

# Selection Formats Spring/Summer 2025



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Ten children with hemiparesis, two famous magicians, one magic camp – and an expert medical team from the University Hospital of Munich: Magic Moves is a unique and moving combination of science and magic that asks the question: Could learning magic tricks as part of a comprehensive rehab programme help children with hemiparesis improve not just their motor skills, but also their self-confidence and independence?

The children spent two weeks at a magic camp with Germany's most famous magician duo, the Ehrlich Brothers, and a team of 20 doctors, researchers, and therapists, who organised daily intensive therapy sessions and documented the children's progress. At the end of the two weeks, the kids demonstrated their new-found skills to their friends and family in a spectacular and emotional show. The participants hope to inspire new therapeutic approaches to help children with hemiparesis.

#### Ready-made 4 x 45' or format rights available.

Also available: Kids' version 8  $\times$  23' and format rights for kids.

#### Docutainment

4 × 45' Produced by CONTENT LADEN Gesellschaft für Bewegtbild in association with ZDF Studios for ZDF





# Docutainment

# Hack My Yard

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In *Hack My Yard*, two gardening experts are pitched against each other in a challenge to transform a boring family garden into an oasis of relaxation and fun. Designers and landscapers must first pitch their renovation ideas to the family, laying out their concept and vision. Once the family has decided which plan best suits their lifestyle and budget, a team of gardeners start digging, planting, and building.

During the work, the family is encouraged to get their hands dirty, with each family member working on a small project. On the last day, they are banned from the garden, and the windows and curtains are shut while the team works on a final surprise. A moderator guides viewers through each episode, as the garden designers explain the reasons behind their concept, and the family share their thoughts on their new outdoor space.

#### Docutainment

45' 120 shows aired Produced by REDSEVEN ENTERTAINMENT



NEW



# **Crime Watch XY**

Crime Watch XY is a manhunt series that is now a classic and a successful tool in the fight against criminality. A host guides viewers through the programme and, in collaboration with police authorities, presents and elucidates unsolved crimes. The programme's goal is to clear up these crimes with the help of tips from viewers. In each programme, five or six unsolved criminal cases are presented in the form of approx. ten-minute film reconstructions (film cases). Other cases are also investigated in which fugitive criminals are being sought on the basis of superimposed photos and identikit shots (studio cases). Viewer tips can be given by phone or online. An average of about 40% of the aired cases have been solved.

*Crime Watch XY* is one of the most successful TV formats on German television and was the first reality show in the world. It was also broadcast on BBC One in the UK from 1984 until 2017. The US version of the series, called *America's Most Wanted*, was on air on Fox from 1988 until 2011 and from then until 2013 on Lifetime.

#### Docutainment

90' 610 shows aired Produced by Securitel

#### **Cash or Trash**

Ever wondered how much you could get for that dusty relic in the attic? *Cash or Trash* is the hugely popular daily show that uncovers the price of the public's treasures and hidden heirlooms.

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In each episode, owners become sellers looking to get the highest price for their items from the panel of dealers. Will these amateur sellers go home with cash or will it just be trash? It is the rummage show allowing everybody to make bank. A well-known host and his team of antique experts stand by to examine everybody's treasures and learn about their stories. The "Dealer Card" grants owners of valuable objects the right to a direct sell to five professional dealers. The story is what determines the price, and, with some nifty bargaining, some trash can be turned into lots of cash. Lots of treasures, cut-throat bargaining, complete with laughter – *Cash or Trash* offers it all.

#### Docutainment

55' 2,000 episodes aired Produced by Warner



## She Said He Said!?

There's no perfect relationship, is there?! That's the question *She Said He Said*? is all about. In this light-hearted show, five couples go behind the scenes of each others' relationships for one week – and in the end, everyone will be getting their marks. No one couple that dares to take part is alike. They are young and old. LGBTQ+, international, with big families and with no children. But they all have one common goal: to find out how differently both partners work, which strengths they have in common and where they have room to improve. The couples share thoughts and experiences, reveal spicy details about their own relationships

and give each other advice. Everything is put to the test in this unique TV experiment: intimate insights, big and small conflicts and, last but not least, the positive aspects of relationships.

#### Docutainment

45' 20 episodes aired Produced by Imago TV





## 1, 2 – War?

Why do people go to war against each other? The latest groundbreaking format *1*, *2* – *War*? will answer that question. Two teams, not knowing what awaits them, are kept in a controlled setting under 24/7 surveillance. Master psychologist Christopher Lesko manipulates them into conflict situations. Aggression will escalate in game show competitions. Reality TV meets nail-biting tension as cutting-edge suspense combines with world-class entertainment. Will rivalry and aggression win over trust? Will war prevail over peace?

This multi-layered experiment also has a very important innovative element: everything will be shown; each step of the production is explained and provides a detailed look behind the scenes. As tempers become shorter and conversations more aggressive, the budding warriors turn physical – and dangerous. The war has begun.

#### Docutainment

45' 4 episodes aired Produced by Doclights

## They're Not Old, They're Antique

It's been in the family for decades, the Jugendstil vase, the mahogany cupboard, the Meissen service – and it's often only when they're no longer there that we miss them the most and desperately want them back. No matter what kind of heirloom it is, our celebrity team and antiques experts are knowledgeable about all the items shown to them.

They restore and refurbish, polish and paint, and know how to get the inner glow of a veneer to shine – plus they often provide entertaining stories about 'their' antiques.

#### Docutainment

45' 42 episodes aired Produced by Gruppe 5 Filmproduktion



# Meet Your Ancestors

What would it feel like to be related to Martin Luther or the Swedish Royal House? Were your ancestors great artists or noble people? And do you really know the true story behind your family name?

*Meet Your Ancestors* is a genealogy format where people can find out more about their ancestors, the origin of their name and even the history of heirlooms or family documents.

Four geneaology experts and one name expert let the participants dive into their so far unknown family history.

#### Docutainment

45' 13 episodes aired Produced by ZDF Digital

# Entertainment, Quiz & Show

# Skydive Quiz

Taking the tried-and-tested quiz show format to a whole new level – literally. In *Skydive Quiz*, the questions are easy, but the contestants must answer them while falling from the sky. And then suddenly, questions like 'What is your mother's second last name?' aren't quite so easy after all. There's only one rule for taking on this challenge: first-time jumpers only.

The family-friendly show features six contestants per episode. In a plane at an altitude of 15,000 feet, contestants prepare for their first skydive. When they take that leap, they will have just three seconds to answer questions before their parachute deploys. But there's a twist. Each episode closes with a TV star entering the game.

Contestants can bet part of their winnings on how many questions the VIP will answer correctly. Will they dare to risk their hard-won cash for the chance to double – or lose – their winnings?

Entertainment, Quiz & Show 45' or 50' Based on the idea of Mário Daniel

NEW



## Wanna Bet?

Showcasing top international stars, *Wanna Bet?* is a bubbly mix of talk, game and variety elements held together by a charismatic host who serves as master of ceremonies, cheerleader, umpire... The actual game show format is simple: individuals or groups of people claim that they can perform a difficult task, such as a stunt, a memory feat, or any other trick.

Each of the proposals is 'adopted' by one of the guest celebrities, who bets that the contestants can or cannot carry off the proposed trick. It is then performed live on the spot. Nothing is pre-recorded or edited. If the celebrities lose their bet, they must complete a task of their own, most often an entertaining charitable gesture. Airing since 1981, *Wanna Bet?* is the absolute top entertainment show in the German-speaking territories and a hit around the world.

Entertainment, Quiz & Show

180' adaptable 60' or 30' 218 shows aired Produced by ZDF





Two contestants. 50 fields to win: *Quiz Hunt* is an exciting duel with entertaining quiz questions, ingenious strategies and a cash prize of  $\notin$  5,000 per round. It is a fun, excitement-filled adventure every day.

The competition starts at the beginning of a spiral course. The goal is to be the first to reach the 50th field. The contestants are asked fascinating, informative and sometimes witty questions. Each player chooses the difficulty level of their question. A correct answer allows them to advance corresponding to the question's difficulty. This can be risky. If an answer is wrong, the opponent may choose to take over the question and advance themselves. In addition, contestants can take their opponents back a certain

number of fields corresponding to a question's difficulty during the course of the game. There can only be one winner – and this person becomes the hunted in the next round.

*Quiz Hunt's* success began in autumn of 2019 with a permanent pre-prime time slot. Three years later, market share in this timeslot has almost quadrupled and subsequent time-slots benefit from this rapid growth.

An exciting contest that keeps viewers glued to their screens!

Entertainment, Quiz & Show 60' adaptable 45' 17 seasons (805 shows) aired Produced by Interspot Film for ServusTV



#### Dalli Dalli

Dalli Dalli – that means you're playing against the clock! It takes serious spontaneity and creativity to solve tricky problems in quick-fire guessing rounds. This timeless quiz show brings teams of two celebrities together in competitions full of laughter and suspense to be judged by a jury of three, plus extra points when the host asks the enthusiastic audience "Do you think that was ... GREAT?" with his signature leap.

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In this show, there are several funny action games like the legendary puzzle of pictures "Dalli Klick" and the duel of questions on the "Dalli Scale."

In "Dalli Klick", a picture which is not visible in the beginning is uncovered step by step. In "Dalli Scale", candidates sit in the hot seat and have to answer questions regarding general knowledge. There have been 500 episodes of *Dalli Dalli* so far.

Entertainment, Quiz & Show

150' adaptable 90'or 60' 500 shows aired Produced by Riverside Entertainment





#### **Your Song**

When do aspiring young songwriting talents get a chance like this? In the contest format *Your Song*, youngsters up to the age of 18 have a chance to present their original songs to a TV audience. Each year, hundreds of young artists respond to the call to compete in the nationwide contest by submitting works in all musical genres. The top 16 are then invited to perform their songs in front of a jury. The young artists who make it through this round then attend a songwriting camp on Ibiza or in the Austrian Alps, where they must once again demonstrate their ability.

The stakes get higher as their song is produced in a professional sound studio with prominent musicians like David Garrett, Till Brönner and Rolando Villazón. The tension reaches its peak in a live gala show in which the winner of the coveted Songwriter of the Year award is selected by TV viewers who phone in their votes.

Entertainment, Quiz & Show

25' and 100' 16 seasons aired Produced by BSB Film- und TV Produktion



### You Can't Fool Me!

Sound, sight, touch, smell, taste – it's the believe-it-or-not game show where the star is nature itself and the tricks it loves to play on us. The objective is to fool prominent guests into believing their senses when, in fact, their senses are pulling the wool over their eyes!

You Can't Fool Me! think the celebrities, just as their senses are going haywire. Is it hard to trick one's senses? With a variety of exciting experiments and challenges, the candidates – and the viewers – have fun being led down the garden path without knowing it!

We're fooled by illusions every day. And over the years, the show's host has gathered lots of experience and knows just how optical illusions, acoustic tricks and inexplicable smells work. Whoever is the most trick-resistant of the candidates by the end of the show can proudly proclaim *You Can't Fool Me!* 

#### Entertainment, Quiz & Show

90' 5 shows aired Produced by wellenreiter.tv



## Surprise Supervise! The PRISM IS A DANCER Show

Embarrassing selfies posted on Facebook, YouTube videos that were thought to no longer exist and detailed LinkedIn CVs: the Internet forgets nothing! *Surprise Supervise! The PRISM IS A DANCER Show* meticulously x-rays the Internet profiles of the unsuspecting studio audience prior to filming. Then it's crunch time! In the show itself, the host – sometimes supported by a celebrity guest as his accomplice – uses the audience members' online posts to truly grill them. All of the juicy finds come together to create one highly entertaining show with added studio stunts and exciting clips.

However, none of the candidates is embarrassed by the host. Instead, the featured audience members leave the stage as winners with a great prize in return for having their information leaked. The show was awarded the German Comedy Award in 2019.

Entertainment, Quiz & Show

90' 4 shows aired Produced by btf



# The Game Begins

Party games are popular among all age groups – which is why ZDF is introducing the new family show *The Game Begins*, in which a team of celebrities takes up the challenges posed by a variety of games. In addition to the classics, there are skill and reaction games, action and sports games, memory tests, strategy games, but also brand new games. The opposing team consists of children – and are they eager to win!

The show unfolds in several rounds in which the celebrities compete against one, two or three kids. Only after the big finale is the winning team announced. A key visual in this programme are the stagings of the games: sometimes they exactly reproduce the original; sometimes they're given a more modern look; and sometimes they're inspired by the premise of the game itself, but always with a completely new twist.

#### Entertainment, Quiz & Show

90' 8 shows aired Produced by Riverside Entertainment







#### **Guess Who**

Is it him or her? True or false? As our famous contestants listen to the unbelievable stories and facts about the panellists, from the off-the-wall to the everyday mundane, they have to answer questions like: Whose living room is a total mess? Which of the panellists is the voice of Siri? And what's more, this unique and exciting new show puts the contestants' general knowledge and logical reasoning to the ultimate test. Over the five rounds of this 45-minute game, they must listen to their gut feeling and follow guesses and assumptions. But how far can they actually get by relying on their judgement of others alone to make their decisions and choose correctly? Will they need more information to find out what really makes the others tick? How do you know whether a panellist is telling the truth if they have already lied before?

Entertainment, Quiz & Show

45' 10 shows aired Produced by ZDF Digital

# **Quiz Champion**

It's the nation's toughest quiz, with challengers duking it out against five celebrity experts in a battle of knowledge. Five different categories await them – such as sports, literature, music, politics, nature, science, geography, food or history – and only the candidate who does better than the experts in the major fields of general knowledge stands a chance of winning a quarter of a million Euros and the title of *Quiz Champion*.

It's all or nothing here. If you want to be *Quiz Champion*, being good just isn't enough: you have to win all five duels, speed rounds and the big final. The stakes are high as the camera zooms in on the challengers who hope they'll have the answers that will win them 250,000 Euros.

They're not facing just anyone, however, but five experts who have to be beaten in their own area of expertise. *Quiz Champion* is also a ratings champion, scoring high viewership numbers for each broadcast.

#### Entertainment, Quiz & Show

150' 66 shows aired Produced by Riverside Entertainment

#### **Either Or**

The name says it all: *Either Or* is a fun, fast-paced quiz show during which two contestants compete against each other by trying to guess which of the two possible answers is correct. Viewers won't be able to resist playing along, testing their own knowledge in any and every conceivable category that happens to come up. From pop culture and general knowledge to politics, the possibilities are endless! Is Homer's mother called Mona or Lisa? Does Oslo lie north or south of Moscow? Is New Zealand governed by a man or a woman? Is okra a mountain or a vegetable? Does the Statue of Liberty hold the torch in her right or left hand?

In the end, the winner must choose to either continue on to a final game, which is a race against the clock for their winnings, or they play a second game against another contestant and risk losing their jackpot.

Entertainment, Quiz & Show 45' 10 shows aired Produced by Gruppe 5 Filmproduktion



# Song of the Year

It's the classic song pitch used by the music industry. But in *Song of the Year*, the pitch process is beefed up. It's not just jury members who pass judgement on a song, but a whole nation! *Song of the Year* brings the pitch to the stage, where four pop stars from different genres compete for the best song. It's a thrilling search for musical quality and an engaging personality. In two shows, four stars select two songs with which they have to win over the public in the grand finale via viewer voting. Entertainment, Quiz & Show 120' Produced by zeitvertreib.tv and ZDF Studios

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# You'll Never Get It!

Curious, surprising, bizarre – the focus of this TV quiz show is pure, 100% entertainment! Two teams of celebrities face their opponents with razor-sharp wit as they grapple to answer the oddest questions on TV. The host himself sets out to come up with his own special round of questions for the guests, introducing all types of amazing people and places.

Particularly amusing are the celebrities' heated discussions and witty specu-lations about the correct answer, which,

of course, is something you'd never have imagined! The show features questions and topics familiar to viewers from their own everyday lives, but some are also about exotic parts of the world. The questions often seem refreshingly simple, but that's what makes them so difficult to answer.

And the cherry on top: the money won on the show is donated to a good cause!

Entertainment, Quiz & Show 90' 35 shows aired Produced by wellenreiter.tv

# Cooking

# Money Meals

Two teams to prepare a three-course meal of an appetiser, main dish and dessert in only 45 minutes. Both teams start out with the same basic ingredients and have to quickly decide which mouth-watering dishes they will prepare. There is a catch, though: in order to really spice up their meals, the team members have to earn extra ingredients, which they have to win in the three rounds of quizzing that take place as they are cooking. Whoever wants to create the most magical meal of them all will also have to be clever, fast and creative.

After our celebrity chef has finally announced which team has won over their taste buds with their creation, the winners will have to decide if they will quit while they are ahead, or if they will risk their prize the next day against new rivals – with the chance of even bigger winnings.

#### Cooking

55' Daily format 966 shows aired Produced by Fernsehmacher





# **Kitchen Battle**

*Kitchen Battle* garnered top ratings in the early afternoon slot from the get-go, with over a million viewers tuning in each week to watch six ambitious amateur cooks engage in a lively competition at the stove.

Each show is hosted by Germany's most popular TV chefs. What rivets viewers' attention is not only which contestant will make it to the finale on Friday, but also the outstanding culinary creations that come into being on the show.

#### Cooking

45' Daily format 3,800 shows aired Produced by Fernsehmacher





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