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Welcome

Dear Friends,

This fall, Beta is back with a new slate of exciting content, with highlights ranging from thrilling to enthralling, spanning from period to crime, from comedy to adventure. And most of all: made for you.

Such is the true story made for a new generation: SISI, the coming-of-age story of the iconic Austrian Empress, will celebrate its world premiere at Canneseries.

A fresh period drama for PBS, ITV and Britbox, starring Natascha McElhone, is the charming HOTEL PORTOFINO. It is a seemingly peaceful paradise at the Italian Riviera, until its British guests are dragged into a web of scandalous secrets and financial ruin as local political tensions.

Just back from its world premiere at San Sebastian, star power is a driving force in the visually striking drama LA FORTUNA from Movistar+ and AMC. Inspired by true events, starring Oscar®-nominated and multiple Emmy® winner Stanley Tucci, it is the first-ever TV series by Oscar® winner Alejandro Amenábar, taking us on an adventure and a David-against-Goliath battle to recover the biggest treasure in history from the oceans.

YOU SHALL NOT LIE, another high-end series from Movistar+, brings back THE PIER's Irene Arcos in a dramatic new guessing game of fragile truths and hidden lies in upscale, coastal Belmonte.

There's also new seasons to look forward to – from feel-good crime series HUDSON & REX, back for a fourth season, to the second season of the awarded thriller series PAGAN PEAK from the producers of DARK. And notably, our world-wide smash hit GOMORRAH will return for its curtain call: The fifth and final season of our epic mafia drama is going to be presented for the first time to international buyers at Canneseries' out-of-competition lineup.

Finally, if you haven't checked it out yet, we recently launched our new web portal. Be sure to register and start browsing!

We're glad you're back – so are we!

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Hudson & Rex



A visually stunning, fresh period drama starring Natascha McElhone (RONIN, CALIFORNICATION, DESIGNATED SURVIVOR), Mark Umbers (KING ARTHUR, HOME FIRES) and Anna Chancellor (FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL, THE HOUR).

The Italian Riviera, summer of 1926. The liberating influence of Italy's culture, climate, and cuisine are enchanting, even at this time of global upheaval. At the stunningly beautiful, recently opened Hotel Portofino, its co-proprietor Bella Ainsworth is already short of staff and money. Her guests, such as the demanding Lady Latchmere, are hard to please. Signor Danioni, a corrupt local politician, threatens to drag Bella into the red-hot political cauldron of Mussolini's Italy. And on top of it all, Bella tries to coax her wounded son, Lucian, and her widowed daughter, Alice, towards health and happiness in the traumatic aftermath of the Great War. But she has to rely on herself: Bella's aristocratic but caddish husband, Cecil, is only obsessed with arranging an advantageous marriage for Lucian to secure the future of the family's estate back in England, and with finding the money to pay for his dilettante lifestyle. Soon, Bella will discover how far he is prepared to go.

Series | 6 hours | Period Drama | EN

Starring Natascha McElhone, Mark Umbers, Anna Chancellor, Daniele Pecci, Lorenzo Richelmy

Directed by Adam Wimpenny

Produced by EAGLE EYE in association with Beta Film

THE PIER's Irene Arcos in a dramatic new guessing game of fragile truths and hidden lies. From Pau Freixas, co-creator and director of RED BAND SOCIETY.

Macarena is a highly respected high-school teacher of Belmonte, a posh, coastal town. Married to the local psychiatrist Nestor and mother to her teen daughter Natalia, life could hardly be better. But this changes with a bat of an eye, when in her last class of the school year, a video of her and Iván, her student and son of her best friend Ana, goes viral. With Ana and her husband Diego mounting a campaign against her, her husband leaving and her daughter despising her, Macarena is forced to leave town to live with her estranged father. Only Iván sides with Macarena, claiming they've been in a hidden relationship since he was 15 which brings on local cop Maite to investigate. Ousted from the heart of the community in what seems like only minutes and declaring Iván delusional, Macarena sets out to uncover the truth on her own, especially when a body turns up at the bottom of the cliffs and she is the prime suspect...

Series | 6 hours | Drama | ES

Starring Irene Arcos, Amaia Salamanca, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Miren Ibarguren, Natalia Verbeke

Directed by Paul Freixas

Produced by Movistar+ in collaboration with Filmax





The true story made for a new generation: Tomboy and Bavarian Princess Sisi falls in love with the Emperor of Austria. A coming-of-age story of the iconic Empress.

She is an icon, Empress, legendary beauty: Sisi, Europe's first super star. Her love of freedom and the promise to give the Habsburg monarchy a gentler face have captivated Europe. Now, she will enter into a new era. It is a true story full of intrigue and desires. A carefree teenager, Sisi falls head over heels in love with a powerful and desirable man. But he has an unspoken dark and dangerous side: love that was not meant to be. Sisi has to choose and accepts the challenge: The tomboy becomes a self-confident, modern woman. She will be able to make difficult decisions, to deal with loss and ultimately to fill an independent role as Empress. Now, it is her time to conquer a new generation's hearts and minds.

Series | 6 hours | Period Drama | DE

Starring Dominique Devenport, Jannik Schümann, Désirée Nosbusch, Marcus Grüsser, Tanja Schleiff

Directed by Sven Bohse

Produced by STORY HOUSE Pictures for RTL in collaboration with Satel Film and Beta Film

In the final season of the crime epic, nothing will ever be the same again: As the clash between crime families leaves Naples in shambles, Genny discovers that Ciro is alive in Latvia.

The clash between the Levantes and Patrizia left Naples in a pile of bricks, forcing Genny to give up his dream of normality and return to action. But with the police hot on Genny's heels, he was forced into a bunker, alone, without Azzurra and Little Pietro. Now his only ally is 'O Maestrale, the mysterious crime boss of Ponticelli, an eastern district of Naples. War is imminent, and his enemies are fierce. But Genny is about to make a sensational discovery: Ciro Di Marzio is alive, in Latvia. And for Genny nothing will ever be the same again.

The epic conclusion of the international phenomenon that set the standard for storytelling made in Europe.

Series | 58 hours (5 seasons) | Crime | IT

Starring Salvatore Esposito, Marco D'Amore,
Arturo Muselli, Ivana Lotito
Directed by Marco D'Amore, Claudio Cupellini
Produced by Sky Studios, Cattleya in collaboration with Beta Film





FINAL SEASON







RODKNOCK

Won seven Gullruten Awards ("Norwegian Emmy"), including Best Drama Series, Best Director, Best Script, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor.

They are a tight-knit group of young gearheads: Glenn Tore, or GT, Sivert and Hege are all about cars. Not much else around to be into, honestly. Mechanic GT, the group's leader, seems to have all the charisma and self-confidence, until his girlfriend Ine dumps him. Outside, everything seems fine, but his inner engine begins to break down after a frontal collision with life itself. Sievert gets himself into trouble when he gambles and loses a chance at his dream. After a hit and run, he sees no way out of the situation he's in and makes a choice he can never undo. As Hege and GT lean more and more on each other, she has difficulties finding her place in life: What does it take to be happy? One thing is for sure: Opening up to friends is never a bad idea, even though sometimes it seems hard...

Young Adult Series | 24 x half hour (2 seasons) | Drama | NO

Starring Odin Waage, Sjur Vatne Brien, Maya Evenshaug-Christiansen, Sven Nordin

Directed by Daniel Fahre

Produced by Fenomen and Storyline Studios for NRK

Who went on a killing spree in a shopping mall? Each episode follows the individual fates of five characters. As they increasingly fall into a state of emergency, one of them will reach their breaking point and become the culprit.

From the director of VIENNA BLOOD.

"Sunshine City" is a place full of life, a shopping mall where people from all walks of life meet. But there are cracks in the shiny façade. Security guard Georg fears nothing more than losing the love of his blinded wife. Mira is not the only one who complains about him. She also has a lot at stake: Her job is everything to her, but her boss, with whom she is having an affair, threatens to betray her. Her widowed mother Ingeborg seems to have found a new love abroad. Is it a scam? Single mother Sarah can only manage the stress of her failing doctor's office with addiction. Convicted juvenile offender Lorenz waits tables in the shopping mall, struggling with his past an unrequited love. It is pure coincidence that all of them are in the same place at the same time. And one of them will hit their breaking point: Shots are fired in a shopping mall...

Series | 6 hours | Drama | DE

Starring Murathan Muslu, Julia Koschitz, Johanna Wokalek, Antje Traue

Directed by Umut Dag

Produced by Tivoli Film Produktion and Mona Film Produktion for ZDFneo and ORF





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,
Christoph Letkowski, Golo Euler
Directed by Florian Baxmeyer
Produced by Rowboat Film- und Fernsehproduktion
for MDR / ARD Degeto



Based on the critically acclaimed books that uncovered human and weapons trafficking throughout Eastern Europe – a true story long kept silent.

The first girl drowned. The second overdosed. The third was hit by a car. It appears there is a serial killer in Osijek, Croatia. Vladimir, the detective on the case, has a hard time solving the murders. Plagued by personal hardships, it is Stribor, a reporter, who notches him towards a maze of corruption, trafficking, and politics where the most vulnerable girls are victimized. When Ukrainian expat Olga, wife of a powerful politician, finds her niece to be one of the victims, the three form an unlikely team. Together they plunge into the depths of underage trafficking that crosses Eastern European borders. And the more they uncover, the more it becomes clear: It is a net that spins uncomfortably close around the highest echelons of power, including Olga's husband. Is it possible that the people who kidnapped her niece work for him? Soon, Olga's life is not the only one that is threatened to completely fall apart...

Series | 6 hours | Crime | HR

Starring Kseniia Mishyna, Goran Bogdan, Darko Milas, Sandra Loncaric, Leon Lucev

Directed by Dalibor Mantanic

Produced by Drugi plan and HRT in collaboration with Beta Film and Star Media

Inspired by true events: A coming-of-age story of a young, talented football player who has to find his way through harsh circumstances, drugs, and false friends, while being targeted by various interests.

Denis is a young, gifted football player, a promising talent, a veritable "golden boy" – but, after a difficult childhood, things haven't been easy for him. Now, he might have actually made it: Discovered by talent scout and gambling addict Chucky, he is called to the Serbian national team. But Denis is hard to handle, unwilling to accept that even a genius has to play by the rules – and he is kicked off the team. Worse: his foster sister Sarah, the only one whom he trusts, is leaving to study abroad. When Denis loses himself in drugs and parties, Chucky loses at the roulette tables – and sells Denis' contract to the Belgrade Mafia. To get their money's worth, they force him to train with ex-convict Maki while offering him to ruthless football tycoon Omer. Torn between the interests of others, with no one to trust, will Denis be able to pull through or will this star burn as fast as he rises?

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

Starring Denis Muric, Igor Bencina, Andrija Kuzmanovic, Alisa Radakovic Directed by Ognjen Jankovic Produced by Fantastika Film Studio for Telekom Serbia DENIS MURIĆ

INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS



Mystery, comedy, and melodrama unite in the new Italian hit-series based on the bestselling books by Gaetano Savatteri.

After having lost his high-powered job in Rome, Saverio returns to Sicily, to a place he held dearest since childhood: Makari. Among the crystal clear sea, breathtaking landscapes, old acquaintances and new friends, he rediscovers a great passion that had been dormant for years: that of the writer. In Makari, there is no shortage of stories to tell. In fact, a series of strange murders catch Saverio's interest. Like a true bloodhound, he starts sniffing out the criminals, never giving up on the search for the truth. When a boy is found dead, he can find the culprit. The patriarch of a rich family is murdered? No family secret is left uncovered, when Saverio is on the case. But Makari will offer Saverio not only the opportunity to test himself as a writer-investigator. It might just offer him true love as well...

Series | 8 hours | Drama | IT

Starring Claudio Gioe, Domenico Centamore,
Ester Pantano, Antonella Attili

Directed by Michele Soavi

Produced by Palomar in collaboration with RAI Fiction

A flamboyant fable from the heyday of radio, created by the writers of VELVET, GRAND HOTEL, and UNDER SUSPICION.

Paco "The Condor" bears his nickname for a reason: When the charismatic sportscaster smells even a whiff of bungle, incompetence, or corruption, he descends from the heavens like a vulture and eats the culprits alive. From the safe haven of his microphone, Paco is prosecutor, judge, and executioner – all in one. Until one day, he goes too far. Or so thinks Jota Montes, his right hand man and sidekick. Forced against his will by Paco into a low blow against the ill-fated national coach, Jota gets back at Paco by staying on at their home station while Paco follows the money to the competition. But very soon, Jota finds himself fighting on two fronts: against his colleague and (now) ex-girlfriend Marga, who was promised his time slot, and against Paco, of course. Both battles turn from witty to reckless to foul play as they claim collateral damage left and right. But just when it seems the most ruthless will win, one of them remembers the values and ideals they all once stood for.

Series | 6 x half hour | Dramedy | ES

Starring Javier Gutierrez, Miki Esparbe, Itsaso Arana

Directed by Carlos Theron, Adolfo Valor

Produced by Movistar+ in collaboration

with ZETA Studios





The first working-class comedy "Made in Germany" starring award-winning Gabriela Maria Schmeide (SYSTEM CRASHER, THE WHITE RIBBON).

Tina thinks positive! Never give in, never give up. If you don't make it, you don't want it. That's simply who she is. Tina lives for her three children – at least since she kicked her husband out. Now they are on their own. And now, of all times, her boss, the baker, gives her notice. No, Tina is not a baker. Tina is mobile. A saleswoman. With her mobile bakery, she went to all the small villages north of Berlin that don't have a bakery or grocery store. Tina unemployed? No. Not her thing. Tina goes into business for herself. She buys her own mobile bakery, hires on with the competition and drives her old route. But she's five minutes earlier. Well, a good plan is the most important thing, isn't it? When you have nothing in your bank account, you have to get creative. Not only on the job, but also at home: Tina has a plan for each of her three brats, a master plan, so to speak. The only thing that always gets in the way is life... but one thing is for sure: Tina refuses to give up!

Series | 6 hours | Dramedy | DE

Starring Gabriela Maria Schmeide, Runa Greiner, Fine Sendel, David Ali Rashed

Directed by Richard Huber

Produced by X Filme Creative Pool for RBB and ARD

The gripping series – now recut by Rainer Nigrelli and Christoph Cepok, the editors of HOW TO SELL DRUGS ONLINE (FAST).

Anna and Jess have been looking forward to going camping together. But their fun trip is cut short when Jess suddenly disappears under mysterious and seemingly supernatural circumstances. Now, Anna resolves to search for Jess and enlists her friends Lukas and Ben to join her. Equipped with cameras, they document and post their journey online for everyone to witness, as it leads them to find brutal creatures and a wide-ranging conspiracy. With each step down this sinister path, Anna discovers ever more of her own dark past... but that is only the start: This nightmare is getting way too real!

Young Adult Series | 8 x half hour | Horror | DE

Starring Olivia Burkhart, Justus Johanssen, Marcel Kowalewski, Anne-Marie Topel, Saskia Caroline Keilbach

Directed by Jan Zenkner

Produced by WDR and Chinzilla Films for funk





A mysterious murder investigation set against the imposing backdrop of Canada's national landmark, where master of the craft Alfred Hitchcock filmed his noir classic I CONFESS: the famous Hotel Château Frontenac.

It looms large over Quebec City: The Hotel Château Frontenac, with its steeply pitched roofs, massive towers, ornate gables and tall chimneys. It is a national landmark – and the site of a bizarre murder. The body of an infamous engineer is found buried in a cement bath. Detective Sergeant Céline Trudeau is on the case. As the victim was held responsible for the deadly collapse of an overpass a few years earlier, could it be someone was out for revenge? Could the fierce competition for a huge construction contract be the motive? As the murders keep multiplying, while Céline can still count on Alex' help, she must deal with a new partner: Daphné is meticulous, but has little experience. But when Céline's ex-husband, whom she has not seen for 20 years, becomes a suspect, her daughter Sophie is let down a perilous path...

Series | 9 hours | Thriller | FR

Starring Isabel Richer, Alexandre Landry, Maripier Morin **Produced by** Pixcom



The second season of the awarded thriller series. Starring Julia Jentsch (SOPHIE SCHOLL: THE FINAL DAYS) and Nicholas Ofczarek (THE TEAM), from the producers of DARK.

When the first female body is found, propped up like a hunting trophy, the police fear yet another serial killer in the border region between Germany and Austria. Yet, the Austro-German investigator duo is unfit for duty: Ellie is struggling in the face of trauma, and the attempt on Gedeon's life forces his early retirement. Yela Antic, a young and ambitious officer, takes over, advised by Gedeon. When she is brutally murdered, the case turns into a very personal and existential mission for Gedeon and Ellie. The traces lead them deeper into the world of hunting. Obviously, someone is protecting the deranged murderer, making it even harder to stop the horror. Gedeon and Ellie have no choice but to make a grave decision that turns them into adversaries.

Series | 16 hours (2 seasons) | Thriller | DE

Starring Julia Jentsch, Nicholas Ofczarek, Franz Hartwig, Hanno Koffler, Lucas Gregorowicz **Produced by** Wiedemann & Berg Television in co-production with epo-film produktionsgesellschaft for Sky Germany



Once upon a time in Sicily – a true story.

A saga is coming to its end: For anti-Mafia prosecutor Saverio Barone, the stakes have never been higher. Vito Vitale, last of the Corleones, has sworn to kill him. Pietro Aglieri and Bernardo Provenzano continue to tie themselves in a double bind with politics and institutions. Saverio has to keep a low profile: Only by eluding the hidden forces within the State can he get to Provenzano. But he can't do it all by himself. He's joined by the young and ambitious Paola, whose methods and attitudes are opposite to his own. Saverio can no longer act alone, incapable of relating to others – not least because of his daughter...

Series | 28 hours (3 seasons) | Crime | IT

Starring Francesco Montanari, Miriam Dalmazio, David Coco, Roberta Caronia, Paolo Briguglia **Produced by** Cross Productions and Beta Film in collaboration with Rai Fiction

They can't lock away your dreams. THE RED BAND SOCIETY meets GOMORRAH: YA drama series set in Naples.

Naples. Still an organized crime stronghold. For the inmates at the Juvenile Detention Center, time and space are interrupted. Taken away from their families and friends, they now have the opportunity to understand who they have been, who they are, who they want to be. Such is the case for Kubra, a girl of Nigerian origin guilty of matricide. Or Sasà, a young boy arrested for rape, a crime he is convinced he did not commit. Each of them is confronted with their roots and has to make a choice: Will they follow their family's example or make their own way? For it is outside these walls that we find the real culprits of the crimes committed by the kids: When a minor makes a mistake, there are always quilty adults.



Young Adult Series | 24 or 20 hours (2 seasons) | Crime | IT

Starring Carolina Crescentini, Carmine Recano, Valentina Romani, Nicolas Maupas, Massimiliano Caiazzo

Produced by PICOMEDIA and RAI FICTION





After the roaring, ongoing ratings success, HUDSON & REX are back for more.

Detective Charlie Hudson can count on his team, for the St. John's major crimes unit has all it takes! Always by his side: former K-9 German Shepherd Rex, who has saved Charlie in more than one way. Dr. Sarah Truong, the attractive Head of Forensics, might become more than just a colleague to Charlie. Headed by hard-boiled Superintendent Joe Donovan and completed by genius tech analyst Jesse, it is Rex, who keeps the team's spirits high in face of St. John's seedy elements they have to hunt down. Charlie's dedication and Rex's keen, super-human senses and stealth make this unit special. From kidnapping, homicide and hostage situations, to fraud and corruption, Charlie, Rex and their team are a force to be reckoned with!

Series | 64 hours (4 seasons) | Crime | EN

Starring John Reardon, Mayko Nguyen, Kevin Hanchard, Justin Kelly, Craig Arnold Produced by Shaftesbury, Pope Productions and Beta Film for Rogers Media / Citytv

Limited Series

La Fortuna

Presumed Guilty

Murder Squared

Hotel Europa

Maria Theresa - The Pinnacle of Power





A visually stunning drama inspired by true events: the recovery of the biggest treasure of the oceans. From Oscar®-winning director Alejandro Amenábar (THE SEA INSIDE, THE OTHERS), starring Oscar®-nominated Stanley Tucci (THE HUNGER GAMES, ROAD TO PERDITION, THE LOVELY BONES).

Alex Ventura never imagined his first day on the job at the Ministry of Culture would change his life forever. In the depths of the ocean off the Southern Spanish coast, Captain Frank Wild and his team of buccaneers have discovered the largest underwater treasure ever. Proving that the "La Fortuna" and its booty actually sank in Spanish waters is hard enough, let alone taking it back from Wild and his modern-day freebooters. Not to mention the hot potato the whole incident is on a diplomatic level. Teaming up with free-spirited archival clerk Lucia and Jonas Pierce, a brilliant American lawyer with a passion for old pirate stories, Alex sets out on the adventure of his life that will teach him the value of commitment, friendship and even love. LA FORTUNA is a David-and-Goliath battle of a highly unlikely odd-couple replete with unexpected setbacks, face-offs and revelations, as they must take on not only the last modern pirate but also the seemingly insurmountable forces behind him.

Limited Series | 6 hours | Period Drama | EN + ES

Starring Stanley Tucci, Clarke Peters, T'Nia Miller, Alvaro Mel, Ana Polvorosa

Directed by Alejandro Amenábar

Produced by Movistar+ with AMC Studios and in collaboration with MOD Pictures

An intense murder mystery around an emotional family drama.

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 | 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







When Thomas Becker is shot dead, any solidarity within the family of the powerful construction company "Becker & Sons" collapses as suddenly as its scandalous multi-million housing project.

When Thomas Becker is shot dead on New Year's Day, the police initially suspect a link to the collapse of the "Magic Cube", a construction project worth millions. Many lost everything and a young woman was killed. Could it be payback? The prestigious building contractor of "Becker & Sons" is under investigation. Was it due to shoddy materials, for which Thomas signed off – or to a major structural fault, for which his half-brother Erik was responsible? The inquiry only intensifies their long-standing rivalry and the pressure of meeting their father's demanding expectations. It seems that Thomas had sought help from Alcoholics Anonymous and fallen for his sponsor Caroline, a young woman on the run from an abusive ex-husband. Much to the jealous fury of his wife, whom Erik is eager to console. He's been in love with her for years. Nor is Henry Becker, the patriarch himself, averse to sacrificing one of his sons when it comes to saving his company from ruin.

Limited Series | 4 hours | Drama | DE

Starring Heiner Lauterbach, Petra Schmidt-Schaller, Lucas Gregorowicz, Matthias Koeberlin

Directed by Michael Schneider

Produced by Rowboat Filmproduction for ZDF



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 beginnings 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 | 2 x two hours | Period Drama | DE

Starring Jonathan Berlin, Benjamin Sadler,
Katharina Schüttler, Nicole Heesters
Directed by Thorsten Schmidt
Produced by Zeitsprung Pictures for ARD Degeto



Oscar®-nominated star director Robert Dornhelm stages the last 20 years of the legendary Empress at the zenith of her power.

Around the year 1760, Francis Stephen is Roman-German Emperor and co-ruler to Maria Theresa. But she runs the affairs of state largely alone, and with a strong hand. Political marriages are meant to secure the Habsburg Empire. Love plays no role in this: Her many children have to submit to her will. Disappointed, Francis Stephen increasingly retreats to Hof Palace. While he turns to profitable business, Maria Theresa has her heir to the throne, Archduke Joseph, educated to the highest level. He grows up to be his mother's liberal rival and a bitter opponent of his often-absent father. His marriage to Isabella of Parma will be both, his great happiness and his deepest misfortune. When Francis Stephen unexpectedly dies, Joseph becomes co-regent to his mother. But Maria Theresa has no intentions of sharing power with him.

Limited Series | two hours | Period Drama | CS + DE

Starring Ursula Strauss, Vojtěch Kotek, Aaron Friesz, Tatiana Pauhofová, David Švehlík

Directed by Robert Dornhelm

Produced by Maya Production in association with MR Film and Beta Film for Czech TV, ORF, RTVS, MTVA and ARTE

Movie Cycles

The Horses of Wildenstein

Inspector Dupin

The Mountain's Whisper

The Fox

At Home in the Mountains



Rike returns to her family's glamorous horse estate Wildenstein after 13 years. A veritable horse whisperer at odds with her mother and siblings, she has to stand up to their strict and traditional ways to save the estate.

Rike gets along better with horses than with people. With them, she finds a loving connection that is missing in her family and their glamorous, traditional horse estate Wildenstein. Which is why she left 13 years ago. When her father passes, Rike returns from faraway Arizona. Barely home, she remembers why she left in the first place: Her mother Elsa taunts her and her brother Ferdinand runs the estate tough as nails – unsuccessfully – in complete contrast to her loving approach as a horse whisperer. It is a surprise when the testament doesn't make it clear who will take over the estate. Conflict brews between the siblings and the fact that old feelings flare up between Rike and her childhood sweetheart Christian doesn't make things any easier – especially since he is a married man. But Rike is determined to saddle up to save the estate!

Movie Cycle | 6 x two hours | Drama | DE

Starring Klara Deutschmann, Ulli Maier, Stefan Pohl, Nele Trebs, Helmfried von Lüttichau Directed by Vivian Naefe, Teresa Hoerl, Josh Broecker Produced by Neue Bioskop Television for ARD Degeto

Inspector DUPIN



Brittany is seen by some as the end of the world. Like homicide inspector Georges Dupin, who has been relocated there from Paris. With his fish allergy and fear of the ocean, he feels like, well, a fish out of water... Fortunately, his charm and warmth help him crack the shells of the most silent Bretons – and win over his new colleagues, a jokester, a rookie, and a dependable girl Friday. Dupin is surprised by how imaginative the murderers are here. At least the rugged, majestic landscapes of Brittany provide an invigorating backdrop to Dupin's adventures!

MOUNTAIN'S WHISPER

On first glance, Frank Koops is not much to look at – the overweight small-town cop has a huge problem hitting a target and requires lots of practice at the shooting range. But when push comes to shove, Koops might just show you what he's made of! Knowing his kind-of-backwoods hometown like the back of his hand, he can be a real asset to solving crimes that leave others at a loss. One thing is for sure; this cop has a lot more going on than you might expect...



Movie Cycle | 10 x two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Pasquale Aleardi, Jan Schütte, Ludwig Blochberger, Annika Blendl

Produced by filmpool fiction for ARD Degeto

Movie Cycle | 7 x two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Aljoscha Stadelmann, Julia Koschitz, Anna Fischer, Moritz Führmann, Alwara Höfels

Produced by H&V Entertainment for ARD Degeto

THE FOX



Anne is in her 50s and the kind of woman who doesn't care for chitchat, formalities or feigning friendliness. During her years as a spy for East Germany, she always got right to the point; her resoluteness and quick decision-making were major assets in her life and career. Now, Anne and her business partner Youssef prefer to investigate on their own, as private detectives who are using every trick in the book. They make for an odd couple as they go on to solve case after case – bending the rules and making powerful enemies in the process – and sometimes, it gets very personal.



The family feud has gone on for decades. Sebastian cannot forgive his former friend Lorenz for causing his son's accidental death. Nor can Lorenz forgive himself. His daughter Lisa, freshly-baked lawyer, is resolved to take the feud to court. Although emotions run high as old wounds are reopened, the men seem ready to reconcile. Yet conflict is still rife between their sons and daughters. An impulsive one-night stand makes Marie question a lifelong hatred, while sparks fly between Lisa and Florian, once childhood sweethearts. Nor are things any less turbulent among their holiday guests, who bring along their own dramas.



Movie Cycle | 9 x two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Lina Wendel, Karim Cherif, Jasmin Schwiers, Torsten Michaelis, Rene Schoenenberger

Produced by Odeon TV by Novafilm Fernsehproduktion for ARD Degeto

Movie Cycle | 10 x two hours | Romance | DE

Starring Theresa Scholze, Catherine Bode, Max Herbrechter, Walter Sittler, Thomas Unger Produced by Westside Filmproduktion for ARD Degeto

Movies

Jeanny - The Fifth Girl

Accused and on the Run

A Predator Returns: Stalker's Prey 3

Death in Denmark - Wild Hunt

The Last Harvest

Love in Action

Love is Trending

Romancing the Birthday Girl

Winter Castle - Baby, It's Cold Inside

Accidently in Love

Christmas on the Runway

Family Feuds - The Baptism



A psychological coming-of-age thriller about a provincial young woman who falls in love with an older man during a series of murders. Inspired by Falco's 1985 hit song JEANNY.

Johanna. Amelie. Bernadette. Karla. Four girls between the ages of 18-20 have already disappeared. All in the same town. As paranoia grows, 19-year-old Jeanny struggles with finding her place in this society full of distrust. When she meets the older tax consultant Johannes, he sees much more in her than just an innocent girl. He gives Jeanny, who lost her father at a young age, support and recognition. When an impossible love grows between the two, a dark past casts its shadow. The climate of fear becomes ever more acute. The parents, who have organized themselves into a vigilante group, are on edge. Is Johannes the culprit? Will Jeanny be his next victim? Or is he an innocent man caught in the crosshairs of investigators?

Movie | two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Theresa Riess, Manuel Rubey, Johannes Bachmann, Patricia Aulitzky

Produced by Graf Filmproduktion and Rowboat Film- und Fernsehproduktion in co-production with ORF and MDR



When a mother discovers that the nanny who framed her for child neglect is her ex-husband's new girlfriend, she goes on the run to prove her innocence and expose the real culprit.

Juggling a career and her 3-year-old daughter Emma isn't easy for single mother Leah. So when she has to go on a work trip for a week, rescue comes in the form of Valerie – she seems a perfect nanny! Soon, though, it turns into a nightmare, when Valerie disappears from the face of the earth. Leah finds Emma in the hospital and is arrested for leaving her girl without care. Nobody believes Leah when she tells them of the nanny. To her, it is clear: Someone framed her. But why? When the police put the pressure on, she realizes there is a connection between Valerie and her ex-husband. On the run from the law and with nobody on her side, how will Leah be able to prove her innocence and get her daughter back?

Movie | two hours | Thriller | EN

Starring Cindy Busby, Chelsey Reist, Lane Edwards, Lucia Walters **Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Lifetime



Shark-obsessed killer Bruce Kane is back! When he saves high school student Courtney from a shark attack, she can't shake him from her life – and soon, his obsession turns deadly.

On a night swim with friends, Courtney is attacked by sharks. But she has attracted an even deadlier predator when she is saved by shark researcher David. It seems so romantic – but David isn't who he says he is. He is Bruce, the obsessed killer, in hiding. This time, he'll make sure that "his girl" doesn't get away from him. When Courtney sees that something is very wrong with him, Bruce snaps and returns with a vengeance. Posing as her mom's new boyfriend, he blackmails Courtney and attacks her friends and family. The few who believe her do turn up dead. As he frames her for murder, she must take matters into her own hands.

Movie | two hours | Thriller | EN

Starring Matthew Crawley, Chris Jehnert, Leigha Sinnott, Houston Stevenson **Produced by** Stargazer Films and Synthetic Cinema International for Lifetime Channel U.S.



When a serial killer is lose during the Wild Hunt festivities and a rookie police officer fails to protect the next victim, a race against time ensues.

A dark winter day somewhere in Denmark. Ida, a patrol officer, is on her second shift at the police station in her small coastal town, where people are boisterously celebrating the "Wild Hunt", the Twelfth Night festivities. Ida should have been off duty by now, but an argument with her husband drives her back to the station, where she takes over the night shift. A stressful job, especially on this evening. When a woman asks her for help, Ida makes an unforgivable mistake. She fails to recognize her as a serial killer's next victim. Ida sends the woman back out in the streets, where she once again runs directly into the arms of her tormentor. A race against time begins...

Movie | two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Marlene Morreis, Simon Licht, Tim Bergmann, Nicki von Tempelhoff **Produced by** EIKON Media for ARD Degeto



Police officer Ben delves into his own past to penetrate a web of traumatic memories and lies – with unexpected consequences.

Ben works for the police witness protection service. After he is shot in the line of duty, his girlfriend Marion convinces him to go to the Baltic Sea together, where his parents live. Ben spent his vacations as a child here. But after his best friend Timmi had a tragic accident when he was eleven, he never went back. For many years, Ben thought Timmi died back than and felt responsible. Now, he learns that he survived and is in a waking coma. Together with Marion, Ben manages to communicate with him via an MRI procedure. He begins to reconstruct the events of that time in order to bring Timmi back to consciousness by confronting his trauma. But the deeper Ben delves into the past, the more his own world begins to falter...

Movie | two hours | Drama | DE

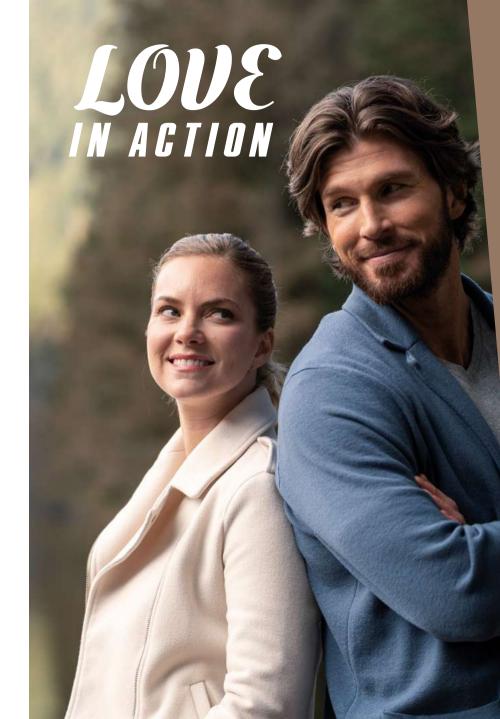
Starring Martin Feifel, Kristin Suckow, Kostja Ullmann, Deborah Kaufmann **Produced by** MOOVIE for ARD Degeto

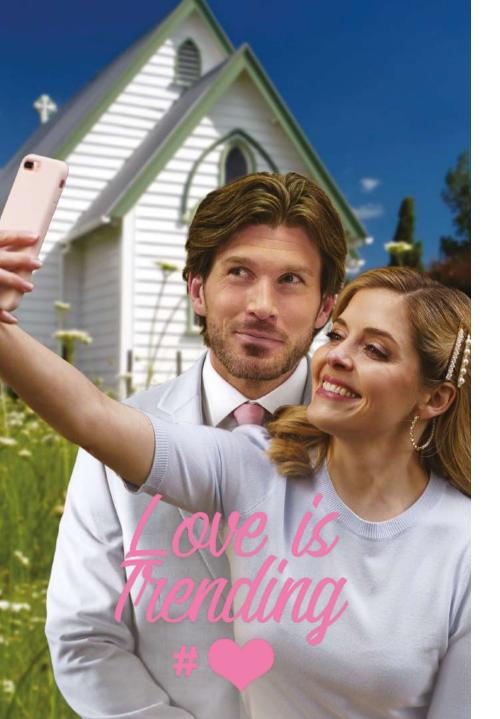
Starring Cindy Busby (HEARTLAND, CEDAR COVE) and Chris Russel (STAR TREK: DISCOVERY).

Kate has just lost her job at LA's hottest fitness club. But there's no time to sulk! Her best friend Sasha enlists her to build up her fitness retreat and get some high-end clients. Rick, famous action star, is the first A-lister to show up – and he's a tough nut to crack. After the break-up with his co-star Eliza, he has let himself go. Now, there's only weeks until his next shoot! Kate is up for the challenge: Her mission is making everyone the best they can be! Kate's enthusiasm has a way to get Rick running up and down the hills, through beautiful woods and along the breathtaking coastline. Pounds are melting, sparks start flying...but then Eliza shows up. Will Kate be able to outshine the star?

Movie | two hours | Romance | EN

Starring Cindy Busby, Chris Russell **Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Hallmark Channel





Starring Jen Lilley (DAYS OF OUR LIVES) and Chris Russel (STAR TREK: DISCOVERY).

Mackenzie used to be New York's most-wanted event manager – but lately, someone has been stealing her spotlight, and her clients. She needs to find a way to get back on top. But first, her best friend Olivia needs her help to plan her wedding back home. But there's a catch: helping with the wedding is Livia's cousin Dylan – Mac's old flame, who works for her father's maple syrup farm. More trouble is brewing, when Mac learns her father might lose his farm. Between all these fronts, Mac is struggling to keep everything on track. And when old flames are rekindled, as Dylan and Mac spend more and more time together, maybe he's the one who will be the one to teach her: sometimes you got to slow down to get where you're going!

Movie | two hours | Romance | EN

Starring Chris Russell, Jen Lilley, Jill Morrison **Produced by** Johnson Production Group



Taylor's life is perfectly organized, but a birthday gift containing six challenges will shake things up! Turns out, she can face each of them with help of her new neighbor Josh – and even find love in the end.

It's Taylor's 30th birthday! Instead of going out with friends (what friends?), she goes visiting her dad – who worries about her many neuroses. Her whole life is so thoroughly organized, there's no space for adventure! But Dad knows how to shake things up: a time capsule, left by her late mother. In it: six challenges to make Taylor leave her comfort zone. Number one: meet someone new! This is where her new neighbor, widower Josh, comes in. With him and his daughter Cloé, Taylor finds the courage to face every challenge, each more adventurous. Until the last one: tell someone "I love you" – turns out, this someone might be Josh! But how does his friend Sarah fit into the picture? Is his heart already taken?

Movie | two hours | Romance | EN

Starring Emillie Ullerup, Clayton James, Daphne Hoskins **Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Hallmark



Starring Jocelyn Hudson (GOOD WITCH) and Steve Lund (BITTEN, REIGN, STREET LEGAL).

Travel agent Hannah is surprised by her boss with a new assignment: She has to check out at the new Ice Hotel – so different from the tropical destinations she's used to, and a chance to move up the ladder. Hannah takes her best friend Phoebe, and upon arrival, they are blown away by the hotel's icy beauty. While Phoebe stays on the phone with her ex-boyfriend, Hannah spends more time with Ben, who shows her around. Turns out, he's one of the hotel's owners! And while they try to impress a famous reviewer, who could make or break the place, they discover that they work incredibly well together. The more time they spend together, the more it becomes clear: Hannah might just find more than a nice vacation destination here...

Movie | two hours | Romance | EN

Starring Jocelyn Hudon, Steve Lund **Produced by** Johnson Production Group for Hallmark

Tom never had room for love in his life. But when he is sentenced to community service in a children's hospital ward, he discovers a new talent – and maybe true love, as well.

As an architect, Tom enjoys one success after another. But his personal life is lacking: Socially awkward, he tries to avoid people as much as possible. "True love" doesn't fit in his meticulously organized schedule. Susan, on the other hand, is just the opposite: Her life is pure chaos, as she struggles to care of her 12-year-old son Paul, who is sick. No way these two will ever cross paths, let alone fall in love! But fate decides to bring them together: When Tom causes an accident and is sentenced to community service in the hospital, he meets Paul. Surprisingly, Tom has a talent of lifting the boy's spirits! Very impressive, especially to Susan – but on the road to love, fate still has a few obstacles in store.

Movie | two hours | Dramedy | DE

Starring Marc Hosemann, Marlene Morreis, Benjamin Sadler **Produced by** filmpool fiction GmbH for ARD Degeto





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 | Dramedy | DE

Starring Henning Baum, Jan Henrik Stahlberg, Meike Droste, Michael Lott, Elena Uhlig **Produced by** Bantry Bay for ARD Degeto

When a young, unmarried German-Persian couple is expecting their first son, their parents' wishes threaten to tear them apart as two worlds and generations collide...

Viola and Faraz are over the moon! Unmarried, they are expecting their first child: a son. Now it's time for the parents to meet – but with that comes trouble. Viola's conservative Catholic parents are adamant about a German name and a traditional baptism for the child. Faraz' parents are at least equally clear about their wish for a Persian name, the kid becoming a Muslim and, of course, to be circumcised. For the young couple, a nerve-wracking balancing act begins. But happiness is a promise at the end of the minefield that are the sensitivities of their families. Sure enough, they'll have to be careful not to stumble!

Movie | two hours | Dramedy | DE

Starring Ramin Yazdani, Amelie Kiefer, Dominic Raacke **Produced by** Bantry Bay Productions for ARD Degeto



Feature Films

American Skin

I'm Your Man

Next Door

Nowhere Special



Presented by Spike Lee. A war veteran seeks justice when police kill his unarmed son during a routine traffic stop. Star-studded cast with Nate Parker (THE BIRTH OF A NATION), Omari Hardwick (POWER), and Theo Rossi (SONS OF ANARCHY).

Lincoln Jefferson is a Marine veteran who has served two combat tours in Iraq. Now stateside, he works as a custodian in a prestigious California high school – a job he secured only to ensure enrollment in the school to his 14-year old son KJ, following his divorce. One night, Lincoln and his son are stopped by police and an altercation leads to the fatal shooting of Lincoln's unarmed son. Lincoln, hopeful the system will provide a trial, is dismayed to learn the officer responsible for pulling the trigger will go uncharged and will return to active duty without an indictment. Disillusioned by the fact he was denied a fair trial for the death of his only son, Lincoln desperately takes the matter into his own hands in a series of events he hopes will finally lead to justice for his son.

Feature Film | two hours | Drama | EN

Starring Nate Parker, Omari Hardwick, Theo Rossi, Beau Knapp **Produced by** TM Films in association with Tiny Giant Entertainment



Directed by Emmy® winner Maria Schrader (UNORTHODOX), starring Dan Stevens (DOWNTON ABBEY), Maren Eggert (I WAS AT HOME, BUT...) and Sandra Hüller (TONI ERDMANN).

Alma is a scientist at the famous Pergamon Museum in Berlin. In order to obtain research funds for her work, she is persuaded to participate in an extraordinary study. For three weeks, she has to live with a humanoid robot tailored to her character and needs, whose artificial intelligence is designed to be the perfect life partner for her. Alma meets Tom, a machine in human form in a class of its own, created solely to make her happy. A comic-tragic tale about the questions of love, longing and what makes us human.





Feature Film | two hours | Romantic Comedy | DE

Starring Dan Stevens, Maren Eggert, Sandra Hueller, Hans Löw **Produced by** Letterbox Filmproduktion



In a seemingly chance encounter, the movie star Daniel is being confronted by Bruno, one of reunified and gentrified Berlin's losers. He knows everything about Daniel – and is bent on revenge. Directed by and starring Daniel Brühl (RUSH, INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS) in his directorial debut.

Berlin, Prenzlauer Berg district. Daniel is a movie star accustomed to success. His loft apartment is stylish and so is his wife. The nanny has the children under control. Everything is tip-top, bilingual, and ready for him to jet off to an audition in London where a role in an American superhero film awaits the celebrated German-Spanish actor. Popping into the local bar on the corner, he finds Bruno sitting there. As transpires by the minute, Bruno has been waiting for this moment for a long time. And so this eternally overlooked man – one of reunification's losers and a victim of the gentrification of what was once East Berlin – takes his revenge. With Daniel as his target...





Feature Film | two hours | Comedy | DE

Starring Daniel Brühl, Peter Kurth, Aenne Schwarz, Vicky Krieps **Produced by** Amusement Park Film and Warner Bros. Film Productions Germany



A single father dedicates the last few months of his life to finding a new family for his four-year-old son. Starring James Norton (LITTLE WOMEN, MR. JONES, MCMAFIA).

35-year-old John is a dedicated single father to Michael. When John is given only a few months to live, he attempts to find a new, perfect family for his four-year-old son, determined to shield him from the terrible reality of the situation. But soon, he is overwhelmed by doubts. How can he judge a family from a brief encounter? Does he know his child well enough to make this choice for him? As John struggles to find the answer to his impossible task, he comes to accept the help of a young social worker, opening up to solutions he would never have considered. Finally, he comes to accept his anger at the injustice of it all, the need to share the truth with his son, and to follow the child's instincts.



Feature Film | two hours | Drama | EN

Starring James Norton, Daniel Lamont, Eileen O'Higgins **Produced by** Picomedia SRL, Nowhere Special Ltd, Digital Cube SRL, in association with Rai Cinema

Kids & Family

A Butterfly's Heart

Captain Nova

Stardust

Ninja Nanny



You are never too small to be a hero, especially if you have a big heart like bug-loving underdog Juozapas!

All the kids bully Juozapas. He has a big bulge under his weird sweater: his heart. His refuge is an old manor house where he builds a secret bug hotel. When Rugile moves into town, she becomes his first friend. Together they find beauty even in cockroaches! Due to his ailing heart, Juozapas has never been to school, until now. And Boss, the leader of the bad boys' gang, likes Rugile as much as bullying Juozapas. When the gang tries to destroy their bug shelter, Rugile and Juozapas have to fight – but can Juozapas' heart cope with his bravery?

Kids & Family Feature Film | two hours | Drama | LT

Starring Elijas Malinauskas, Vilne Konstancija Abukeviciute **Produced by** Fralita Films



What happens when you are a time-travelling scientist, have to go back in time to save the world, but end up being 12 again?

When 15-year-old Nas stumbles upon a UFO in the woods, he finds that Captain of the ship, Nova, and her chatty robot ADD are here on a mission. What Nas doesn't know is that Nova is a scientist from the future, who travelled back in time, ending up in her 12-year-old body. She came to prevent a climate disaster. But nobody takes two kids seriously, so they see no other solution than to kidnap the millionaire who wants to drill into the North Pole. Yet there are forces who try to stop them. Will Nas and Nova be able to save the planet?

Kids & Family Feature Film | two hours | Science Fiction | NL

Starring Kika van de Vijver, Aniek Pheifer, Marouane Meftah, Hannah van Lunteren, Joep Vermolen **Produced by** Keplerfilm B.V.



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



Awkward pre-teen Hunter feels neglected after her family enters into a life of newfound celebrity – but the new nanny turns out to be a ninja! Teaching her the mystic art of self-defense, magic, and meditation, together, they start fighting injustice.

When awkward pre-teen Hunter and her patchwork family enter into a life of newfound celebrity and move to a posh neighborhood, she is distraught. She hates this snobbish village filled with brats and bullies! To make matters worse, her stepfather hires a nanny, Farah, to look after the kids while Hunter feels lonely and neglected. One day though, things suddenly change. A mysterious ninja saves her from the bullies – turns out that was her nanny! Hunter resolves to become a ninja master herself and discovers that if you really want something, you have to go all the way to achieve it!

Kids & Family Series | 20 x half hour (2 seasons) | Action | NL

Starring Gina Spadaro, Denise Aznam, Eva van de Wijdeven, Dana Goldberg, Faye Goommans **Produced by** The Storytellers Film & TV





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