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**W e l c o m e**

## Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to hopefully seeing you in person come summer. In the meantime, we won't miss out on the chance to connect digitally to proudly present more than 250 hours of fresh and exciting content. At least one thing that does not change.

A new series of one of our most successful detective franchises has finally landed with PROFESSOR T. Ben Miller (DEATH IN PARADISE, BRIDGERTON) stars as the titular brilliant but brusque Professor of criminology with OCD and Emma Naomi (BRIDGERTON) as police detective and his former student, solving solve unusual crimes together. Set against the glorious backdrop of Cambridge University and produced for ITV and PBS, Professor T is a brand new, high-end primetime series for 2021.

From Movistar+ comes LIBERTAD, a raw and authentic look at the struggle of survival and lust for freedom by master of the craft Enrique Urbizu, creator of GIGANTES. Former outlaw Lucia and her 17-year-old son Juan are caught in the midst of rivalling gangs of bandits and a governor's scheme to eliminate all bandoleros in Spain's early 1800s.

Our YA line-up is only growing stronger with two new series: WILD REPUBLIC tells the story of a group of juvenile offenders who hide from the state in the Alps. In their fight against the forces of nature, they form their own society, according to their own rules.

The coming-of age drama ECHOS follows a clique of some privileged twenty-somethings as they collide with the invisible lower class. When they go to an illegal rave in the catacombs, a system of tunnels underneath Munich central station, everything goes horribly wrong. A fire breaks out, a body is found and an invisible web spins from a real estate tycoon to those living underground.

Strong drama follows suite with THE WINEMAKER. The limited series is part of MIPDrama and revolves around Matteo, who has built a comfortable life for himself and his family at their vineyard. But when an old friend shows up, his secret past comes back to haunt him with a vengeance. History is being made at the HOTEL EUROPA: Based on true events, which shaped Germany between the wars, it is the untold story of a hotel frequented by Charlie Chaplin, Konrad Adenauer, and Adolf Hitler.

Last but not least, there's new seasons to look forward to: The Movistar+/HBO Max co-production and Cannes-series-awarded dramedy PERFECT LIFE is back with a second season while our epic mafia drama GOMORRAH, also having found a home at HBO Max, will soon return for its curtain call with its 5th and final season.

2021 is here – and we're ready for something new!

**S e r i e s**

Libertad

Professor T

Wild Republic

Echos

Six Empty Seats

Faster Than Fear

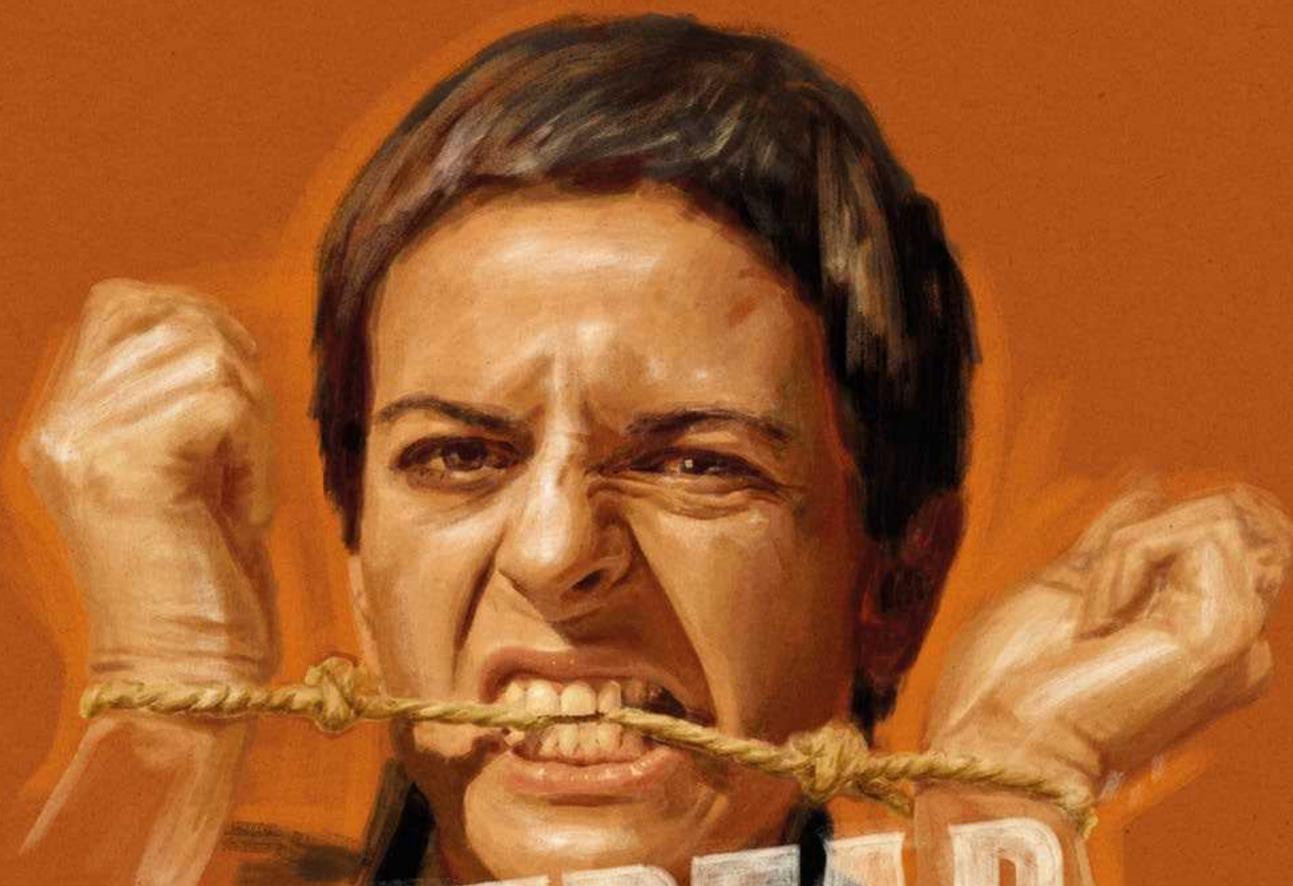
Supernormal

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# LIBERTAD

BY URBIZU. A MOVISTAR+ ORIGINAL SERIES MOVIE

## A raw and authentic look at the struggle of survival and lust for freedom by master of the craft Enrique Urbizu, creator of GIGANTES.

Spain in the early 1800s. For 17 years, Lucia “La Llanera” has been imprisoned. Every year, she was taken to the garrote, pardoned at the last minute each time. Finally, she is set free, as is her son Juan, born and raised in her cell. For the first time, she will show Juan the outside world, though not his father. Lagartijo, bandit of all bandits, died in the same showdown that got Lucia behind bars so long ago. Now, she must realize that she and Juan are but pawns in the hands of the powers that be. Captured by Aceituno’s gang of outlaws, they are to be sold to none other than Lagartijo. The legend is alive! No one knows, however, that all competing gangs of bandoleros are part of a bigger scheme. The King wants to eliminate them all. Try as they may to live the freedom they have been denied for so long, Lucia and her son find themselves in the midst of a manhunt, while Juan falls in love for the very first time. When they pull their necks out of the noose yet again, no clear dividing line between friend and foe remains. Or was there ever?

**Series** | 5 hours (also available as Feature Film) | Drama | ES

**Starring** Bebe, Xabier Deive, Isak Ferriz, Luis Callejoo

**Directed by** Enrique Urbizu

**Produced by** Movistar+ in collaboration with Lazona

Set against the glorious and prestigious backdrop of Cambridge University, Professor T is a high-end primetime crime series starring Ben Miller, produced for ITV and PBS.

Every aspect of Professor Jasper Tempest's life is rigidly structured. Impeccably dressed and meticulously punctual, he lectures at the Cambridge Institute of Criminology. Thanks to a strictly regimented routine, his OCD and germaphobia are under control. But his buttoned-down world is slowly undone as one of his former students, Detective Sergeant Lisa Donckers, persuades him to assist in an investigation. Professor T's brilliant mind proves invaluable, but cracks in his carefully constructed, emotionless shell begin to appear. Working with the fiery, occasionally chaotic Lisa drags him out of his comfort zone and forces him to confront his suppressed feelings for an old flame, Detective Chief Inspector Christina Brand. And when he moves back into his dusty and derelict family home – an uncharacteristically irrational decision – he finds it difficult to escape the influence of his imperious mother, Adelaide: They share a harrowing family secret that has cast a long shadow over both their lives...

**Series | 6 hours | Crime | EN**

**Starring** Ben Miller, Frances De La Tour, Emma Naomi, Barney White, Juliet Aubrey

**Directed by** Dries Vos

**Produced by** Eagle Eye Drama for ITV and PBS

# Professor T



# WILD REPUBLIC

THE WILDERNESS IS US



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Handwritten PICTURES

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In times of Fridays for Future and urban flight, WILD REPUBLIC matches the pulse of the times and tells the thrilling story of nine juvenile outsiders.

## LORD OF THE FLIES meets THE WAVE meets THE EXPERIMENT

In the midst of the impassable landscape at the foot of the Alps, a young group of serious offenders is undergoing an experiential educational program intended to rehabilitate them. All of a sudden, a member of the program dies a violent death.

Nobody knows exactly what happened, and the youths face a difficult decision. Should they wait for the authorities to recover the body and investigate the crime? Or, escape and take their fate into their own hands? The group doesn't have much in common with each other, though one thing unites them; all of them have had really bad experiences with the authorities and don't expect to be treated fairly.

Since they don't know who the perpetrator is, they only have one option: to run. Up the mountains, up the highest peaks of the Alps. It seems hopeless until they stumble onto a complex cave system where they can find shelter from wind, weather, and their pursuers. In their fight against the forces of nature, they form their own society, according to their own rules: the Wild Republic.

**Young Adult Series | 8 hours | Adventure | DE**

**Starring** Merlin Rose, Emma Drogunova, Maria Dragus,  
Rouven Israel, Béla Gabor Lenz

**Directed by** Markus Goller, Lennart Ruff

**Produced by** Lailaps Pictures, X Filme Creative Pool and  
handwritten Pictures in co-production with  
Deutsche Telekom, ARTE, WDR, SWR and ONE



# ECHOS



## Coming-of-age drama series for a younger audience with cast of up-and-coming stars.

Max, Nellie and Janosch are vapid, privileged twenty-somethings who don't like to think about much else but partying. When they hear of an illegal rave at a secret location, they are excited to go. Their destination: the catacombs, a system of tunnels underneath the central station, below the picturesque city of Munich, undisturbed by the authorities.

But something goes horribly wrong when a fire breaks out. Dozens are injured in the ensuing panic, some go missing. The next day, a body is found on the banks of the river: it is Max' girlfriend, and he has been missing since the fire...

An invisible web seems to be spinning from a real estate tycoon to the shadowy figures living in the catacombs. And the investigating police inspector hides a dark secret in her basement... Nellie and Janosch will have to get to the bottom of it, not only for Max' sake, but also for their own. United against a common enemy – or so it seems, because soon, it's not clear at all anymore who they are up against.

**Young Adult Series | 6 hours | Drama | DE**

**Starring** Lilly Charlotte Dreesen, Nick Romeo Reimann, Yasin Boynuice, Mercedes Müller, Sabine Timoteo

**Directed by** Jakob M. Erwa

**Produced by** NEUESUPER in co-production with JOYN for JOYN and ProSiebenSat.1

## Alex Pina meets Dostoevsky. From the producers of DEAD MOUNTAIN - THE DYATLOV PASS INCIDENT and TO THE LAKE.

They are six colleagues who could not be more disparate. Yet one day, fate binds them closely together: When they miss a flight by sheer coincidence and the machine crashes upon take-off, the group of employees are the only ones who live. And at first, everything just goes back to normal. But the trauma of the avoided disaster and sheer arbitrary nature of their survival keeps eating away at them. What are their mundane lives worth if they are seemingly just wasting the precious time they have, not living their dreams? So, they all decide to take fate in their own hands and do something so dangerous, that it will change the course of their lives forever. Yet as they recklessly start playing against the rules, fate seems to have a way of catching up with them...

**Series | 8 hours | Drama | RU**

**Starring** Evgeniya Dobrovolskaya, Oksana Akinshina, Mikhail Efremov, Nikita Efremov, Yuliya Khlynina, Pavel Tabakov, Angelina Strechina

**Directed by** Pyotr Todorovskiy

**Produced by** 1-2-3 Production

# SIX EMPTY SEATS





**FASTER  
THAN FEAR**

A killer targeting women escapes from prison when a young female detective returns to work after a traumatic assault. Facing her darkest fears, she engages in a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse.

Sunny is a tough cop, but lately she hasn't quite been herself. After a six-week absence, she is back on duty, right back on a hard case. The brutal killer André Haffner has escaped prison. How, no-one knows. He must have had help – on the inside and out. One thing though is for sure: He will kill again – and his victims are women. Sunny is eager to take the lead, but her superiors give that to her colleague and send her to therapy. Because Sunny has a secret reason for her absence: She was assaulted on the job and has no idea by whom. Even though her male colleagues and her life- and work partner Alex support her, she does not trust them with everything – for good reason? Suspicion has become her second nature and when Sunny finds out who must have attacked her, she wages a proxy war with the hunt for Haffner, revealing more parallels between them than she would like. The further she goes the more her relationship to the ones closest to her are put the hardest test of their lives...

**Series | 6 hours | Thriller | DE**

**Starring** Friederike Becht, Felix Klare

**Directed by** Florian Baxmeyer

**Produced by** Rowboat Film- und Fernsehproduktion  
for MDR / ARD Degeto

From the director of SPANISH AFFAIR, by far the biggest Spanish box office hit of the last 20 years.

Patricia has her hands full. Not only is she a boss at an investment bank, but she is determined to be a perfect mother to her three kids, the perfect wife to her dentist husband, the perfect daughter to her mother and the perfect sister to her, well, sister. Incredibly, she usually is. Patricia actually manages to keep all the balls in the air and even add at least one every once in a while. Like finding a gap in her timetable where there is none so she can receive the prestigious “Woman of the Year” award. Or winning back a super important client snatched away by her worst rival. In short, Patricia is used to having it all. And when things get in her way, things get dramatic or hilarious, and mostly both.

**Series | 6 x half hour | Comedy | ES**

**Starring** Miren Ibarguren, Diego Martín, Gracia Olayo

**Directed by** Emilio Martínez-Lázaro

**Produced by** Movistar+ in collaboration with Secuoya

MIPDrama  
Official Selection

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# Supernormal

A super-original Movistar+ series

*Do what you do  
better than anybody*

BETA M+



Antwerp / Belgium:

### WTFOCK

4 seasons / 42 episodes  
(season 5 in production)

**Production:** Sputnik TV

**Network:** VIER / VIJF

260.000 viewers every week



Amsterdam / Netherlands:

### SKAM NL

2 seasons / 21 episodes

**Production:** NTR

**Network:** NPO3

77.500 YouTube subscribers



Berlin / Germany:

### DRUCK

6 seasons / 58 episodes

**Production:**

Bantry Bay Productions GmbH

**Network:** ZDFneo, funk

420.000 YouTube Channel subscribers, > 56m views so far



# SHAME INTERNATIONAL REMAKES

Paris / France:

### SKAM FRANCE

6 seasons / 62 episodes  
(season 7+8 airing in 2021)

**Production:** Gétévé Productions

**Network:**  
France TV Slash / France 4

187.000 Instagram fans



Madrid / Spain:

### SKAM ESPAÑA

4 seasons / 38 episodes

**Production:** Zeppelin TV

**Network:** Movistar+

145.000 Instagram fans



Rome / Italy:

### SKAM ITALIA

4 seasons / 42 episodes  
(season 5 in development)

**Production:**

TIMvision, Cross Productions

**Network:** TIMvision, Netflix



## SHAME - The cult series for teens all over the globe.

Having started as a low-budget Norwegian web series, SHAME (OT: SKAM) broke all viewership records in its home country as well as in Denmark and Sweden. The show quickly built up an active international fanbase on social media and repeatedly made headlines all over the globe for its popularity surge. Within just three years, the critically acclaimed and multi-awarded web series also has spawned several successful international remakes.

Each series focusses on a friend group of high-school kids, with each season featuring a different main character. It is their story and their perspective that the narrative tracks. We follow the girls and boys through heartbreak, partying and all the challenges young people face as they begin high school and start the last chapter before finally entering adulthood. The honesty and fearlessness in which SHAME tackles these issues stands out and is the basis of the format's success: authentic kids with real issues, close-up – a recipe that made this series a hit all over the world.

SHAME is a drama series dismantling taboos and speaking from the heart to its 16- to 20-year-old target audience. The story takes place in real time and is published daily through web-specific storytelling elements, texts, images and grabs, as well as live-action on SHAME websites and apps, generating heavy online traffic in each broadcasting territory. Every week, a summary episode containing all daily episodes is published for online and on linear TV.

# FOR Heaven's SAKE



Sister Lotte is giving and forgiving, she is a believer, a well-meaner, a planner and a carer for her fellow humans. And “though” she is a nun, she is a woman. Mayor Woeller instead couldn’t care less if anyone needs his help (at least on the outside). What he wants is to help himself – to (more) power, to fortune and fame, and to getting ahead. A constant schemer, those obstinate nuns with Lotte forever in the front row – always seem to be getting in his way in the wrong place at the wrong time. For what he fails to realize is that, when it comes to scheming and scamming, sister Lotte is usually second to none!

**Series** | 268 hours (20 seasons + 4 movies) | Drama | DE

**Starring** Janina Hartwig, Fritz Wepper, Jutta Speidel, Rosel Zech, Anna Luise Kish

**Produced by** ndf for ARD Degeto

# MOVISTAR+ ORIGINAL SERIES PERFECT LIFE

30 to 40-somethings María, Cris and Esther had the rest of their lives pretty much mapped out. But life has other plans for them! When María’s long-term relationship falls apart, she goes to her lesbian-artist sister Esther, who has her own type of “crisis medication”. Which can be hilarious, when you arrive high as a kite to the birthday party of your best friend Cris’ daughter. And Cris lives her own little, big lie with her hubby Pablo. So when María finds herself getting laid in the bouncy castle with the gentle but simple-minded janitor, and getting pregnant from him, she finally starts letting go and going with the flow!



**Series** | 14 x half hour (2 seasons) | Drama | ES

**Starring** Leticia Dolera, Aixa Villagrán, Celia Freijeiro, Enric Auquer, Font García

**Produced by** Movistar+

# ROCCO SCHIAVONE

Deputy Police Chief Rocco Schiavone is not what you would call a role model police officer. Sarcastic, ill-tempered, charismatic and not all too law abiding, the native Roman with all his fibers must keep his mood swings at bay. As a punishment, the seasoned detective is exiled to the more provincial, alpine Aosta Valley, which strikes Rocco at his heart. Now he has to get out of his fancy loafers and step into clunky moon boots to dig in deep. Plus, the secretive locals are something Rocco has to get used to. Snow isn't the only thing in the habit of covering up in the Italian Alps...



**Series | 28 hours (4 seasons) | Crime | IT**

**Starring** Marco Giallini, Ernesto D'Argenio, Claudia Vismara,  
Fabio La Fata, Massimiliano Caprara

**Produced by** RAI Fiction and Cross Productions  
in association with Beta Film

**L i m i t e d   S e r i e s**

The Winemaker

De Gaulle

Hotel Europa

Presumed Guilty

MIPDrama  
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THE  
WINEMAKER

## The past never dies.

Winemaker Matteo lives a comfortable life with his wife Stefania and their daughter Laura in the middle of the South Tyrolean vineyards. But what his family doesn't know is that decades ago, when Matteo turned up in the area as a young man, he was on the run from the Mafia. Once a ruthless enforcer with plenty of blood on his hands, now, he's a traitor: If they find him, they will kill him and his whole family. But when his wines receive medals, disaster comes knocking. His former partner in crime, Nino, suddenly shows up. He forces Matteo to take part in a murderous crime plot involving counterfeit wine. Matteo still tries to hide his bloody past from his family. But with the investigation that ensues after a young woman is found shot but alive in the vineyards, the noose around his neck is tightening...

**Limited Series | 4 hours | Thriller | DE**

**Starring** Tobias Moretti, Ursina Lardi, Antonia Moretti, Melika Foroutan

**Directed by** Andreas Prohaska

**Produced by** good friends Filmproduktion in co-production with  
Satel Film for ZDF and ServusTV

Samuel  
LABARTHE

Constance  
DOLLÉ

# De Gaulle

Directed by François Velle

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Relive 20th century history through the portrait of a statesman as he faces the test of power.  
French General and President Charles de Gaulle: The private story of the man who shaped a nation he loved.

It is 1940. General Charles de Gaulle sees the leadership of his beloved country giving in under the pressure of the invading Nazis. But this is no option for him – he cannot gamble with the lives of his beloved wife Yvonne, his children, especially sweet innocent Anne. This is the moment he decides to go a different route. Together with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, he plans to fight. And out of this, a friendship is born that will last long into the future – when de Gaulle will have led Free France to victory against the Nazis.

Everyone knows Charles de Gaulle: General of the Resistance, who refused to give in to defeat; politician, visionary, liberator, peacemaker, strategist, builder of a nation in shambles. But no-one really knows the man behind the hero. Until now.

**Limited Series | 6 hours (also available as Feature Film) | Drama | FR**

**Starring** Samuel Labarthe, Constance Dolle,  
Pierre Rochefort, Jean-Louis Tribes

**Directed by** François Velle

**Produced by** EFFERVESCENCE FICTION  
in co-production with FRANCE TELEVISION

Based on true events which shaped Germany between the wars. The untold story of a generation. The chronicles of a hotel frequented by Charlie Chaplin, Konrad Adenauer, and Adolf Hitler.

Emil Dreesen, son of a hotelier dynasty at the River Rhine, returns from the war in 1918. From now on, Emil wants to counter his traumatic past with openness, joie de vivre, curiosity and tolerance. But the crisis is far from over: His parents' posh hotel is occupied by the French. Emil's personal guilt of having shot a superior at the front line, albeit in self-defense, becomes a growing existential threat. As tensions rise, Emil enters into a long-running feud with his father over the future of the Hotel Dreesen, popular meeting place for Jewish families. Modern age and a new beginning or old enemies and revenge? When Emil's father invites Adolf Hitler to be his prominent guest, the conflict is woven into something much larger, threatening to tear apart the celebrity guests as well as the family – and even the whole country. In the end, Emil has to decide which side he is on.

**Limited Series in production | 4 hours | Drama | DE**

**Starring** Jonathan Berlin, Benjamin Sadler,  
Katharina Schüttler, Nicole Heesters

**Directed by** Thorsten Schmidt

**Produced by** Zeitsprung Pictures for ARD Degeto



# HOTEL EUROPA

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is shown from the waist up. She has a worried or distressed expression on her face, looking slightly to the left. She is wearing a dark, heavy jacket over a red top and a denim jacket. A large, dark blue backpack is slung over her right shoulder. In her left hand, she holds a silver mobile phone. The background is an outdoor setting with a body of water, a sandy area, and some greenery under a bright sky.

# PRESUMED GUILTY

Lola arrives in town for a job interview – turns out, it was never scheduled... Someone wanted to bring Lola here, but why?

Lola is excited. She is invited for a job interview at a hotel in a new town – a big step for the young woman. But things go from odd to strange when she shows up for her interview and learns it was never scheduled. It gets more mysterious by the minute when Lola notices people keep staring at her. The answer is in the local papers: Exactly 22 years ago to the day, a woman named Manon was murdered here, leaving a terrible mark on the region. And Lola bears a striking resemblance to the victim! As she arrived full of hopes, she now is left with many questions: Who lured her here? Who was Manon, really? And what does the murder that happened so long ago have to do with her? The deeper Lola digs, the more it becomes clear: This murder is connected to her in an existential way...

**Limited Series in production | 6 hours | Crime | FR**

**Starring** Garance Thenault, Pierre-Yves Bon,  
Aurelie Vaneck, Elodie Frenck

**Directed by** Gregory Ecale

**Produced by** JLA Group for France 3

# Movie Cycles

Masuria Murders

Allmen

Money. Murder. Zurich

The Ranger

Kiss the Chef!

# MASURIA MURDERS



A forensic scientist is drawn to idyllic Masuria due to a family tragedy, little suspecting that she will soon be knee-deep in a series of murder investigations.

Her uncle's death draws forensic pathologist Dr. Viktoria Wex back to her childhood home in Poland. Her visit suddenly turns into a murder investigation, when she finds a dead body in the cellar: that of a shady local businessman. An accident, says the coroner, but Viktoria isn't buying it. Eccentric and obsessive, she teams up with Leon, her handsome police officer neighbor, to solve the case and soon finds that everybody is involved in a cover-up. Sure enough, Viktoria can't seem to get away, especially when she is called to another crime scene: a local poacher shot dead. Close by, the remains of a slaughtered bison, its meat a valuable delicacy. Greed and violence combine, escalating into yet another family tragedy.

**Movie Cycle** | 2 x two hours | Crime | DE

**Starring** Claudia Eisinger, Sebastian Hülk, Karolina Lodyga

**Directed by** Anno Saul

**Produced by** Odeon Fiction for ARD Degeto

# ALLMEN



Generous, expensive taste, broke: Allmen is a man out of luck with a taste for the finer things in life. Now, he must turn to stealing: Possessions are fleeting, so why shouldn't he help moving them around? Unveiling larger crimes in the process, he discovers his talent for sleuthing. Allmen now wants to retrieve stolen art, attracting dark forces behind the shiny facade of Europe's upper class. Dodging bullets and creditors alike, Allmen loves the adventure and his loyal servant Carlos does his best to keep him grounded – these two will find a way out, no matter how many guns are pointed at them.

**Movie Cycle** | 4 x two hours | Crime | DE

**Starring** Heino Ferch, Samuel Finzi, Isabella Parkinson, Ben Becker, Nora Waldstätten

**Produced by** Ufa Fiction for ARD Degeto

# MONEY. MURDER. ZURICH.

Maybe you can't make a killing in Zurich anymore, but it's still possible to kill and get killed... White collar Attorney Thomas Borchert finds himself on the wrong side of the law when he is framed in a bribery scandal. Fleeing the German authorities, he settles back in his native Zurich. He sets up practise in a rickety trailer on his family's property and starts working on clearing his name – with the reluctant help of young, idealistic lawyer Dominique, who's wary of associating with the disgraced lawyer. In other words, she's worried about her career. Borchert doesn't have one anymore. His goal is simply to get to the truth...



**Movie Cycle** | 16 x two hours | Crime | DE

**Starring** Christian Kohlund, Ina Paule Klink, Robert Hunger-Bühler, Felix Kramer, Dominik Weber

**Produced by** Graf Film for ARD Degeto

# THE RANGER



After five years in Canada, Jonas returns to Europe and takes up a job as a park ranger in a stunningly beautiful sandstone national park full of rocky canyons and lush forests. Jonas' duties are manifold: taking care of visitors and nature alike but also those of law enforcement, firefighting and mountain rescue. It's never too long until he has to prove his many practical talents, empathy and dedication – either within his professional life or in his interactions with family, friends and colleagues. Only his love life is lacking direction. That is something he shares with his colleague, the beautiful biologist Emilia, who values her freedom as much as Jonas does. It might just be their shared interest in protecting nature that will bring them closer together...

**Movie Cycle | 6 x two hours | Drama | DE**

**Starring** Philipp Danne, Eva-Maria Grein von Friedl, Liza Tzschirner, Heike Jonca, Matthias Brenner

**Produced by** ndF: neue deutsche Filmgesellschaft for ARD Degeto

# *kiss the* **CHEF!**

When a gourmet guide mistakes a high-class restaurant with a home-style eatery just because they share the same name, both owners are shocked. Now former star chef Rufus loses his prestigious status and clients, while down-to-earth Toni is afraid to scare off her working-class regulars due to a flood of snooty foodies. To stir up public interest, Rufus tries to butter off Toni to get her to participate in a cook-off – which no doubt will be humiliating for her! But when Toni starts to fall for his charms, Rufus starts to notice that stars are not the only thing worth fighting for. Because love doesn't always stick to the recipe and there's plenty of ways to reach for the stars!



**Movie Cycle | 6 x two hours | Romance | DE**

**Starring** Diana Ampft, Stephan Luca, Margarita Broich, Filip Peeters, Arijana Antunovic

**Produced by** Bantry Bay for ARD Degeto

**M o v i e s**

Girl in the Window

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The Unbearable Lightness of the Revolution

The Maths of Love



# GIRL IN THE WINDOW

Starring Critics Choice Award-nominee Haskiri Velazquez (SAVED BY THE BELL, MY 40-YEAR-OLD VERSION), Cleo Anthony (SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT, EXTANT, ROSWELL) and Nicky Whelan (SCRUBS).

Highly pregnant Ava just got into graduate school! However, her boyfriend Shane, who's been increasingly violent lately, doesn't want her to go back to university. It's enough. She makes a run for it, trying to get to her sister, to safety. On the way, Ava has an accident and wakes up in Valerie and William's house. The nice, affluent, and childless couple lives isolated in the woods – the roads are closed off and the phone doesn't work, but William is a doctor and can take care of Ava, they say. Soon, things seem fishy to Ava: She is not a guest – she is a prisoner and they want her baby! On top of it all, Shane is still looking for her, and his violent tendencies escalate... But Ava will not give up without a fight!

**Movie | two hours | Thriller | EN**

**Starring** Haskiri Velazquez, Nicky Whelan, Cleo Anthony, Austin Weyant

**Produced by** Stargazer Films for Lifetime



Gravedigger Max Broll and retired soccer star Baroni team up to find Max's stepmother, the local police commissioner, who has been abducted and buried alive in the woods.

It is nothing but darkness around police commissioner Tilda and she has no idea where she is. Beside her, two bottles of juice and her cell phone – the only connection to the outside world. She calls her stepson, gravedigger Max Broll, and tells him that a man broke into her home, overpowered her, put her in a box and buried her somewhere in the woods. She remembers exactly who it was: Leopold Wagner, known as the “baby maker”, whom she sent to prison eighteen years ago. The police maintain it could not have been him – he is still behind bars. Only Max believes her. He is determined to find her, whatever it takes. While the police try to locate the cell phone and systematically comb the area, Broll and his friend Baroni use less conventional methods to force the truth out of Wagner. The clock is ticking – Tilda won't survive more than 48 hours underground...

**Movie | two hours | Crime | DE**

**Starring** Laurence Rupp, Juergen Vogel, Bettina Redlich, Martin Wuttke

**Produced by** Aichholzer Filmproduktion for ORF and ZDF

A blue-tinted photograph of a man and a woman in silhouette, standing in a hospital hallway and facing each other. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The hallway has a window with blinds in the background and a door on the right.

# A CASE OF MURDER

## THE RUSSIAN DONATION

Based on the Agatha Christie Prize-winning crime novel: He's a seasoned physician at a Berlin hospital, she's a math teacher. By chance, they become a couple of investigators caught up in a murder case...

An urgent call from the clinic! It's not the first time that Dr. Felix Hoffmann's cozy TV evening is cut short by unexpected duty in the ER. When the patient dies, Dr. Hoffmann doesn't think it was from natural causes. The patient, the Ukrainian Mischa Tschenkow, was part of the hospital's cleaning crew and no stranger to Felix. He was also recently discharged from the clinic with a clean bill of health – but his patient file is gone. When Felix tells his girlfriend Celine about the case, she immediately suspects foul play and wants to investigate the matter. Sure enough, the two stumble into a criminal case, knee-deep in the mafia-like machinations of the clinic's management...

**Movie | two hours | Crime | DE**

**Starring** Kai Wiesinger, Isabell Polak, Julika Jenkins, Wilfried Hochholdingner

**Produced by** Schiwago Film for ARD Degeto

# STARING INTO THE ABYSS



When a child disappears, it seems clear the recently released child murderer Joseph must be the culprit. But how far is Detective Wallat willing to go to save the boy, who might still be alive?

“Everyone deserves a second chance” – Hardened detective David Wallat disagrees. Like in the case of the notorious child murderer Joseph, who is released from prison after 15 years – and still considered dangerous. While Joseph starts a new life, David and his team start to surveil him 24/7. The goal is to catch him in the act to put him away forever. A risky bet, especially when they lose sight of him one night and a boy disappears. David thinks the child is still alive, but time is running out. Together with his even more unscrupulous young colleague Lisa, they start crossing lines while the man’s guilt is by no means certain.

**Movie | two hours | Thriller | DE**

**Starring** Tobias Moretti, Peter Kurth, Simon Schwarz

**Produced by** Wüste Medien for ARD Degeto



# *A Cape Cod Christmas*

Do you need a house to have a home for your heart, or a heart to save a house?

Boston children's book author Margot is heartbroken. She and her siblings have to sell their late parents' Cape Cod house. Every Christmas was spent there – and this last one will be so special, it might even prevent the sale! When Margot runs into Chris, her childhood sweetheart, she has an idea. He's back in town running his own gallery as an artist. If he paints a picture of the house, maybe her siblings will see what they're about to give up and change their minds? Chris is in, and soon the old chemistry is back as they spend more and more time together. Although when her siblings arrive, all hopes crumble as they can't be convinced ... but Margot and Chris might just have one more ace up their sleeves to save the house!

**Movie | two hours | Romantic Drama | EN**

**Starring** Katie Leclerc, Brent Bailey, Cindy Lentol

**Produced by** Moody Independent/H9 Films production in association with Off Camera Entertainment and Beta Film for Lifetime



# *The* Christmas Ring

Starring Nazneen Contractor (STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS), David Alpay (THE TUDORS, THE VAMPIRE DIARIES) and Harper McIntyre (THE 100).

When young journalist Kendra is hunting for a lost family heirloom, she finds a ring with an intriguing inscription, “My Christmas Love, 1948.” Kendra decides to uncover the story behind it. Her chance to write something deeper than the usual personality quizzes! She travels to a quaint little town and runs into Michael, a famous architect who has gone off the radar after a public breakup – and grandson of the ring’s owner. While he’s adverse to talking to Kendra at first, her will to uncover the courageous love story between his grandparents soon draws him in and the two closer together. But when her editor prefers Michael’s relationship drama, Kendra must gather her own courage to risk it all and follow her heart...

**Movie | two hours | Romantic Drama | EN**

**Starring** Nazneen Contractor, David Alpay, Chelsey Reist, Harper McIntyre

**Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Hallmark Channel



When all passengers are grounded on Christmas Eve, airport Santa Thorsten has to prove he is not just there for decorative purposes only...

Christmas Eve. Airport Santa Thorsten has his hands full: An accident and bad weather lock everyone in as they are trying to make it home last minute! Small dramas play out under the eyes of Thorsten's tyrannical boss, the airport manager: Secret lovers Martin and Eva are in a tight spot, when Martin's family shows up. A retired couple can't spend Christmas with their loved ones. Waitress Anja's boyfriend suddenly falls for her old school mate. Helicopter mom Jette keeps fighting with her husband, when her son runs away. In the middle of it all is Thorsten, and it's his job to keep them all happy. But that's what Santas are made for!

**Movie | two hours | Dramey | DE**

**Starring** Henning Baum, Jan Henrik Stahlberg, Meike Droste, Michael Lott, Elena Uhlig

**Produced by** Bantry Bay for ARD Degeto



# CHASING *Waterfalls*

It's Amy's big break: photographing waterfalls! Handsome guide Mark shows her a hidden gem, but when her boss publishes its secret location, Mark's ex isn't the only claim Amy has to fend off.

When the photographer at Amy's work falls sick, she boldly seizes the chance to fulfill her dream of being a professional shutterbug! Ironically, the city girl's first gig are hidden waterfalls. On location, Amy is totally lost. Help comes with the handsome tour guide Mark and his bright daughter Cara. The trio instantly bond: Amy helps Cara connect with her crush, and on long hikes, Mark impresses Amy with the unique beauty of waterfalls. Finally, he succumbs to Amy's charms and even agrees to show her a mythical waterfall – if she'll keep the location secret. Amy's boss is thrilled and publishes her pictures... with the GPS logs! When Mark's ex jumps at the chance to win back his heart, Amy has to muster all her courage to keep it.

**Movie | two hours | Romantic Drama | EN**

**Starring** Cindy Busby, Chris Russell, Miranda Frigon

**Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Hallmark Channel



Based on true events: The early days of the Peaceful Revolution, which brought about the downfall of the Iron Curtain.

East Germany, 1988. 19-year-old Franka doesn't really care for politics. She prefers going to the disco and dreaming about seeing Bruce Springsteen and Michael Jackson live in concert. But beneath her carefree façade, she is scarred by the loss of her baby brother. But then she meets Stefan: He's young, idealistic, and part of an environmental activist group. A mix that makes Franka instantly make fall for him – and his group, which welcomes her with open arms. But this wild, revolutionary influence does not stay unnoticed: Her mother, who's with the Party, is worried about Franka. As Stefan's group loses the support of the church, leaving them vulnerable to the state, Stefan and Franka are soon in the government's line of fire...

**Movie | two hours | Drama | DE**

**Starring** Inka Friedrich, Timur Bartels, Alexander Hörbe,  
Janina Fautz, Ferdinand Lehmann

**Produced by** UFA FICTION for ARD Degeto

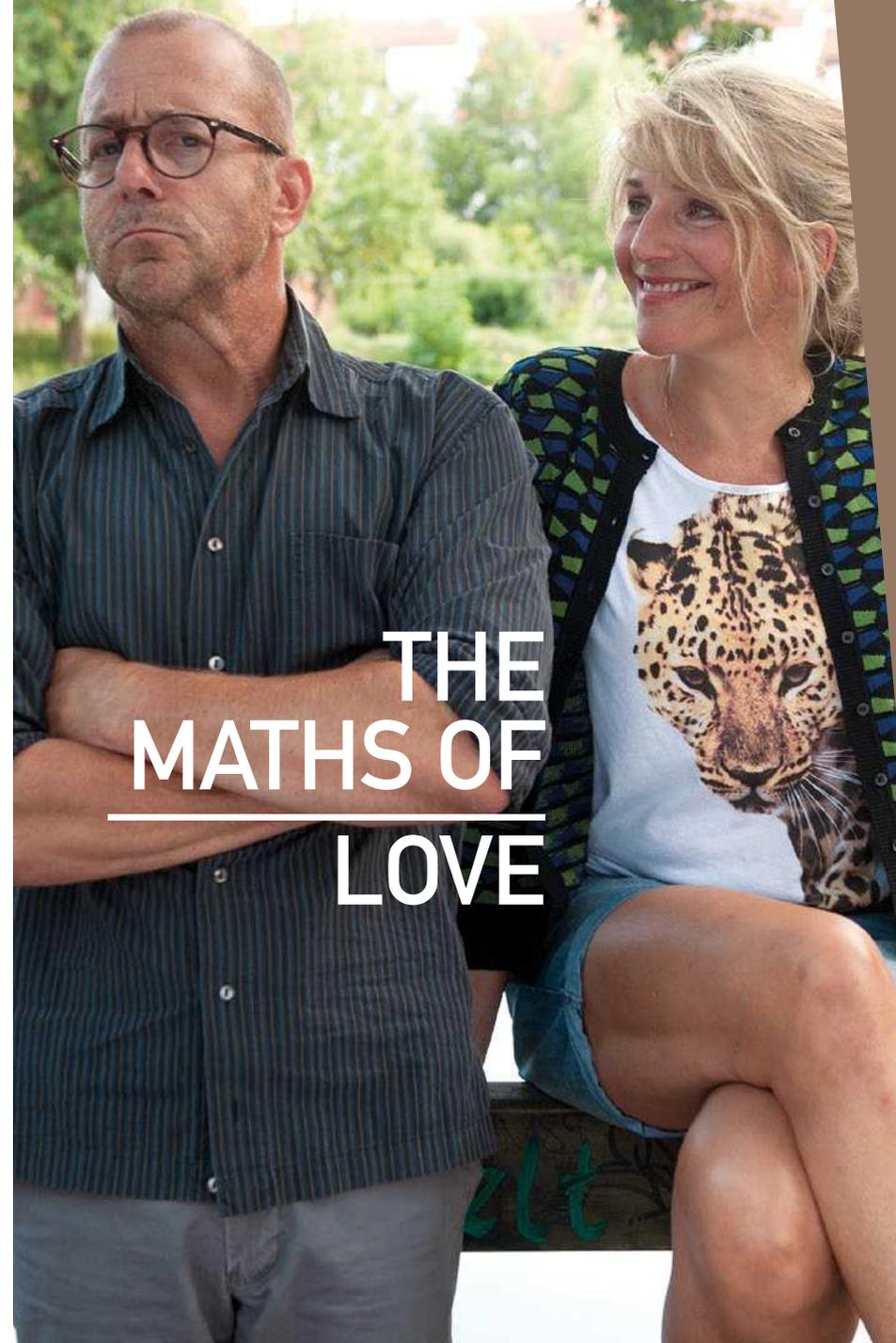
When Judith is thrown into a new job at the university, she not only finds her passion math, she also falls for the awkward professor she's supposed to work with.

Leonard and Judith have little in common. Judith is a people person, works in the campus café and lives in a university apartment. Leonard is a maths professor who loves solitude. But when the University starts reserving their housing for teaching staff, Judith has to improvise to keep it. Her lover Stefan, Head of University PR, orders Leonard to inspire schoolchildren for the magic of numbers. Worse, he has to team up with Judith! Turns out, Judith has a talent for reaching the students, despite her lack of qualification. And while Judith starts seeing maths with different eyes, Leonard starts seeing her differently as well ... Opposites attract: A scientific phenomenon that also occurs in love!

**Movie | two hours | Romantic Comedy | DE**

**Starring** Heino Ferch, Tanja Wedhorn,  
Karoline Teska, Michael Gwisdek

**Produced by** Moviepool für ARD Degeto



# Feature Films

The Auschwitz Report

Kindred

The Bike Thief

Karnawal

Hello Again - A Wedding a Day



# THE AUSCHWITZ REPORT

The true story of two Slovak Jews, who finally manage to escape the Auschwitz concentration camp and find themselves up against allies that don't believe their harrowing report.

Two young Slovak Jews, Freddy and Walter, were deported to Auschwitz in 1942. Thanks to meticulous planning and with the help and resilience of their inmates, they manage to escape on April 10, 1944. While the inmates they had left behind courageously stand their ground against the Nazi officers, the two men are driven by the hope that their evidence could save lives. Emaciated and hurt, they make their way through the mountains back to Slovakia and barely manage to cross the border to meet the resistance and The Red Cross. They compile a detailed report about the systematic genocide in the camp. However, with Nazi propaganda and international liaisons still in place, their account seems to be too harrowing to believe.

**Feature Film** | two hours | Drama | SK, DE

**Starring** Noel Czuczor, Peter Ondrejicka, Jan Nedbal, John Hannah

**Produced by** DNA Production in co-production with Evolution Films, Ostlicht Filmproduktion and RTVS



# KINDRED

A young, pregnant woman finds herself surrounded by her dead boyfriend's peculiar family with seemingly no escape.

When Charlotte receives the news of her boyfriend Ben dying in an accident, the mother-to-be collapses. She wakes up in Ben's family home, a crumbling old manor house in the middle of nowhere. Ben's overbearing mother, Margaret, and his controlling stepbrother, Thomas, are determined to care for her, at least until the baby arrives. Grief-stricken and increasingly haunted by visions possibly brought on by the pregnancy, Charlotte accepts. But as the days go by she begins to doubt their intentions. Are they drugging her and keeping her captive, to take her unborn baby? As her visions intensify and the haze of lies grows, Charlotte decides that her only option is to break finally free from this family – but at what cost?

**Feature Film** | two hours | **Thriller** | **EN**

**Starring** Tamara Lawrence, Jack Lowden, Fiona Shaw, Edward Holcroft, Chloe Pirrie

**Produced by** Reiver Pictures in co-production with Fastnet Films



# THE BIKE THIEF

After a delivery driver's moped is stolen, he must find it before he loses everything else.

To the Rider, his moped is everything. As a pizza delivery driver, it is his livelihood. As a breadline straddling, immigrant father, it is his family's anchor. It takes his wife to work. It gets his daughter to school. So when one night the moped is stolen, his world collapses. He has to get back his bike – or replace it – in whatever way possible, before his next shifts starts. If he fails, he won't just lose his job, he will lose it all. He tries to ask the few familiar faces for help in this unfamiliar, disorienting city. However, as he runs out of time and his options are wearing thin, his moral compass begins to crack and he grows more and more willing to forgo his conscience in order to save himself and his family.

**Feature Film** | two hours | Drama | EN, RO

**Starring** Alec Secareanu, Anamaria Marinca, Lucien Msamati, Aaron Neil, June Watson

**Produced by** Ugly Duckling Films and Ellipsis Pictures  
in association with Twickenham Studios



# KARNAWAL

During Carnival, a young Malambo dancer prepares for the most important competition of his life. When his ex-convict father returns, he jeopardizes everything as he drags his son into his criminal world.

Rebellious teenager Carba lives with his mother in northern Argentina near the Bolivian border and dreams of becoming a professional Malambo dancer: the gauchos' folkloric tap-dance. During training for his most important competition, Cabra receives an unexpected visit from his father, El Corto. He is a conman on short leave from jail and takes Cabra and his mother on a mysterious trip along the northern roads. While father and son reconnect, Carba and his mother try to find out why he is taking them. Suddenly, they find themselves in the middle a violent hold-up. On the run and lost in the desert, Cabra struggles to return in time for his dance contest. But will he have to abandon his father to follow his dreams?

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**Feature Film | two hours | Drama | ES**

**Starring** Alfredo Castro, Martin López Lacci, Mónica Lairana, Diego Cremonesi

**Produced by** Bikini Films in co-production with 3 Moinhos Produções, Picardia Films, Phototaxia Pictures, Norsk Filmproduksjon



# Hello Again

*A wedding a day*

GROUNDHOG DAY meets MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING in this topsy-turvy romantic comedy that turns the fairy-tale of finding the one true love upside down.

Zazie lives with her buddies, womanizer Patrick and sweetheart Anton, in a flat share. All three are completely incapable of being in a relationship. Finding true love? No need. Zazie is sure of that. When Philipp, Zazie's best friend from childhood, sends an invitation to his wedding, it gets stuck in the overflowing mailbox for months. When Zazi finally gets the invite, she is shocked to find out that Philipp's wedding is planned for the next day and that he wants to marry stuck-up and vicious Franziska. Franziska is definitely the wrong girl for Philipp! Zazie decides to do everything she can to save him from making the biggest mistake of his life.

**Feature Film** | two hours | Romantic Comedy | DE

**Starring** Alicia von Rittberg, Edin Hasanovic, Emilia Schüle,  
Samuel Schneider, Tim Oliver Schultz

**Produced by** Sommerhaus Filmproduktion in co-production with  
Warner Bros. Film Productions Germany



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Team Marco

Stardust

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# TEAM MARCO



“There’s life outside my iPad? Never,” says Marco! “Yes, there is,” claims his Italian grandpa and lures him into a bittersweet bocce fight... and Marco can only win with real-life friends!

A rough summer for 12-year-old Marco. First mom moves them out of the city, dad never answers his texts, and then “nonno” moves in: He has to share the room with his grandpa! While Marco only lives online, nonno drags him to the park to play bocce - boring! But non-gluten-free Italian cookies, nonno’s Vespa and bocce buddies slowly win Marco over. Then dad turns up and reminds him of their VR challenge. Marco is game... but nonno locks up his digital gear until Marco beats him at bocce with his own friends. That’s when Team Marco is born!

**Kids & Family Feature Film** | two hours | **Dramedy** | **EN**

**Starring** Owen Vaccaro, Louis Cancelmi, Anthony Patellis, Anastasia Ganais-Gellin

**Produced by** Boro Five



When star child Elly falls onto Earth, 10-year-old Jo needs to help her return, as she has to guide him back to his split-up family.

A magic stone turns 9-year-old star child Elly into the guiding North Star. But she hates that she can never leave her home because of it – and she runs away. On Earth, 10-year-old Jo has to move because his parents split up – and he doesn't feel at home anymore. When Jo and Elly meet, they both feel out of place. But they help each other learn that not everything is about them, and just in time for Christmas they save the world together! Everyone can become a guiding star; because, in the end, aren't we all made of stardust?

**Kids & Family Series** | 24 x half hour | Christmas | NO

**Starring** Edvard Ross, Camilla Bjorneng, Trond Fausa Aurvag, Anne Marit Jacobsen, Morten Svartveit

**Produced by** NRK super



Based on the bestselling 12 book series AMOS DARAGON, which sold over 3 million copies worldwide!

It is a race that will affect the balance of the whole world: Amos Daragon vs Black Sun! The stakes are high. Whoever collects the most Half-Masks of Balance can create a mask of ultimate power: The Mask of Chronos. With it, one can control time, determining the fate of all humanity! No one should do this alone – and neither does Amos. Together with Lolya, Beorf and Medusa, he navigates a whirlwind of perilous situations, testing their mettle and friendship. Join them on an adventure through foreboding realms and mysterious, magical places!

**Kids & Family Series Cartoon** | 13 x half hour | Adventure | EN

**Directed by** Élie Klimos

**Produced by** Iceworks Animation



When his sister Bo vanishes from the face of the earth, boxer Noah seems to be the only one who even remembers that she ever existed. Noah finds unlikely allies who help him to get to the heart of the dark mystery of Bo's disappearance.

One day, Bo just vanishes from the face of the earth. Her twin brother, boxer Noah, seems to be the only one who even remembers that she ever existed. How is this possible? How is it that he cannot find even a single photo with Bo in it? Noah is determined to get to the bottom of this. When it turns out that the key to the mystery surrounding Bo is linked to the theatre owned by the elitist Vincke family, Noah has to become a member of their choir "The 12". For Noah's down-to-earth boxing family, this is the last place they'd go. The two families hate each other. However, Noah discovers that they might be more alike than he thought and he finds unlikely allies to get to the heart of the dark mystery of Bo's disappearance...

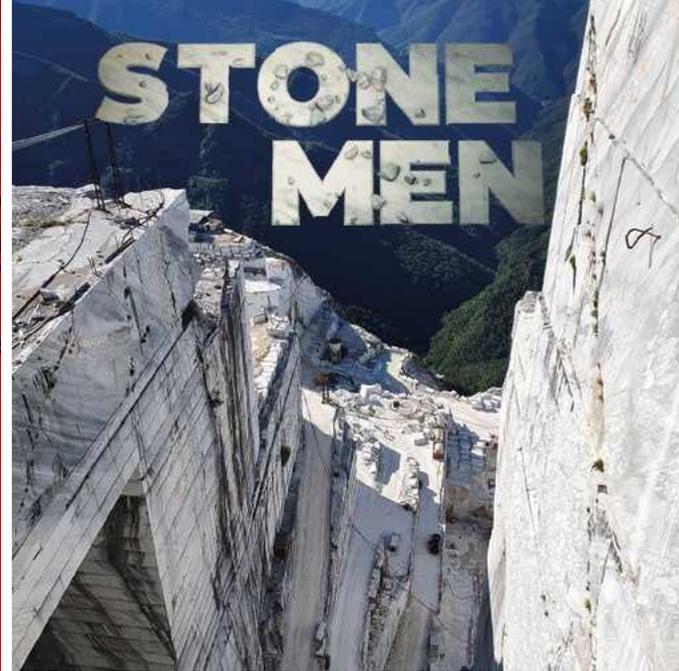
**Kids & Family Series | 157 x half hour (3 seasons) | Mystery | FL**

**Starring** Mathias Sercu, Hilde De Baerdemaeker, Jasper Heyman, Bünyamin Yürük, Lennart Lemmens

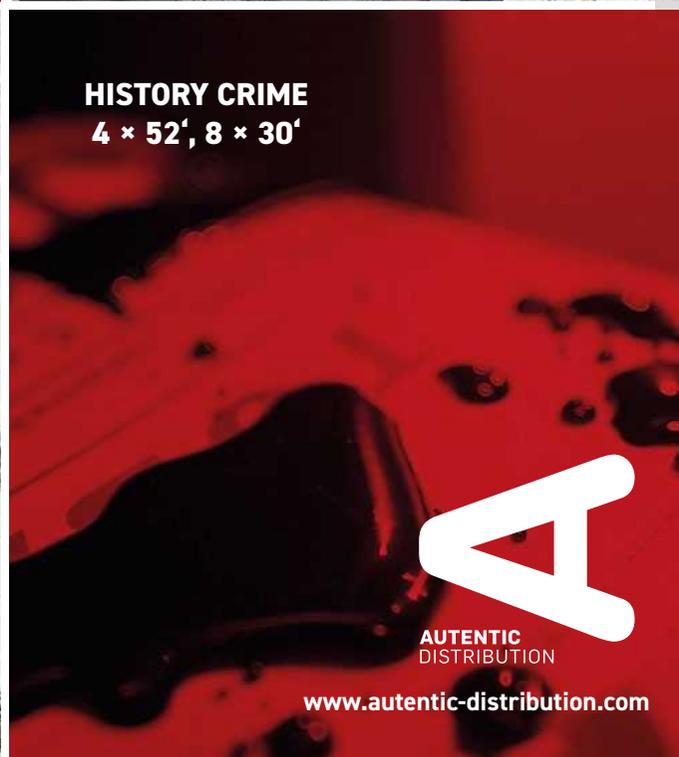
**Produced by** Studio 100 Belgium for Ketnet (VRT)



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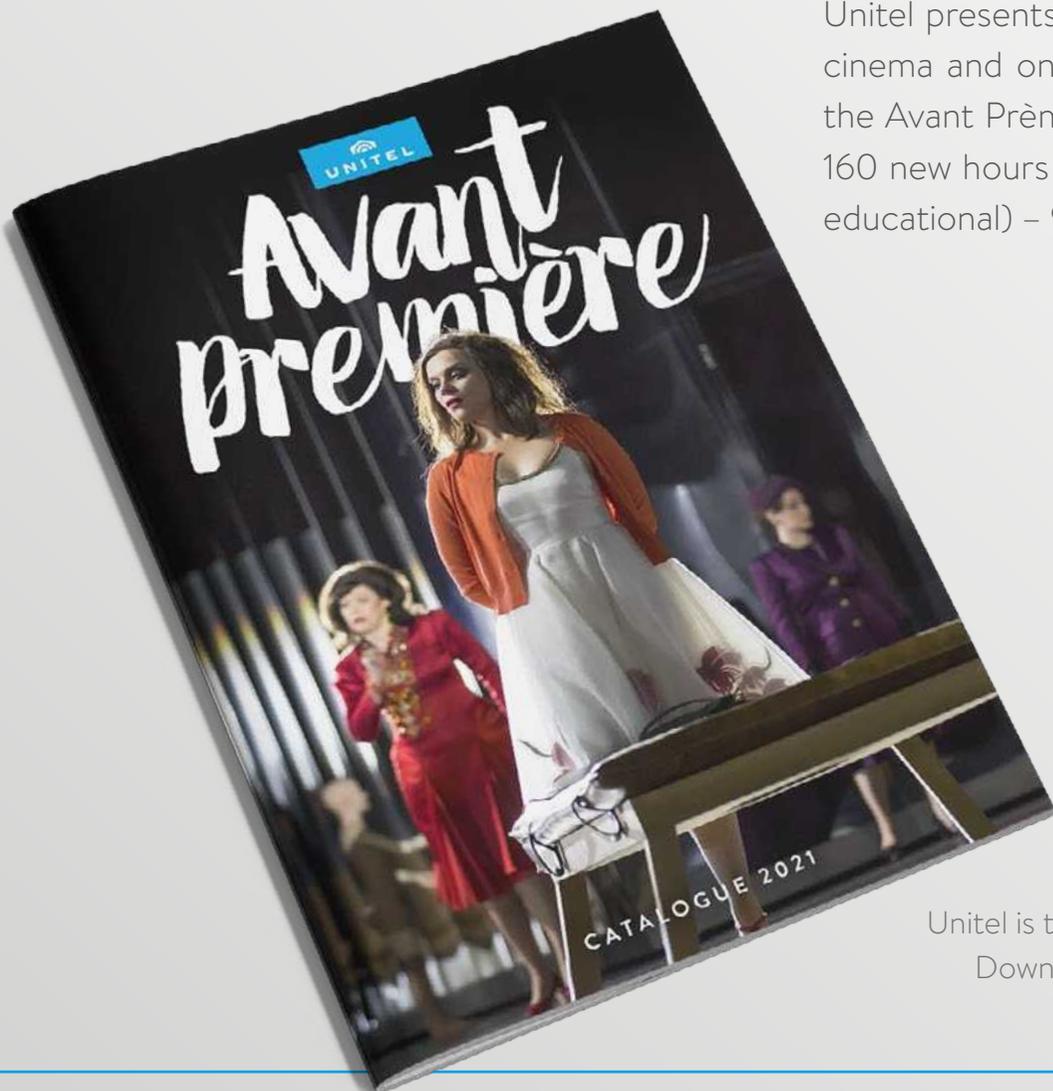
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