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Boundless

Rejected by the King of Portugal to finance an expedition to mythical lands in pursuit of priceless spices, explorer Ferdinand Magellan (Rodrigo Santoro) convinces the Spanish Crown to fund the mission that will take an unexplored ocean route west.

Setting sail 500 years ago with 5 Spanish ships and a crew of 265 men, including commander and former prisoner Juan Sebastián Elcano (Álvaro Morte), Magellan’s journey would face sabotage by the Portuguese, as well as hostile Spanish foes. With unimaginable suffering – starvation, death and punishing weather – sailors resorted to mutiny after a year at sea until finally finding the Strait of Magellan. A critical juncture after reaching the Philippines would test leadership, requiring captain and crew to battle the indigenous tribes, resulting in disastrous losses before continuing their journey.

Former anti-hero, Elcano, not Magellan, would lead the expedition to glory, returning 3 years later with 18 survivors and a hull full of spices, as captain of one of the greatest navigational triumphs. This legacy of travelling to the Earth’s unknown ends would change man’s perception of the world and the existence of an ocean route west.

Directed by Simon West (producer of Oscar-nominated *Black Hawk Down*), *Boundless* features high production values shot in locales including the Dominican Republic, the Basque Country, Madrid and Seville.

Series | Drama

6 x 45' UHD
Original Language Spanish
Produced by Mono Films
in co-production with Fulwell 73 Productions,
in association with RTVE,
in collaboration with Prime Video,
in cooperation with ZDF Studios
Cast Rodrigo Santoro, Álvaro Morte a.o.

NEW

Drama

The Swarm

The big-budget series based on the Frank Schätzing best-seller and one of the most relevant topics of our time. Created by executive producer Frank Doelger (*Game Of Thrones*), Oscar-nominated producer Marc Huffam (*The Martian*, *Saving Private Ryan*) and Ute Leonhardt (*Killing Eve*).

4 Around the world, strange happenings, borne out of the oceans: Whales destroy boats, deep sea crabs attack beaches, mussels block container ships. An unknown ice worm destabilizes continental slopes and triggers tsunamis. A deadly pathogen spreads into the drinking water. Across the globe, lives are increasingly imperilled, the situation worsening by the day – and yet, nobody can draw a connection between the seemingly random attacks. Except for a group of scientists who come together through their shared sense that something bigger is at play: an intelligent life force, dwelling in the deep – capable of manipulating the ocean, and everything that resides in it. A being which has borne witness to our destruction of the seas and has decided to drive us to extinction. But hardly anyone believes their findings. And so, the group are forced to undertake a life-threatening mission, tracking the intelligent life force within the Arctic Ocean. It is a mission they know may claim their lives...

Series | Drama (Thriller)

8 x 45'

Original Language English

Produced by Schwarm TV Productions

(JV of Intaglio Film & ndF IP) for ZDF, France TV, Rai, ORF, SRF, Viaplay Group & Hulu Japan, co-produced with Bravado, in association with Viola Film

Cast Cécile de France, Alexander Karim, Leonie Benesch, Dutch Johnson, Sharon Duncan-Brewster a.o.

NEW

THE SWARM

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White Night

The fascinating story of *White Night* takes place over two parallel time periods. The main period, the present day, depicts the unravelling 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 life-changing encounter with her soon-to-be mentor, Aidrian, offers Louise the chance to become a super-model 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, turns the lives of her heirs upside down, shattering the apparent harmony of the surviving family.

Series | Drama

12 x 45'
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



Becoming Charlie

Charlie is neither man nor woman. So what is Charlie? In this coming-of-age series, Charlie is in search of a sense of identity and belonging.

When Charlie isn’t delivering food on their bike or working for their aunt to pay off debts, they are stumbling into drama: kissing married women, vandalising cars and breaking into people’s flats. These actions aren’t always Charlie’s fault – Charlie may be poor when it comes to money, but they are rich when it comes to bad luck. But Charlie deals with their problems in their own way through rapping, dancing and maybe a little bit of petty theft.

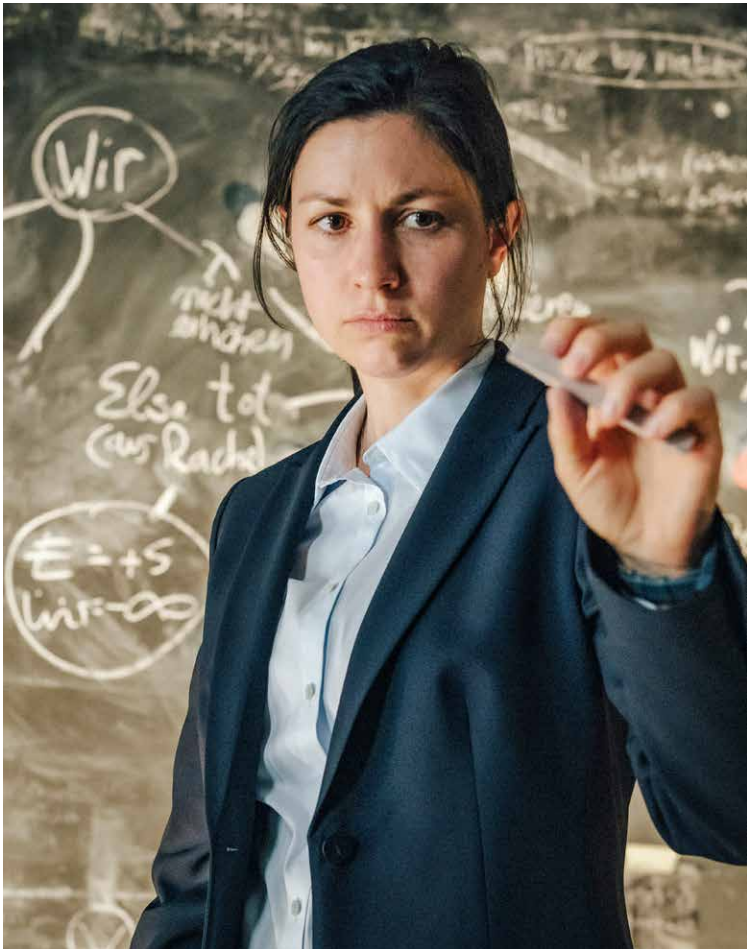
Muddled in with the financial worries and the stress of day-to-day life is a prominent question in Charlie’s mind: “Where do I belong?”.

Each 15-minute episode tells the story of the remarkable Charlie set against the bleak backdrop of a German housing estate.

Series | Drama

6 x 15'
Original Language German
Produced by U5 Filmproduktion
Cast Lea Drinda, Bärbel Schwarz, Katja Bürkle, Dalila Abdallah, Danilo Kamperidis, Sira-Anna Faal a.o.

NEW



Decision Game

Until now, Vera Schröder’s profession was risk analysis and game theory (interactive decision-making), 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 kidnappers demand that Vera raises the risk rating at her insurance company for a small African country. But Vera knows that if she complies, Elsa’s chances of survival are slim. Even more so when she realises that Elsa has seen one of the kidnappers.

Vera decides to do the opposite and lowers the rating instead. The consequence: total loss. Regardless of what the kidnappers are planning, if Elsa dies now, they haven’t gained a thing. Vera is able to buy her husband Alex, a police officer, more time to find their daughter. And so a race against time begins...

Series | Drama

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

NEW



TOP DOG S02

From the producers of *Bron*, the hit series *Top Dog* returns for another season of corruption, extortion and pay-offs.

Ambitious corporate lawyer Emily Jansson, and Teddy Maksumic, former member of the crime underworld, began an unorthodox and unlikely collaboration. Emily has the knowledge and resources within the sphere of power and influence, while Teddy has experience of and access to criminals. They are an unstoppable duo whose skills prove invaluable to one another.

Finances in ruins, Emily has left her former company and is now living with her ex-coworker who tips her off about a wealthy client who needs a “flexible” type of lawyer like herself.

Teddy Maksumic, now back in the game of illicit activities, though longing for a normal life with his daughter, can only watch from a distance. Complicating matters, his ex, Sara, now works in the police department’s organised crime division.

Emily’s new client, trying to build a biotech centre, has problems with the municipality and private landowners, and has engaged her to take care of all the negotiations, with the prospect of huge financial rewards.

Teddy’s teenage nephew Nicola gets entangled with his best friend’s brutal murder, leading to his arrest. Reluctantly representing him, Emily secures Nicola’s release from jail, though he is still involved in something shady. With all roads leading to her client’s big real estate project, Emily must decide if she’s willing to twist the law. Teddy must decide if he’ll allow Nicola to get him back in too deep. It is non-stop high-stakes in this clash of two worlds.

Series | Drama

6 x 45'
Original Language Swedish
Produced by Filmlance International
in co-production with TV4/C MORE Sweden,
ZDF and ZDF Studios
Cast Josefin Asplund, Alexej Manvelov a.o.

NEW SEASON

Crime & Suspense

The Crimson Rivers S04

An adaptation of Jean-Christophe Grangé's best-selling novel and successful films of the same title, the hit crime thriller series *The Crimson Rivers* Season 4 features eight new ghoulish, grisly and gripping episodes.

Transcending time, myths, legends and folklore permeate culture, living alongside with modernity and murder. Among Season 4 cases, detectives Pierre Niémans (Olivier Marchal) and his partner, Camille Delaunay (Erika Sainte), are summoned to investigate: an exclusive art academy where the detectives delve into a macabre case of 'life imitating art imitating death', a town where a mythical half-hyena, half-man is believed to be clawing its victims to death; an ancient Greek text at the root of a deadly game of voyeurism; and a detention centre where the most violent psychopathic criminals, subject to mysterious experimental drug protocols, are vanishing.

Both relentless and brilliant in solving crime, Niémans is an old-school pragmatic, gruff detective who does what is needed to get the job done, while Delaunay often comes into conflict with authority and rules, which has earned her a reputation. Peeling back layers of history and regional traditions, the detectives find themselves embroiled in complex, often gruesome, brutal and baffling ritualistic murders, which are beyond the boundaries of traditional police capabilities. Although harking back to a dark and superstitious past, the detectives reveal the crimes are firmly grounded in the science and reason of this world.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 x 100' or 8 x 50' UHD
Original Language French
Produced by STORIA TELEVISION
in co-production with MAZE PICTURES
for France Télévisions and ZDF
in cooperation with ZDF Studios
Cast Olivier Marchal, Erika Sainte a.o.

NEW SEASON





The Window

A character-based thriller set in the world of elite professional football – without any actual football. A blue-collar family drama with heart and soul, intertwined with conspiracy around the deals, double-crosses and corruption that take place in this multi-billion dollar global business. This is *The Window*.

Told through an ensemble cast, the series eschews the on-field action, choosing instead to explore the rich, dark circus surrounding the sport the world loves and loathes. It lifts the lid not only on the mindsets of players but also on the complex psychologies and motivations

of agents, administrators, governing bodies, broadcasters and journalists in the cut-throat world of football.

The series begins at the end of the English Super League (ESL) season. The champions have been crowned. The relegated teams drop down a division. And of course, the transfer window opens.

Across ten episodes, *The Window* charts one summer in the life of Jordan Burdett, a humble 17-year-old wunderkind with a golden touch who has gate-crashed Liverpool-based Merseyside Athletic's first team. Twelve goals in eight games have put him in a position where the world is at his feet.

Wrestling for control of Jordan's destiny is Kieran Burdett, his street-smart big brother, and Romulus Daglis, a waning big-time agent with a dark heart, working for Sceptre Sports Agency. What starts out as a tug of war over a young lad's first professional contract becomes entwined with a bigger, darker story that threatens the soul of the beautiful game itself.

Series | Crime & Suspense

10 x 45'
Original Language English
Produced by Boogie Entertainment
in co-production with Fuji Television Network and ZDF Studios
Cast Tommy Bastow, Mel Raido, Teo Yoo, Samuel Jordan a.o.

AVAILABLE



Clean Sweep

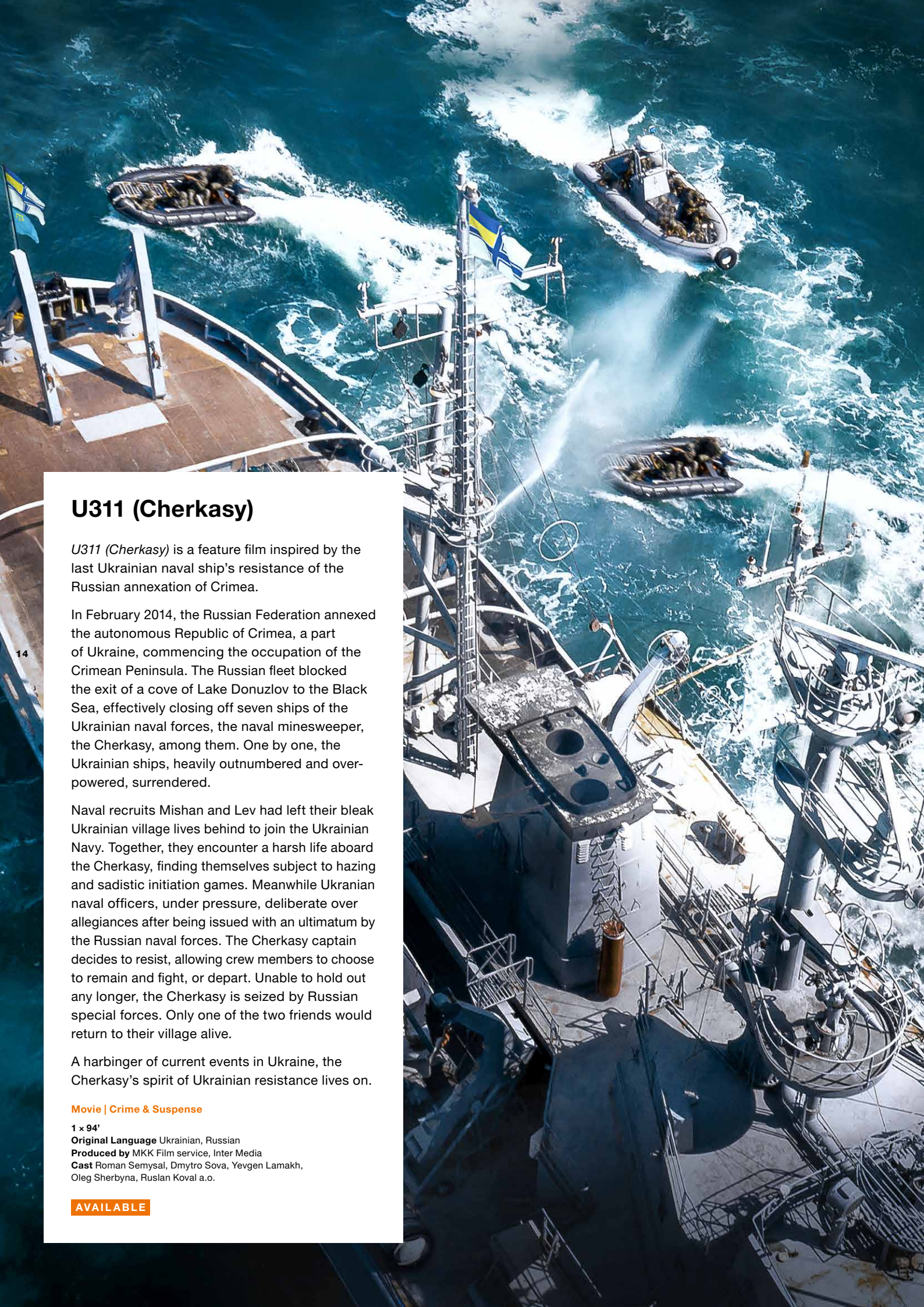
Shelly Mohan (Charlene McKenna) is a super mum. Her super power? Multitasking. She juggles the complex lives and schedules of three kids attending two different schools, each with their own needs and issues. Her days are filled with cleaning, shopping and chauffeuring, shuttling kids from schools to practices, and yet she somehow also manages to have a home-made meal on the table by the time her husband, a local detective, arrives home every night. Her evenings consist of helping the children with their homework, doing the laundry and washing dishes. It's chaotic and mostly thankless; it's a life undervalued in contemporary society, but it is a life Shelly is happy with because it is the life she has chosen – or created – for herself. But Shelly has a dark secret, one she has successfully concealed for decades... After nearly 20 years of presuming her secret to be safe, she is plagued by the sudden re-emergence of her former boyfriend and partner in crime. When he threatens to expose her past and thus destroy the new life she has worked tirelessly to create, she makes a fatal choice. In that moment, it becomes apparent that Shelly will resort even to murdering a man in cold blood to protect herself.

This action will launch the two narratives of the series. Why did she do it? And will she get caught? The mystery unfolds through flashbacks where it is revealed that Shelly was once a member of an Irish street gang in London that turned violent. But going forward, she'll have to hide her present AND past life, as law enforcement, including her husband, closes in on her.

Series | Crime & Suspense

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

NEW



U311 (Cherkasy)

U311 (Cherkasy) is a feature film inspired by the last Ukrainian naval ship's resistance of the Russian annexation of Crimea.

In February 2014, the Russian Federation annexed the autonomous Republic of Crimea, a part of Ukraine, commencing the occupation of the Crimean Peninsula. The Russian fleet blocked the exit of a cove of Lake Donuzlov to the Black Sea, effectively closing off seven ships of the Ukrainian naval forces, the naval minesweeper, the Cherkasy, among them. One by one, the Ukrainian ships, heavily outnumbered and over-powered, surrendered.

Naval recruits Mishan and Lev had left their bleak Ukrainian village lives behind to join the Ukrainian Navy. Together, they encounter a harsh life aboard the Cherkasy, finding themselves subject to hazing and sadistic initiation games. Meanwhile Ukranian naval officers, under pressure, deliberate over allegiances after being issued with an ultimatum by the Russian naval forces. The Cherkasy captain decides to resist, allowing crew members to choose to remain and fight, or depart. Unable to hold out any longer, the Cherkasy is seized by Russian special forces. Only one of the two friends would return to their village alive.

A harbinger of current events in Ukraine, the Cherkasy's spirit of Ukrainian resistance lives on.

Movie | Crime & Suspense

1 x 94'
Original Language Ukrainian, Russian
Produced by MKK Film service, Inter Media
Cast Roman Semysal, Dmytro Sova, Yevgen Lamakh, Oleg Sherbyna, Ruslan Koval a.o.

AVAILABLE

Hide and Seek

A child vanishes in an instant. Playing hide and seek with her father, the innocence of a little girl turns to horror and a pernicious game of cat and mouse ensues between perpetrator and local police in a bleak industrial town.

Detectives Varta Naumova and Maksym Shumov tackle the search with personal perspectives heavily shaped by the demons of their pasts. Varta is a rape victim who subsequently gave birth to a child that she gave up; Shumov suffered the loss of his twin brother in a devastating accident.

Focused on the girl's ne'er-do-well father, the facts point elsewhere as the perpetrator taunts the police, posting a live online video of the child, location unknown, mysteriously holding a sign with a set of numbers. A second child, a boy, is abducted.

Undertaking an ever-expanding, complex investigation entailing an abduction that occurred three years prior, within the framework of a police department rife with corruption, false leads and dead-ends, the detectives' search is stymied.

The situation turns explosive when the videos are leaked online publicly,

causing panic. A third child is abducted, joining the other children in the same pattern. To her horror, Varta realises this is the child she gave up eight years prior.

Frantically piecing together the clues, the detectives narrow their focus, but can Varta and Maksym locate the children in time?

Series | Crime & Suspense

8 x 50'
Original Language Russian
Produced by Film.UA Ukraine
Cast Yulia Abdel Fattakh, Pyotr Rykov, Vyacheslav Dovzhenko, Aleksandr Kobzar, Mikhail Troynik a.o.

AVAILABLE



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 revolutionised 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 stand-alone 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' *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 downtrodden and frustrated fast food delivery driver. 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
Original Language Spanish
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



Dear Vivi

Written and produced by Natalie Scharf, *Dear Vivi* is an emotional family drama and thriller combo that uncovers the mystery behind the shocking murder of a wife and mother in seven suspenseful episodes.

Life is good for the Klettmanns, who live in a posh suburb of Munich. Or so it seems. Peter is a successful lawyer, Anna a housewife and mother of their three children Vivian (18), Daniel (15) and Emmi (4). But everything changes in an instant on Anna's 44th birthday when Peter kills his wife in the heat of the moment and ends up in custody awaiting trial. While his motive poses a mystery

and only takes shape by delving into his past, Vivian takes on the role of head of the family. Suddenly her carefree life is over as she finds herself fighting for custody of her siblings.

She is supported by Tim, the young police officer who was first on the scene and seems to feel responsible for the children. As the story progresses, the two become closer, but it turns out Tim also knew Vivian's mother quite well. Maybe too well. Little by little, family secrets come to light and the motive behind the crime is suddenly bewildering – and shocking.

Peter Klettmann: "There are three sides to every story. Yours. Mine. And what really happened."

The storytelling of the series is multi-faceted. *Dear Vivi* is told in two narrative strands: from the perspective of the eldest daughter Vivi and from the perspective of the father. Long-buried secrets from the past emerge and puzzling details of Peter and Anna's earlier life are revealed.

Series | Crime & Suspense

7 x 45'
Original Language German
Produced by Seven Dogs Filmproduktion
Cast Torben Liebrecht, Maria Simon, Julia Beaux, Vico Magno, Ulrich Tukur, Julius Nitschkoff a.o.

NEW



Another Monday

The lives of three strangers are suddenly turned upside down as they find themselves stuck in an endless time loop experiencing the same Monday over and over again. Another chance at Monday could be what they need to set their lives on a different track. But how long can you keep up your morale if nothing you do has any consequences?

Freya Hüller has finally made it. She's left her husband and her broken marriage behind her. That is until she wakes to find him in bed next to her as if nothing ever happened. As the realisation dawns on Freya that she is stuck in a 24-hour time loop, she finds that she is not the only one trapped in time. Pregnant nurse Sophie Nolting and suicidal police officer Moritz Becker also realise that they are reliving Monday on repeat.

For all three of them, this Monday was like no other: it was the day that Moritz committed suicide and Sophie came to the realisation that her efforts as a nurse were futile. To find their way out of the hopeless situation, the three characters must stop repeating the same mistakes and turn back time by discovering why they are there in the first place.

As the three protagonists stand on the precipice of time, will they choose redemption and finally mend their ways or will they be trapped forever in inertia?

Series | Crime & Suspense

6 x 45'
Original Language German
Produced by Constantin Television
Cast Susanne Bormann, Ben Münchow, Alina Stiegler, Ulrich Brandhoff, Emilie Neumeister, Adrian Julius Tillmann a.o.

NEW

SEASON 2 COMING SOON

BEFORE WE DIE

6 x 52'

The English adaptation for Channel 4 of the Swedish hit series "Innan vi dör"

Sisters of Murder

Sisters – you can't live with them, but you certainly can't live without them! Viktoria and Feli are two competitive sisters and the perfect murder investigators – Viktoria knows every murder has a motive, Feli knows every murder leaves traces.

Since birth, Viktoria and Feli have been at each other's throats but one thing they have in common is their passion for investigating murders. Viktoria is an investigative psychologist and can spot a motive a mile off. Feli is the best forensic pathologist around, with an eye for finding clues.

They could make the perfect team. But when a chance arises for Feli to become

Viktoria's colleague, they begin to let their differences get in the way, as they waver between professionalism and sandpit politics. To make matters worse, Sami, Viktoria's colleague, and Dusi, Feli's colleague, often stir the pot by taking sides. Along with a difficult job, the sisters are also raising Feli's son Josh with the help of his deceased father's sister, Aunt Jule. When the two sisters are busy with a case, Jule takes care of twelve-year-old Josh in their house on a picturesque fjord and shows him the tranquillity of life away from the city.

For their first case, the sisters investigate a murder involving two fishing families. The first family has embraced industrial

fishing to earn a fortune, while the other has stuck with tradition. As their differences come to light, a murder connects the two families.

Against the backdrop of the picturesque landscape of northern Germany, *Sisters of Murder* finds the perfect balance between humour and drama.

Series | Crime & Suspense

4 x 60'
Original Language German
Produced by Fiction Magnet
Cast Lena Dörrie, Caroline Hanke,
Tamer Trasoglu, Claudiu Marc Draghici,
Jonah Djalili a.o.

NEW



Colleagues – The Bad Child

Detectives Julia and Irene couldn't be more different. But can they set their differences aside and crack a four-year-old unsolved case?

Experienced Chief Inspector Irene is a team player who is conscientious, humble and grounded. In utter contrast, her new colleague Julia, who is 15 years her junior, is reserved, impatient and overbearing. And there is something else between the two colleagues: Julia is the new girlfriend of Irene's estranged husband, public prosecutor Hans Gaup.

When the body of 18-year-old Korbinian Walser is found on a self-sufficient farm near Berlin, the two women meet for the first time. Nobody on the farm seems to know Korbinian and it is a mystery how he came to be there. Irene finds evidence that she conceals from Julia: an eye-catching necklace worn by the victim that reminds Irene of her

last unsolved case in the missing persons department. Four years ago, 13-year-old Emma Lennartz disappeared with her newborn child. Is this a new lead that could help crack the unsolved case?

Irene has never got over Emma and her baby's disappearance. This new evidence has brought up new questions: is Emma still alive and hiding from danger, or did she even commit the murder herself?

Can Irene and Julia solve the murder case or will Julia's relationship with Irene's husband be too much to bear?

Series | Crime & Suspense

1 x 90' and 1 x 90' in production
Original Language German
Produced by REAL FILM Berlin
Cast Caroline Peters, Natalia Belitski, Götz Schubert,
Karsten Antonio Mielke, Petra Hartung, Cino Djauid a.o.

NEW



Wendland – Against the Grain

Investigator and crime writer Jakob Stiller is seen by some as a renegade. Will his relocation to a small-town police station keep him on the straight and narrow or will it lead to more scandal?

Jakob Stiller, a meticulous investigator at the Hamburg police department has just written his first crime novel about a failed operation in which a child dies and nobody is held accountable. One of his superiors recognises himself in the novel and assigns Jakob's own daughter and fellow Hamburg police officer Ayana Stiller the task of sending him away, under the guise of a

promotion, to the remote village of Dahlow in northern Germany.

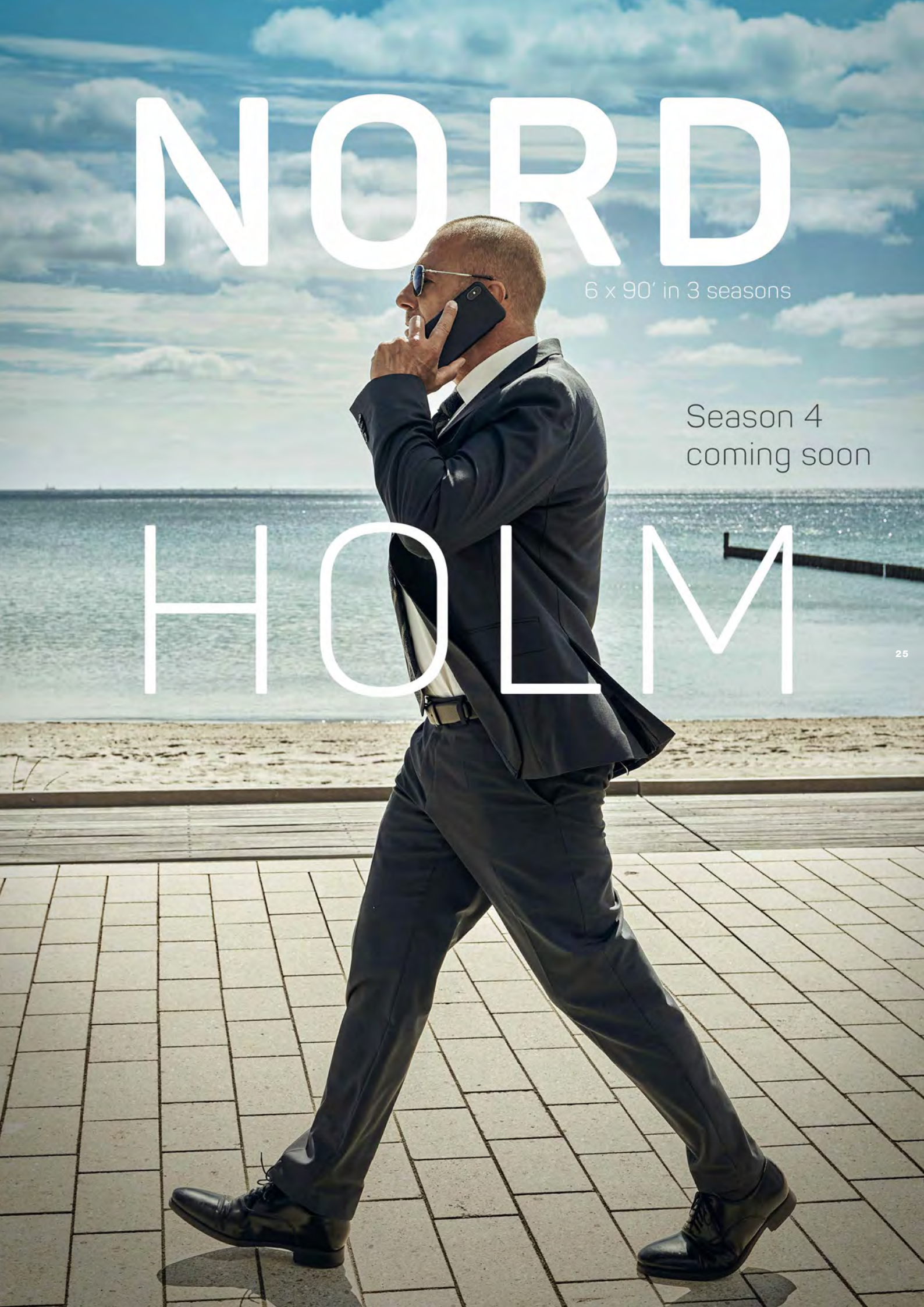
Jakob takes over from retired Inspector Fauth, and it doesn't take long for the first case to come through. The body of an organic farmer is found along with a suicide note and weapon. To everyone else, it is a clear case of suicide. To Jakob Stiller, it's a murder case. Supported in his investigation by Police Inspector Kira Engelmann (played by Paula Kalenberg) and Senior Police Constable Oliver Klasen (played by Malte Thomsen), Jakob unmasks a dark secret that goes back

to the environmental protests against a controversial nuclear waste site in the 1980s.

Will Jakob's search through decades' worth of secrets reveal the true murderer?

Movie | Crime & Suspense
1 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Ulrich Noethen, Sylvana Seddig, Dominic Raacke, Paula Kalenberg, Malte Thomsen, Thomas Limpinsel, Jörn Hentschel, Helene Grass a.o.

NEW





Murder up North

Welcome to Sylt. The North Sea island may seem harmless with its thatched roofs and well-kept gardens, but hidden behind the idyllic façade are bizarre seascapes and even more bizarre penchants and passions. Unfathomable murders shock the island. Solving them is the task of Inspectors Theo Clüver and now his successor Carl Sievers of the homicide department, supported by a devoted team including detective Ina Behrendsen and profiler Hinnerk Feldmann.

Inspector Clüver approached his work with astounding patience and psychological prowess (episode 1–8). After his retirement, Sievers took over the job. He has a much more reserved and taciturn personality but a no less clever mind (episode 9 – present). Ina is a self-assured investigator with a matter-of-fact personality, and her colleague Hinnerk stands out as a know-it-all. Everyone's strengths are needed to tackle a string of horrific crimes.

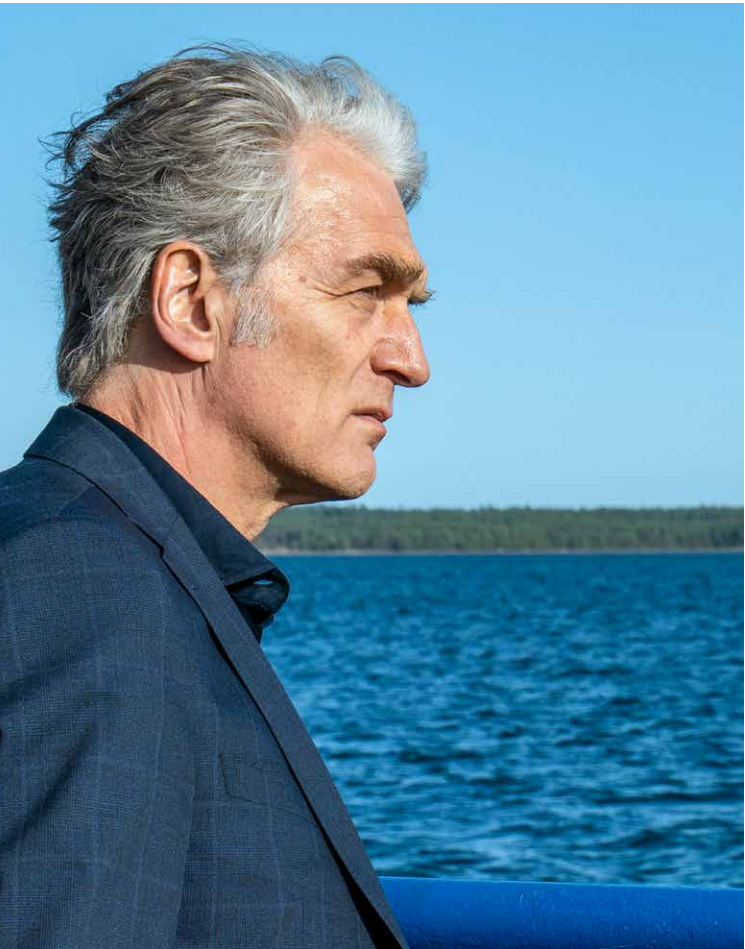
In the latest episode, *Sievers and the Deadly Turquoise*, Feldmann stumbles across a corpse in the dunes. The victim, a recognised art expert, had recently been in a heated argument with the artist Bitomski. Sievers and Ina follow another lead: under one of the victim's fingernails, forensics finds turquoise-coloured particles. This discovery leads the investigation to a valuable painting that has been missing for decades.

The record-breaking episode attracted more than ten million viewers.

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

17 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Peter Heinrich Brix, Julia Brendler, Oliver Wnuk, Mina Tander, Waldemar Kobus a.o.

NEW EPISODES



The Inspector and the Lake

Returning to his home town by Lake Constance, retired Inspector Robert Anders finds himself at the centre of a murder investigation.

In the tranquil waters of Lake Constance, the body of fifteen-year-old Lea Cordes is found. Chief of Police Annika Wagner, along with her colleague Mark Keller, begin their search for the perpetrator. Their lines of enquiry lead them to suspect Robert Anders, the last person to see Lea alive.

While the police widen their search, Robert starts his own investigation, which ultimately leads him to a surprising discovery – the victim Lea had another, much older boyfriend, Thomas Wagner, the husband of Johanna, Robert's childhood sweetheart and Annika Wagner's mother.

Accusing Thomas Wagner of the murder of Lea, Robert's investigation is making waves and disrupting the Wagner family status quo. But what happens when the waves become a tsunami?

Movie | Crime & Suspense

1 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

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 façades of its brightly coloured houses lurk evildoers of all stripes: con men, kidnappers, killers. Solving the island's crimes is the job of German police inspector Robert Anders, played by Walter Sittler. The engaging, laid-back family man, who is married to a midwife with two children, remains calm in the most harrowing situations. However, the crimes often happen on or near the water, which is a challenge for Anders, who has had an ambivalent relationship with water since his younger sister drowned when they were children. Based on the best-selling crime novel by Mari Jungstedt, this offers great suspense in spectacular landscapes!

Movie Collection | Crime & Suspense

28 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast Walter Sittler, Inger Nilsson, Sólveig Arnasdóttir a.o.

NEW EPISODES

Love & Romance

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. The ZDF adaptations carry the trademark style and wit of the novels, but instead of modern-day England, the stories are set in today’s Hudson Valley with its charming waterfront villages and lush landscapes. The Hudson River is deemed one of the most beautiful rivers in the United States.

The Katie Fforde films are melodramas with an American flair. At the centre of the stories are modern women who have courage and heart. The main characters are intriguing heroines who struggle with their careers and the everyday pitfalls of modern life. They cultivate friendships, are supportive and, of course, also dream of finding their soul mate...

ZDF’s love and romance series are hugely popular, and the Katie Fforde films are part of them.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

42 x 90’
Original Language German
Produced by Network Movie
Cast various

NEW EPISODES



Highway to Happiness

Highway to Happiness is a story about love, the division of Germany and what happiness means to us. Directed by award-winning director Francis Meletzky (*Forwards Ever!*, *Stromberg*, *Wanted!*).

As many teenagers in the GDR, Katharina and Juri were madly and blissfully in love. But their relationship came to a bitter end with the historic event of the German reunification. In 1989 at the embassy in Prague, Juri climbed over the fence; Katharina didn't. Now, 30 years later, they unexpectedly face each other again. Did their love really end or was it just put on hold?

Both took very different paths in life. She stayed in Eisenach, Thuringia, works as a kindergarten teacher and is happily married with two children. He emigrated to Canada, where he organises wilderness tours. Juri is back in his home country for the first time because his father needs help. Although Willi is still mobile and quite adventurous, he gets confused more and more often.

Juri feels torn between staying in Eisenach to be near his aging father or returning to his business in Canada. For Katharina, Juri's presence has stirred up feelings that could possibly turn her life upside down.

Things get difficult when Juri becomes determined to find out whether Katharina's son Paul is actually his child. When Paul finally finds out the truth himself, conflict erupts between Katharina and her husband Georg.

In new episodes five and six, Katharina's plans to confess to Georg her new feelings for her old love, Juri, are interrupted when Paul has a big surprise in store for everyone.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

4 x 90' and 2 x 90' in production

Original Language German

Produced by Producers at work

Cast Valerie Niehaus, Dirk Borchardt, Ernst Stötzner, Max Hopp, Susanna Simon, Christian Erdmann, Winnie Böwe a.o.

NEW EPISODES



Legacy

Legacy is a classy, first-of-its-kind South African telenovela with startling storylines set in the high-octane world of investment billionaires and a magnificent, diverse cast. At its heart, it is a story about a family at war with itself.

Legacy's conflict takes place in an upmarket investment empire that was established decades ago by Sebastian Price, the patriarch of the super-wealthy Price family. Now he is a silver fox

approaching retirement from his position as CEO of Legacy Investments and it is clear that a family member will soon have to take over the reins. But who will it be? And at what cost?

When tragedy strikes and Sebastian dies, it comes to a power struggle within the family. Sebastian's bitter ex-wife, Angelique, and ruthless first-born daughter, Felicity, will do whatever it takes to ensure that Sebastian's second wife, Dineo, does not push her playboy son, SJ, into the position of CEO. Of

course, the power struggle turns nasty. A witches' brew of betrayal, secrets, lies and revenge.

The stakes are high as things keep unravelling, but the Prices will do anything to protect their Legacy.

Series | Love & Romance

104 x 45'

Original Language English

Produced by Tshedza Pictures

Cast Mary-Anne Barlow, Michelle Botes, Dawid Minnaar, Kgomoetso Christopher, Siyabong Thwala a.o.

NEW

40th Anniversary



1981 - 2000

Bahamas
Barbados
Virgin Islands
Dominican Republic
Grenada
Cayman Islands
Marrakech
Kenia
Caribbean
Kenia
Amazonas
Rio de Janeiro
Thailand
Bali
Brasil
Mexico
New Orleans
Disney World
Norway
South Africa
Egypt
India & Maledives
Hong Kong
Dubai
Mauritius
Tasmania
Sydney
Singapur
Hawaii
St. Lucia
Argentina
Galapagos & Jamaica
Namibia
Tahiti
Bali
New Zealand
Olympia 2000
Seychelles

2001 - 2016

Mexico
Las Vegas
Bermudas
Chile & Easter Islands
Thailand
Sambia & Victoria Falls
South See
Australia
Sri Lanka
Samoa
Oman
Vancouver
Burma/Myanmar
Singapur & Bali
Botswana
Shanghai
San Francisco
Rio de Janeiro
Kilimandscharo, Maledives, India
Vietnam
Papua-Neuguinea
Peru & Miami
Emirates
Indian summer
Panama
Bora Bora
New York, Savannah & Salvador de Bahia
Kambodia
Bali
Singapor
Puerto Rico
Malaysia
Perth
Mauritius
Canada
Macao
Cook Islands
Palau

2017- 2022

Cuba
Tansania
Urugay
Los Angeles
Maledives
Hawaii
Japan
Sambia
Antigua
Columbia
Morokko
Capetown
Seychelles
Maledives/Thaa Atoll
Sweden
Namibia
Mauritius

To be continued!



DREAM VOYAGE

93 x 90'

Marie is on Fire

Marie is a firefighter with heart and soul. Whenever there's a fire, even in a figurative sense, she's always on the front line. With determination and humour, she fights tirelessly for her ideals, her family and her friends.

In the newest episodes, Marie's special talent is needed to help friends who are taking care of a foster child, deal with the birth mother. When a young woman who had been missing unexpectedly turns up in town again, the initial joy about her reappearance is clouded by the fact that she has no recollection of her old life. Marie takes on the challenging task of connecting her to her old life and looking for solutions together with her. Her own private life is as turbulent as ever. She has accepted that Stefan is becoming the father of another woman's child, but what will come next for them...?

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

18 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Wiedemann & Berg Television
Cast Christine Eichenberger, Stefan Murr,
Wolfgang Fierek, Saskia Vester, Gabriel Raab

NEW EPISODES



Spring Fever

Set in a fictitious small village named Spring, the romantic drama series centres on Katja Baumann, a compassionate and talented woman who supports families in the Bavarian countryside.

Katja, a city nurse and social worker, moves to the country to support rural families. Her open and direct way of tackling things surprises the often reserved country people, who are not used to sharing their woes. But through her commitment, Katja quickly wins over the villagers' hearts.

It turns out Katja is a true jack-of-all-trades. In addition to her job, she also jumps in as a farm hand, household help and nanny. And she does it all with a large dose of empathy, warmth and humour. Katja takes care of things in a no-nonsense manner; that's her approach to everything, no matter if it concerns the life of the villagers or her own. But that can cause trouble, especially when it comes to romance.

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

37 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by Seven Dogs Filmproduktion, Teamworx
Cast Simone Thomalla, Carolyn Genzkow, Marco Girnth,
Julia Beauxt, Jan Sosniok a.o.

NEW EPISODES



A Summer in ...

Have you ever visited the natural wonderland of Lake Neusiedl, walked the beautiful beaches of Cape Town or experienced the rich culture of Marrakech?

The stories in the *A Summer in ...* series revolve around intriguing women who embark on personal journeys. They find friendship, love, adventure – and themselves – while travelling to the most beautiful and exotic locations. And as the summers pass, lives change forever.

In *A Summer in Mykonos*, Jana thinks she's going on a fun mother-daughter

holiday to the Greek island, but she faces more family chaos than she bargained for. It seems her mother arranged for them to meet up with her father during the trip, a man Jana hasn't had contact with for many years.

Julia has many unanswered questions in her life in *A Summer in the Algarve*. What is standing in the way of her professional career as a marine biologist or her finding happiness in love? A trip to southern Portugal was meant to be a time for leisure, but it turns out it's the perfect place to tackle both challenges.

The most recent episode, *A Summer on Lake Garda*, delves into the thrilling world

of paragliding. Nell wants to make up for lost time. After the death of her parents, she was there for her siblings and put personal wishes aside. That's about to change. Her training as a paragliding instructor is her ticket to freedom, independence and a cosmopolitan life. But does she really want that? Or are family and community more important to her than she realised?

Movie Collection | Love & Romance

40 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by various
Cast various

NEW EPISODES

Family

Alpine Rescue

A mountain rescue team responds to emergencies at dizzying heights in the exhilarating action series *Alpine Rescue*.

Against the backdrop of the Austrian Alps, spectacular adventures unfold. We follow the exploits of a team of dedicated doctors who don't always see eye to eye, but who agree that the priority is always to save lives, whether on wind-lashed peaks or in abandoned caves. They know the mountains are unforgiving – yet they continue to risk their own lives to save those of others.

Season 13 is full of adventure, on the mountains and in the private lives of the rescuers – especially for Markus Kofler, who leads the mountain rescue team in Ramsau and always strives to give his all. He pushes himself to his physical and mental limits. On an outing with his mother Johanna, the two are surprised by a rockfall, which forces Markus to slam on the brakes. During the heart-stopping manoeuvre, Johanna is seriously injured. When Markus' mother doesn't make it, the mountain rescuer is devastated. Tobias returns to town to be there for his good friend. Following a traumatic breakup with his girlfriend Emelie, Tobias had left the Austrian town of Ramsau. Markus suffers another shock at the end of the season, and once again Tobias is at his side. Fans of the show are thrilled that Tobias will be back permanently in Season 14.

Movie Collection | Family

83 x 90'
Original Language German
Produced by ndf
Cast Sebastian Ströbel, Robert Lohr, Luise Bähr,
Michael Pascher, Ferdinand Seebacher,
Stefanie von Poser, Heinz Marecek a.o.

NEW EPISODES



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

Together with his team, Ballouz provides the residents of the economically under-developed 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. And in season 2, the exceptional doctor continues to solve important medical cases and act as a cornerstone for the community. He is also open to a new relationship of his own...

Series | Family

12 x 45’ and 6 x 45’ in production

Original Language German

Produced by X Filme Creative Pool

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

3RD SEASON IN PRODUCTION



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