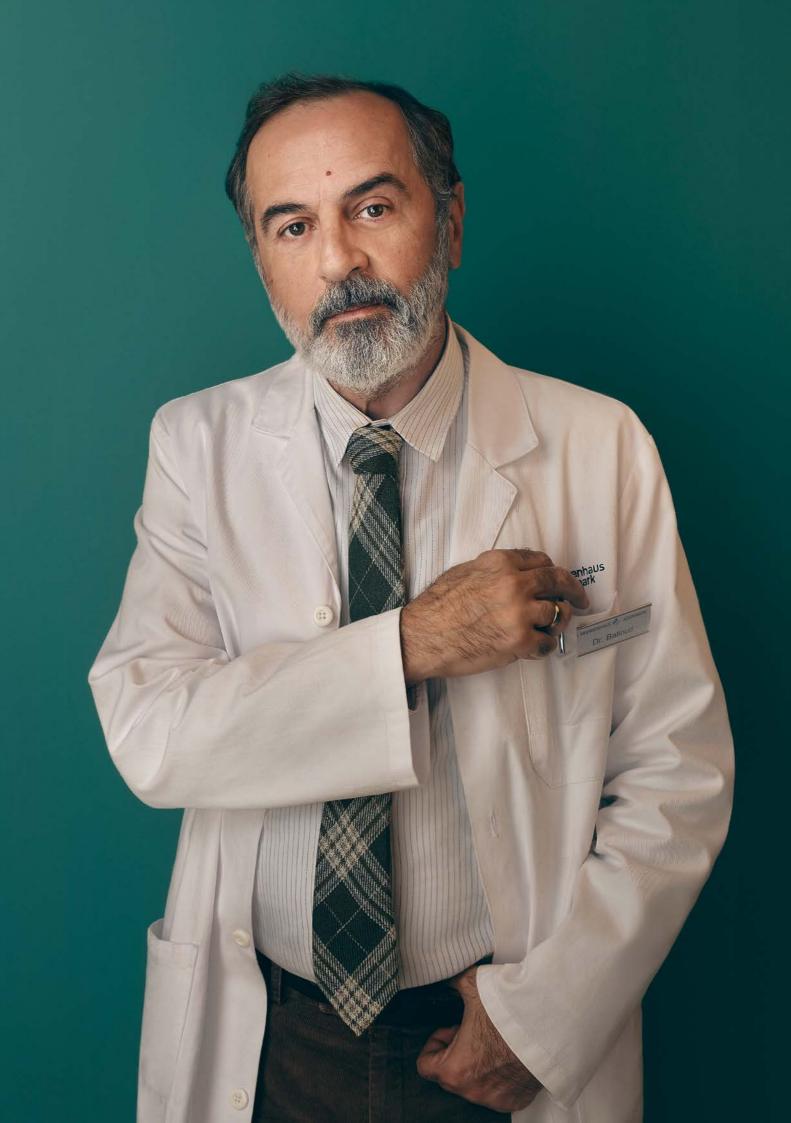
The eccentric doctor with a big heart, who wears his signature trench coat and drives a Trabi, is passionate about his work and doesn't shy away from trying unconventional methods – whatever is necessary to help his patients. The sudden loss of his wife, the love of his life, hits Ballouz hard. The community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

Alongside Ballouz's private struggles, the modern medical drama series mirrors current social and regional issues.

Series | Famil

18 × 45' and 6 × 45' coming soon S01–S03 (each season 6 EP) Original Language German Produced by X Filme Creative Pool Cast Merab Ninidze, Clelia Sarto, Julia Richter, Daniel Fritz, Nadja Bobyleva, Vincent Krüger a.o.

SEASON 4 COMING SOON







Herz and Holly will see you now

Young emergency doctor Holly Sass has travelled from her home in Berlin to the picturesque town of Tangermünde in the search for her biological mother whose last known whereabouts were in the town, 32 years ago. Her path crosses with the village doctor, Dr. Katrin Herz, who's open-hearted nature has her patients queuing at the door to receive her much-sought-after diagnoses.

The two doctors strike a deal – Holly will help out at the practice to unburden Katrin. In return, Katrin will let her search for clues about her estranged mother in the practice archives and will put her in contact with the previous practice owner, Dr. Wernitz.

As Holly confidently starts her first consultation, she is met with outrage when she refuses to prescribe a patient a questionable medication. Beginning to question her decision to stay in Tangermünde, Holly confides in her new landlord, the carefree boat builder Gregor Seefried. While she learns more about Gregor, she finds that his seemingly laid-back life is not as it seems.

One patient in particular that has both doctors puzzled is a young mother named Dana. Suffering from extreme mood swings and memory lapses, the young woman has Holly concerned for her well-being when she finds Dana's baby abandoned in the countryside.

While Katrin thinks it's likely that the drug abuse in Dana's past is to blame and tries to support Dana through her mother, Holly's gut feeling is to take action. She reports the incident to the police, and, as a result, Dana no longer allows Holly to examine her. Could Holly's own personal history be clouding her judgement?

Movie Collection | Family

4 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Studio.TV.Film
Cast Inka Friedrich, Karoline Teska,
Max Woelky, Christian Gerling,
Joachim Raaf, Birge Schade a.o.

NEW MOVIES









Betty's Call

Nurse Betty knows that 4.5 minutes are the statistical average time a nurse is to spend with a patient in her average big-city hospital. But she also knows that her unshakable common sense will keep tripping up her carefully planned schedule just long enough to give a frightened patient an encouraging smile or a hesitant young nurse a bit of cheering up. Betty's Call is an emotional and humorous medical series that looks at hospital life from the nurses' point of

245 × 45' Original Language German Produced by Network Movie Cast Bettina Lamprecht, Maximilian Grill, Theresa Underberg, Carolin Walter a.o.

Mountain Medic

It was never the intention of Martin Gruber MD to leave New York and return to his home town in the Alps. But the years have passed and nowadays he certainly cannot imagine a different way of life. He has made peace with his family, including his resentful brother and the daughter he never knew he had. And in the medical challenges he encounters every day, there is the same excitement, adventure, and ultimately fulfilment he looked for abroad.

Series | Family

149 × 90' or 282 × 45' Original Language German
Produced by ndF Cast Hans Sigl, Heiko Ruprecht, Monika Baumgartner, Siegfried Rauch, Mark Keller a.o.

NEW EPISODES

Lena Lorenz

Lena is a midwife with heart and soul, based on the family farm in the Alpine foothills. Besides all the surprises, tragedies and the pure joy the job brings to her and her patients, Lena has to deal with her own private life too: her mother is still trying to cope with her father's tragic death, her grandfather turns everything upside down and on top of all that, Lena tries to hold down a stable relationship with Quirin, the love of her life...

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

46 × 90' Original Language German Produced by ZIEGLER FILM Cast Judith Hoersch, Eva Mattes, Raban Bieling, Fred Stillkrauth, Liane Forestieri a.o.

NEW MOVIES



Reef Doctors

A dedicated medical team stationed on a stunning yet perilous island within Australia's Great Barrier Reef faces challenges found nowhere else on Earth. From snakebites and jellyfish stings to tropical diseases and diving accidents, no two days are ever the same. Whether they're climbing cliffs, diving into treacherous waters or tracking deadly

wildlife, this team will stop at nothing to keep islanders and tourists safe.

As the only medical facility on the reef, they're constantly pushed to their limits. At the helm is passionate venomologist Dr. Sam Stewart, whose team of experts handles everything from treating the bends to searching for rare venom antidotes.

Fast-paced and full of heart, this series blends edge-of-your-seat adventure with emotional depth, complex relationships and a dash of quirky humour.

Series | Family

13 × 45' Original Language English Produced by Jonathan M. Shiff Productions, Cast Lisa McCune, Richard Brancatisano, Rohan Nichol, Susan Hoecke a.o.





Crime & Suspense

The Puzzle Lady

When a strange murder takes place in the sleepy market town of Bakerbury, the local police are baffled by a crossword puzzle clue left on the body. Fortunately, the famous cruciverbalist Cora Felton, known as The Puzzle Lady, has just moved to town with her long-suffering niece, Sherry Carter. Behind the cosy façade of a demure older lady – an image that markets her best-selling crossword column and a popular brand of biscuits is a chain-smoking, wisecracking, borderline alcoholic. Not only is the persona of eccentric old Cora a lie, she isn't the puzzle expert, she's actually a fraudulent frontwoman for Sherry, the real puzzle expert, whose brilliant crossword puzzles have become a national sensation. Despite her lack of expertise, Cora cannot help but turn enthusiastically to amateur sleuthing, much to the chagrin of Detective Chief Inspector Hooper who wishes he'd never involved her in the first place!

Hooper holds the most senior rank in a woefully understaffed local police station. He's a perfectly competent DCI, but has had very little experience with serious crime, particularly murder – until now. He moans when Cora sticks er nose in his cases, but forgives her because she always saves the day in the end. Not only does Cora crack this murder case, she discovers a knack for solving murders, and as it turns out, Bakerbury isn't as sleepy as it looks.

Series | Crime & Suspense

3 × 90' or 6 × 60' UHD
Original Language English
Produced by Factual Fiction & December Films
Cast Phyllis Logan, Charlotte Hope a.o.

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Italian Global Series Festival: Best Actress Drama Phyllis Logan

IN PRODUCTION







Weiss & Morales

Nina Weiss, a BKA agent, is visiting her mother Margarethe, a German expat on the Canary Islands. She arrives unannounced, searching for answers about her past. When a German citizen is found dead, Nina becomes involved in the investigation alongside Raúl Morales, the Civil Guard sergeant in charge of the case. Despite their opposing personalities and investigation methods,

they will have to compromise. Weiss is a meticulous observer whose strength is finding clues in occasionally unnoticed details. Morales is a soul connoisseur, who analyses human conduct in search for betraying clues. Nina carries herself in a distant and professional manner, contrasting with Raúl's more social and intuitive approach while leading his team. Despite their discrepancies, or due to them, the brilliant officers resolve the case. Soon to meet

again, investigating new cases involving the German community on the islands.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 × 90' or 8 × 45' UHD
Original Language Spanish, German
Produced by RTVE, Portocabo, Nadcon,
ZDF and ZDF Studios
Cast Miguel Ángel Silvestre, Katia Fellin,
Margarita Broich, Junjo Puigcorbé,
Yaiza Guimaré, Valerie Huber a.o.

NEW



Detective von Fock

Estonia, 1820s. The Baltic German nobility has largely retained its autonomy within the Russian Empire. Some of the estates are wealthier than small German principalities. Many struggle – luxuries and lavish lifestyles, drinking and gambling put a strain on the family budgets. Younger brothers are often left empty-handed, joining the Russian army or learning a trade to earn an income. And among the ethnic Estonians, national awakening is stirring.

Paul von Fock, the youngest of three brothers, has recently inherited the prosperous Sagadi manor – much to the surprise of his social circle, of which he is not the most popular member, and the middle son Ferdinand, whose vanity could use a higher income.

When Paul is elected the assessor of the local court by the Knighthood, he doesn't expect to solve anything beyond pub brawls and petty disputes between neighbours. But when the murder of his childhood bully, notorious swindler

Justus von Brevern, becomes his first case, the extent of his responsibility suddenly dawns on him. Paul enlists the help of Gerhard Wagner, his university friend and governor, who starts off as a rather unwilling, but eventually useful sidekick, and must resign himself to the help of Maria von Nottbeck, his childhood friend and notorious femme fatale, who will accept any entertainment she can find in this periphery of Europe after returning from her adventures abroad.

These two are clearly meant for each other, but whatever mess Maria has got herself into during her travels is still haunting her, and figuring her out proves the toughest case Paul will face.

Series | Crime & Suspense

8 × 45' HD + UHD
Original Language Estonian
Produced by Zolba Productions, Movie.mento,
Nafta Films, Albolina Film
Cast Priit Pius, Sten Karpov, Aurora Ruffino a.o.





Before We Die | S02

Two mothers on opposite sides of the law battle to protect their sons. At the end of series one Detective Inspector Hannah Laing and crime matriarch Dubravka Mimica had both lost their sons. Davor Mimica is missing presumed dead. Hannah's son Christian has fallen in love with Bianca Mimica. To stay safe the star-crossed lovers have been forced to flee overseas and are on the run. Hannah is determined to finish the job her son started and expose and convict the Mimica gang. Dubravka has to complete a major drug deal and is determined to seek revenge by killing the traitor, Christian.

Series | Crime & Suspense

11 x 52'
S01 (6 EP), S02 (5 EP)
Original Language English
Produced by Eagle Eye Drama
Cast Lesley Sharp, Kazia Pelka,
Vincent Regan, Patrick Gibson a.o.

AVAILABLE



Clean Sweep

Shelly Mohan is a super mom and her power is multitasking. She juggles the complex lives and schedules of three kids. Her days are filled with cleaning, shopping, chauffeuring, and preparing a homemade meal for when her husband, a local detective, arrives home every night. It's a chaotic and mostly thankless life, but it's a life Shelly is happy with because it is the life she has chosen.

But Shelly has a dark secret – one she has successfully concealed for decades...

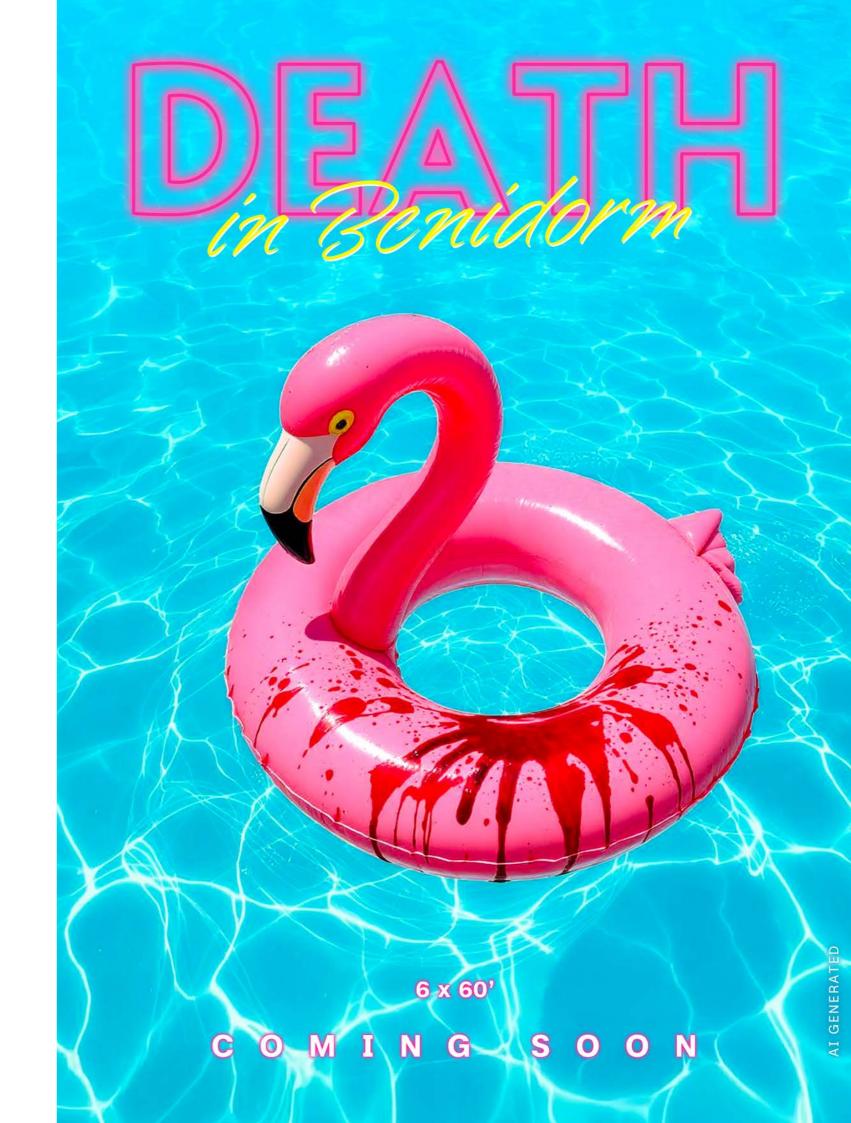
When Shelly is suddenly confronted by the return of her former boyfriend and partner in crime, he threatens to expose her past and destroy her current life, she makes the fatal decision to kill him.

But why did she murder him? And will she get caught? Going forward, she'll have to hide her present AND past life, as law enforcement, including her husband, close in on her.

Series | Crime & Suspense

6 x 52'
Original Language English
Produced by ShinAwiL & Incendo
Cast Charlene McKenna, Barry Ward a.o.

AVAILABLE





Specialisté | S10

Specialisté is a gripping Czech crime procedural that takes viewers deep into the picturesque and mysterious streets of Prague. Inspired by the award-winning German series SOKO Leipzig, this action-packed drama follows an elite team of investigators as they tackle high-stakes cases, from shocking homicides to elaborate heists. With each episode, the Specialists unravel complex mysteries involving armed vendettas, corrupt politicians, and even the reach of the Mafia. Since its debut, the series has captivated audiences and continues to deliver intense storytelling in its tenth season. If you're a fan of crime dramas, Specialisté promises suspense, intrigue, and relentless justice.

19 × 45' Original Language Czech Cast David Prachař, Marek Adamczyk, Zuzana Kajnarová, Martin Dejdar, Jiří Hána, Eva Leimbergerová, Jacob Erftemeijer, Jakub Štáfek, Jan Zadražil, Eliška Křenková a.o.

NEW SEASON



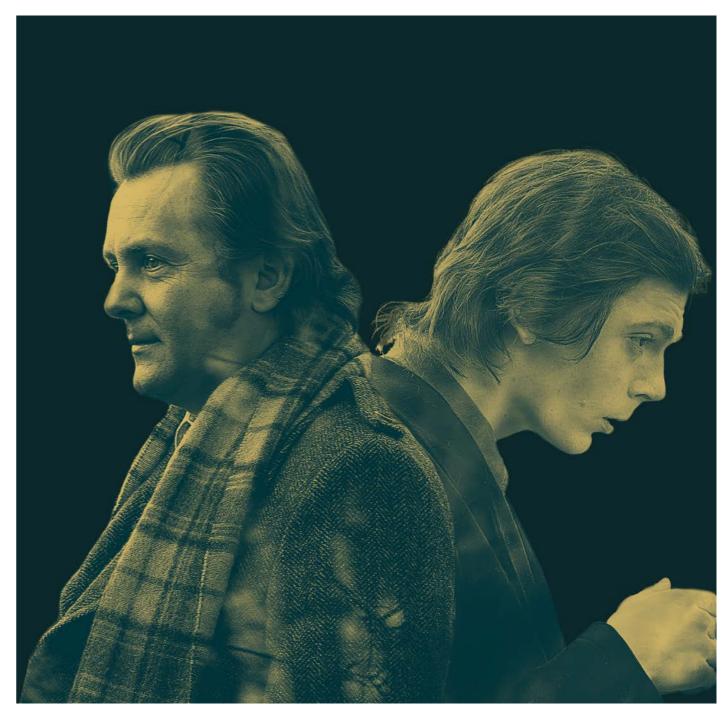
Dahlmann's Last Supper

Business tycoon Alfons Dahlmann invites his three adult children and their partners to spend Christmas at his secluded mountain hunting lodge. To everyone's surprise, his biggest business rival, Leonard Windemeyer, is also on the guest list. Alfons announces he'll retire at the end of the year and name his successor the next day. But that day never comes: the next morning, Alfons is found dead in his study.

Shock ripples through the family. Was it a break-in, or is the killer one of them? As accusations begin to fly, police officers Greta and Oliver take on the case, quickly realising that each quest is hiding something. When a missing briefcase reappears, it reveals Alfons' final move: he sold the company to Windemeyer. As the family turns on each other, one thing is clear - solving this mystery is not going to be easy.

Series | Crime & Suspense

Jürgen Vogel a.o.



The Markovič Method

Set during the normalisation era of Czechoslovakia, this new six-part miniseries entitled The Markovič Method: Hojer tells the story of the apprehension and conviction of one of the most terrifying serial killers of the time, Ladislav Hojer, by the legendary detective Jiří Markovič.

At the turn of the 1980s, Prague is a very hostile place, drab and run-down. Muted crowds form orderly lines in front of half-empty stores whilst vibrant posters plastered on the walls

of battered houses commemorate an infamous anniversary. It's in this bleak, grey setting where a chilling new phenomenon emerges in the streets at night - young sexual assailants with sadistic tendencies. It was precisely these individuals that Jiří Markovič relentlessly pursued throughout his extensive career. The series not only delves into the investigation and apprehension of Ladislav Hojer and his unique connection with his investigator but also weaves closed cases from various points in Markovič's career into every episode. These cases held paramount importance in his journey as an

elite investigator, illustrating how his method evolved during this specific period that made him so dinstinctive. Thus, the legend of Markovič was born.

Series | Crime & Suspense

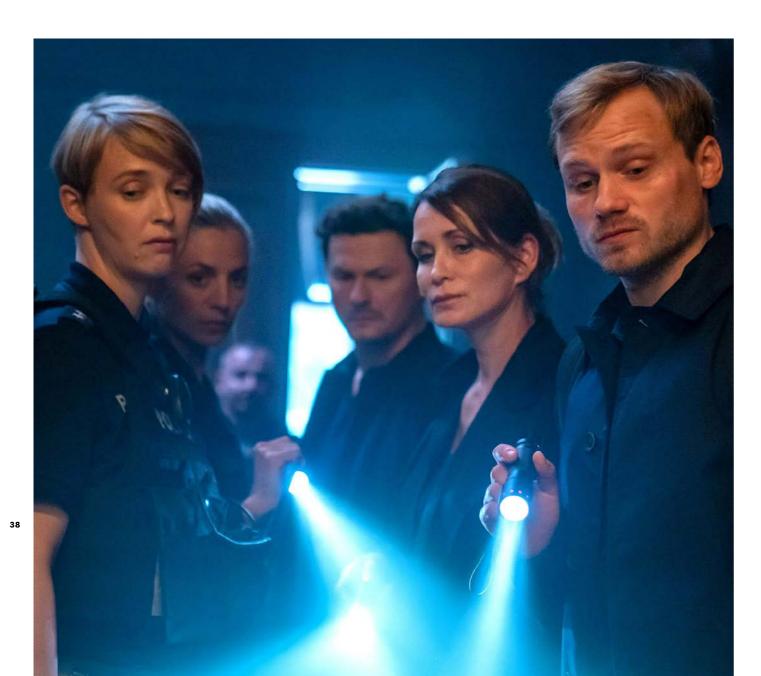
6 x 55' UHD

Original Language Czech Produced by TV Nova, Blue Hills Production Cast Petr Lněnička, Petr Uhlík, Václav Neužil, Adam Mišík, Sarah Haváčová, Vojtěch Kotek, David Prachař, Michal Isteník a.o



Best Series Central and Eastern Europe





Ouartet

You'll never meet a team quite like The Quartet, four incredible inspectors who always work as equals, unified to fight crime in the city of Leipzig. The founder of the team, Maike Riem, is driven by her great sense of justice and truth. Working beside her is loyal family man Christoph Hofherr, who sees his colleagues as a second family. There to push forensic science to its limits is Linus Roth, the team boffin who will always find a way to apply science and technology in his search for the truth. Tough and unyielding, the fourth member of the team is Pia Walther who always has her hackles

up and can be ruthless when the situation calls for it.

In the latest episode, a disturbed young woman named Julia is cradling her dead twin sister Anna in her arms on a suburban train station in Leipzig. Though a crucial witness in the case, Julia is completely traumatised and silent, unable to tell them the events that led to her sister's death. But Linus is determined to get a statement from her and begins trying to gain her trust. Meanwhile, the team discovers that the sisters belong to a cultlike community lead by the ominous guru Raphael Wegner. As Maike begins to dig deeper, she is only met with a wall of fear and mistrust.

It soon becomes clear that to solve this almost impossible case, Maike Riem and her team will have to go into the lion's den - the strange community, which lives far away from society, isolated in the Leipzig suburbs. When they come face to face with the charismatic yet manipulative cult leader, it's not just Julia's life that's in danger.

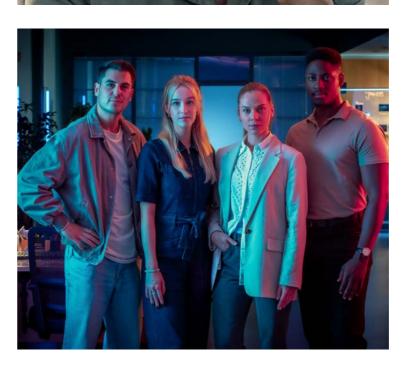
Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

8 × 90'

Original Language German Produced by Akzente Film- und Fernsehproduktion Cast Anja Kling, Shenja Lacher, Annika Blendl, Anton Spieker, Anneke Kim Sarnau a.o.

NEW MOVIES





The Good Cop

Fredo, a former Berlin criminal inspector, is a "good cop" with more than a few rough edges. After trying to force a suspect's confession in a case involving the disappearance of two little girls, he was suspended from the police force. He escaped to the North Sea and started drinking. Nevertheless, he keeps getting drawn into explosive and incriminating cases. But how far will Fredo go this time to make things right?

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

Original Language German Produced by Network Movie Cast Armin Rohde, Sabin Tambrea, Michael Maertens, Edin Hasanovic, Nele Kiper. Axel Prahl a.o.

NEW MOVIE

Lilly's Disappearance

On a family holiday with friends, Anna and Robert soak up the charms of a sun-drenched Mediterranean island - lazy days on the beach with their children, and evenings spent with friends at a local tapas bar. But everything changes when five-year-old Lilly vanishes from their holiday apartment one evening. Did she wander off in search of her parents or was she taken while she slept? As the frantic search unfolds, suspicion creeps in, and even their closest friends fall under the shadow of doubt.

Movie | Crime & Suspense

2 × 90'

Original Language German Cast Heino Ferch, Jessica Schwarz, Natalia Wörner, Petra Schmidt-Schaller, Felix Klare a.o.

Rookies

In this intense crime thriller series, a young group of police academy recruits navigate disturbing crime scenes as well as their own personal dramas. All six seasons of *Rookies* bring a fresh batch of recruits. These rookies must learn that they can only crack cases when they pull together as a team. But as the relationships between them begin to crumble, crimes are being committed much closer to home than is comfortable. Will they put to use everything they've learnt and step up to the plate?

Series | Crime & Suspense

Original Language German Produced by Studio TV Film Cast Jane Chirwa, Luise von Finckh, François Goeske, Timmi Trinks, Larissa Marolt a.o.

NEW SEASON



The Detective and the Fear

Inspector Martin Brühl awakens one morning and realises something is amiss – his partner Susanne Koch is not in the bed next to him. After he learns from friends and colleagues that she hasn't been heard of since the night before, alarm bells begin to ring.

Unbeknownst to him, Susanne was injured in the explosion of an ATM robbery on her walk home and was taken by the perpetrators. Locked in the boot of the criminals' car, the gang of burglars are deciding what to do with Susanne, the sole witness to their crime. When she is thrown semi-conscious into a grave in the forest with a gun pointed at her head, her chances of survival don't look promising.

As Brühl launches a desperate search to find the woman he loves, the question looms: is this a rescue mission... or a recovery mission?

Series | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Good friends Filmproduction
Cast Roeland Wiesnekker, Meike Droste,
Marc Ben Puch, Sara Fazilat, Michael Schenk a.o.





Joachim Vernau Collection

Based on the novels by the best-selling author Elisabeth Herrmann, the *Joachim Vernau Collection* is a film series that captivates the audience with its stylish settings and unpredictable plots. A lone wolf, Joachim Vernau takes on the investigation of the most explosive criminal cases that have him travelling the world.

In the latest riveting installment, Vernau travels to Poland where Jazek, a friend from his wild youth, has been arrested for murder and insists he's innocent. Vernau then discovers that his former law partner, Marie-Luise, who had also been to see Jazek, is now missing and seriously injured.

As Vernau digs deeper, he uncovers a legacy of wartime trauma and long-buried secrets. But the past is far from dead and a killer still lurks in the present, ready to strike again.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

8 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Jan Josef Liefers, Stefanie Stappenbeck,
Carmen-Maja Antoni, Elisabeth Schwarz a.o.

NEW MOVIES



The Inspector and the Lake

Having returned to his home town by the tranquil waters of Lake Constance, retired Inspector Robert Anders just wants a quiet life. But leaving his past as a detective behind is easier said than done. When murders are committed, Robert just can't help but investigate. In the third film of this heart-stopping series, Robert is pulled back to the place that shaped him: his old boarding school.

The body of a young woman, Lena Nowak, is discovered on the lakeshore. Bright and ambitious, Lena had just begun her first job at a prestigious biotechnology firm in Constance. Initially, her death appears to be a tragic accident. But the very next day, her supervisor, Nobel Prize-winning biotech pioneer Bernd Eschenbach, is found dead in the lake, hands and feet bound. Suddenly, Lena's death is cast in a much darker light.

Commissioner Annika Wagner and her team take up the case, but it's Robert who becomes personally entangled. Eschenbach was not just a local celebrity – he was

Robert's old school friend. Just days before his death, he had asked Robert to step in as a guest lecturer at their former boarding school, Bad Schachen.

At the school, Robert meets Eschenbach's grieving son, Moritz, and his enigmatic girlfriend, Yoko. Both are clearly hiding something. As Robert launches his own quiet investigation, long-buried memories resurface. He begins to uncover unsettling truths about Eschenbach, a man who, behind his accolades, was a manipulator who used people and discarded them.

Many had reason to want to end the "Eschenbach system". But only one of them turned motive into murder.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

3 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Walter Sittler, Nurit Hirschfeld,
Dominik Maringer, Tilman Pörzgen,
Nicole Marischka, Murali Perumal a.o.

NEW MOVIE



Family

A Hometown Reporter's Reboot

Journalist Beke Rieper's lucrative career was soaring with the biggest names in journalism on her resume until a huge error of judgement left her reputation in tatters. After relying on an untrustworthy source, Beke becomes blacklisted. Only one paper still wants her – the local newspaper in her hometown.

Deciding to take the job as a temporary step while figuring out her next move, Beke moves back in with her parents. But living with them turns out to be a complicated arrangement. To make matters worse, sparks fly again between her and her childhood sweetheart, Paul, the now ex-husband of her best friend Elif.

44 Striving to balance her personal life with her professional ambitions, Beke takes on her first assignment at the local newspaper, reporting on a minor car accident on the A26 in which a woman's car crashed into the barrier due to terrible road conditions. The road happens to be Germany's shortest motorway, but as Beke digs a little deeper, she discovers the scandals and lawsuits delaying the construction of the road. The plaintiff of the lawsuits is Henning Beckmann, a reclusive old man whose house obstructs the motorway's completion. Beke's instinct tells her that there is more to the story and she soon uncovers Henning's tragic past.

Reporting on the town's many scandals is not the only thing keeping her busy as her parents expect her to work in their farm shop and Beke's daughter arrives in town with important news. But there's one more person on Beke's mind – Paul. Will her former lover be a welcome distraction or yet another complication?

Movie Collection | Family

4 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by REAL Film
Cast Felicitas Woll, Hildegard Schroedter,
Volker Meyer-Dabisch, Anne Roemeth,
Steve Windolf, Pauline Pollmann a.o.

NEW MOVIES



Deadlines

Are there deadlines for children, careers and capitalism? In this comedy series, four lifelong friends confront the societal expectations of women their age after years of carefree – and not always innocent – fun.

Elif, Lena, Jo and Franzi grew up together in Frankfurt. Their friendship is about more than just their shared hobbies or experiences at the school they all attended: they spent the toughest years at each other's sides growing up together. They know the most intimate details about each other: when and with whom they lost their virginity and who had the worst acne. Now, with their forties fast approaching, are these chaotic women finally ready to settle down? Or will they keep pushing boundaries, one misadventure at a time?

In Season 3 of *Deadlines*, Jo, Elif, Lena and Franzi return, tackling the whirlwind of life's latest curveballs – from ADHD diagnoses to co-parenting struggles and unexpected romances. Lena fights to keep custody of foster child Talisa, while Elif juggles business, a love affair and a high-stakes gamble at the gym. Jo despairs over her soul-crushing spa hotel job but finds solace in therapy, while Franzi wrestles with motherhood, clashes with her co-parent and embarks on a journey of self-discovery – one that leads to a surprising dive into bondage.

As relationships unravel and secrets surface, the friends brace themselves for Elif's milestone 40th birthday. But when the celebration takes an unexpected turn, one thing remains certain: through chaos, heartbreak and hilarity, their friendship is the one deadline they'll never miss.

Series | Comed

24 x 23' S01 - S03 (each season 8 EP)

Original Language German
Produced by Turbokultur, ZDF – Das kleine Fernsehspiel
Cast Jasmin Shakeri, Llewellyn Reichman, Salka Weber,
Sarah Bauerett, Christoph Gawenda, Markus 'Maeckes'
Winter, Filippa Moeller, Thiago Braga de Oliveira a.o.

NEW SEASON









Späti

A beloved fixture of Berlin life, a "Späti" is part shop, part late-night bar – a place where you can pick up toilet paper but can also sit down with a cold beer after midnight. For Fred, his favourite Späti is like a second home. But when the owner has to leave at short notice, Fred knows he has to act fast. Deciding to spontaneously take over the shop, Fred has no idea what awaits him – strange guests, unexpected challenges and a landlord determined to get rid of the shop at any cost.

Series | Comedy

8 x 30'
Original Language German
Produced by btf
Cast Wilson Gonzalez Ochsenknecht, Gülseren Erkut,
Alexander Finkenwirth, Marc Hosemann,
Timur Gabriel, Nikeata Thompson a.o.

NEW

Youth

Cathrin, Tim, Frank and Sophie may be in their mid-thirties, but they're far from having it all figured out. Sharing their lives in Berlin, the four navigate modern urban life with anxiety, narcissism and a persistent inability to "do the right thing". *Youth* is an offbeat sitcom that captures the messy, funny and painful beauty of not having it all together. From feminist bike shops to toxic cat relationships, it's not about the destination, it's about the glorious, complicated journey.

Series | Comedy

8 x 30'
Original Language German
Produced by Studio Zentral
Cast Sarah Gailer, Fabian Hinrichs,
Rosa Henriette Löwe, Eli Riccardi,
Thomas Schubert, Lenka Termerová a.o.

NEW

Widowed At Last

Georg's marriage has always felt like one long inconvenience. So when his wife Brigitte suddenly dies, her passing feels more like freedom than loss until the realities of widower life begin to set in.

As Georg is forced to confront the emptiness of the solitude he once craved, he begins to see how resentment and selfishness have shaped his past. When he decides to rebuild a new life, will Georg finally be ready to let people in?

Movies | Comedy

4 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Bavaria Fiction
Cast Joachim Król, Anneke Kim Sarnau,
Friederike Kempter, Tristan Seith,
Andreas Hoppe, Dieter Hallervorden a.o.

NEW MOVIES



Duplex

Unapologetically bizarre, undoubtedly hilarious and totally addictive, *Duplex* is a sitcom in a category all of its own. In a semi-detached house in the heart of Berlin's suburbia live two families whose opposite worldviews have them at constant war with each other.

In the house on the right live city slickers Mari and Theo Knuppe and their teen daughter Zoe. They moved to the countryside in a bid to find some peace and quiet. But their neighbours have other ideas. In the house on the left with the German flag flying with pride live Andi and Tracy Sawadi-Kröger and their teen son Rocco. Mari and

Theo have a migration background, yet so does Tracy. Her husband however could be described as conservative and considers his neighbours to be "quite nice for foreigners".

In the newest season of *Duplex*, both families long for a harmonious coexistence as the Knuppes bring home their brand new baby girl. Each episode however brings with it a totally original point of contention, whether it be a local golf tournament with €10,000 prize money up for grabs; an insect infestation that drives the Sawadi-Krögers out of their home; or a game night hosted by the Knuppes that takes an unexpected turn. This season even manages to take a step into the

metaverse as both families attend Mari's brother Brian's exhibition in virtual reality. No matter how life throws these two families together, rest assured they'll find a way to misunderstand, offend or even almost kill each other. Expect turbulence, political incorrectness and a lot of awkward interactions in this sitcom from Stickup Film.

Series | Comedy

43 × 30'
S01 + S02 + S03 (each season 8 EP) + S04 (9 EP)
S05 in production (10 EP)
Original Language German
Produced by Iconlast Films
Cast Milan Peschel, Minh-Khai Phan-Thi,
Maryam Zaree, Benito Bause,
Helena Yousefi, Minh Hoang Ha a.o.

NEW SEASON

