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Nuclear Energy - The Solution for a Green Future?

- > 52', 30' (ENG, GER)
- > 2023
- > NZZ

In order to reach climate goals, electricity production around the globe will have to be largely carbon-free in just over ten years. Is nuclear power essential to achieving this energy transition? In Silicon Valley, the founder of Oklo, Jacob DeWitte, wants to reinvent nuclear power with his startup, supported by Sam Altman, the co-inventor of ChatGPT, who believes that only nuclear power will provide us with enough electricity for the AI revolution. Does the West need to catch up in terms of nuclear power in order not to be dependent on Russia, the world's biggest player in the nuclear power business, in the future?



Nuclear Power Plants in War Zones – A New Threat?

- > 52' (ENG, GER)
- > 2023
- > Bruening-TV, Netzwerk Recherche

How safe are nuclear power plants in war-torn areas? This gripping documentary lays bare the extraordinary tales of the unyielding fight to protect Ukraine from the next nuclear disaster.

To what extent have the strict safety precautions of Zaporizhzhya, Europe's largest nuclear power plant, fallen victim to the war? Witness secret missile attack simulations and gain exclusive first-hand insights into the situation at Chernobyl during the Russian occupation. Struggling to keep the plant safe, the staff was pushed to their limits, turning a normal night shift into a long nightmare...



Lethal Weapons – The Future of the Drone Wars

› 52' (ENG, GER), 30' (GER, ENG subs) › 2022/2023 › NZZ

The war in Ukraine shows that combat drones are becoming increasingly intelligent, more autonomous and are being launched more frequently.

The "Switchblade" kamikaze drone, made available to the Ukrainian military by the United States, has become well-known. Once this "loitering ammunition" finds a target, it will lunge and detonate an explosive warhead on impact. Research is also being carried out on entire swarms of drones, which are supposed to act like flying minefields. Sheer numbers alone could overwhelm the enemy and their anti-aircraft systems.

How much autonomy do these systems already have? Will algorithms soon decide about life and death? One thing is certain: the development will be accelerated by artificial intelligence. It will change wars: From superpowers to small states, if one side has autonomous weapons, then the other side has to follow suit. The race to get there has begun.



Climate Chronicles

- › 9 × 30' (ENG, GER)
- › 2021-2023
- › NZZ

A collection of impressive stories about our planet's changing climate and the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. Join us on this captivating journey exploring the destructive effects of storms and wildfires, the challenges of winter tourism, and the potential of sustainable building materials. Each episode unveils the need for action, while also igniting a sense of hope for a resilient future. There is no planet B!

Episodes:

1. Climate Saviour Mangroves, 2. To the Very Last Drop, 3. Southern Europe on Fire, 4. Wild Winds - Destructive Storms Though Climate Change, 5. Logging the Rainforest - Sustainable Forestry, 6. Winter Tourism in the Alps - Between Euphoria and Distress, 7. Wood - The Future of Sustainable Building?, 8. Surviving the Drought in Kenya, 9. Climate Hotspot Mediterranean - Challenges and Chances

Climate Hotspot Mediterranean – Challenges and Chances

- › 52', 30' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › NZZ

In the Mediterranean, temperatures are rising 20 percent faster than the global average and people suffer from long periods of drought, floods, forest fires and heat waves. However, there are solutions being explored to mitigate climate change and cope with the resulting challenges. In Spain, a young couple is convinced that regenerative agriculture holds the key to restoring ecological balance. Israel's invention of drip irrigation has revolutionized farming. Meanwhile, Morocco boasts one of the world's largest solar power plants and Africa's largest climate technology research laboratory. To combat desertification, environmental activist Halim Sbai is revitalizing oases by planting palm trees and bringing life back to the region.



Maastricht – The Treaty That Changed Europe

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Hoferichter & Jacobs, arte

Hardly any aspect of our everyday lives is not influenced by the EU in some way. Young people don't know the world any differently. Thirty years ago, the Treaty of Maastricht turned the European Community into the EU. It introduced European citizenship, laid the foundation for the single market, and prepared for the introduction of the Euro. Today, the EU is crumbling. National-conservative parties are stirring up opposition to the idea of a unified Europe. The documentary tells the story from the point of view of a generation that has grown up with a unified Europe and goes on a journey across the continent to explore the legacy of Maastricht. The route leads from Portugal in the far west of Europe to the eastern border of the EU.



Blood, Sweat & Greens: The Exploitation of Europe's Harvest Workers

- › 52' (ENG), 90' (GER)
- › 2023
- › berlin producers, NEDA Films, SP-I, WDR, Arte, SRF, SVT, SRT, Media

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We enjoy a year-round supply of cheap fruits and vegetables in our supermarkets - but how are the working conditions of the farmworkers who harvest them for us? This documentary traces the fruits and vegetables from our shopping cart to farmland in Europe and exposes the systematic exploitation of harvest workers, especially migrants. How does the fruit and vegetable system and its trade chains work? What are the real costs of the products we buy? What should a kilo of exploitation-free tomatoes cost? The film also explores potential alternatives by talking to farmers committed to cultivating fruits and vegetables without exploitation.



Moldova – On the Brink of War

- › 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Lichtfilm GmbH, WDR

Since the Russian attack on Ukraine, fear has been growing among the people in Republic of Moldova that their country could be next on Russia's list. Shortly after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, many Moldovans were already preparing to leave the country: "We were afraid, we were sitting on packed suitcases," says Elena Cernei, who lives not far from the Ukrainian border. Last year, more than 600,000 Ukrainian refugees arrived in Moldova, gas and electricity prices exploded and inflation rose to over 30% - immense challenges for Europe's poorest country. The war in Ukraine and Russian propaganda have also increasingly divided society over the past year. Is Moldova on the brink of war after this tumultuous year?



Nukemailing – Nuclear Blackmail at State Level

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- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › Release: Early 2024
- › Heroes Docs, DOCDAYS Productions, arte

This is the story of how Russia blackmails the world with threats of nuclear weapons and terrorism at nuclear power plants during its invasion of Ukraine. Delve into the dark world of nuclear weapons and their use as a tool of terror. Through never-before-seen footage and interviews with experts and key players, we explore how nuclear power has become a dangerous game in the hands of rogue states. The stakes have never been higher. This is an intertwining of personal and global stories that reveal the chilling truth about the world's nuclear safety and what needs to be done to protect us all.



PIPELINE



FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT

That Crazy Italian Farm

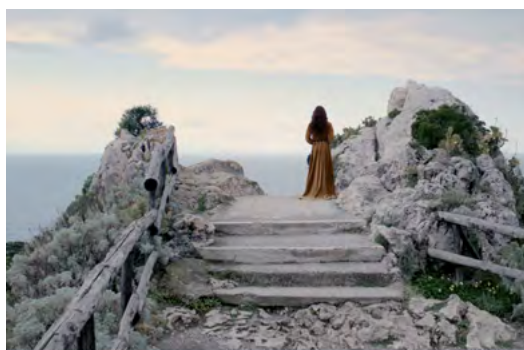
› 6 x 45' (ENG, GER, ITA) › 2022 › GiUMa Produzioni, Discovery Italia

Tradition, technology, a pinch of madness, and lots of fun! "That Crazy Italian Farm" follows the life and work of the Gomieros, a Venetian family of farmers and breeders. For generations, the Gomiero family has been managing their farm, run with pride and obstinacy amid adversity

and success. But today, the Gomieros are also a symbol of technology and the differences between young and old, boomer farmers and farmers 4.0. They also know how to have fun with the same commitment and ambition as their work in the fields.

Episodes:

1. To Each Their Own
2. "Genesis" on the Farm
3. Music, Art, and...
4. The Advance of the New
5. A Race against Time
6. It All Adds Up



HISTORY

Golden Kingdom: The Normans in Sicily

› 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) › 2023

› EPO-Film, MyMax Edutainment, ORF, ZDF, Rai, arte, Fernsehfonds Austria, MIC, Sicilian Film Fund

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They came from the far north, were notorious as fierce warriors and created a progressive and wealthy kingdom during the dark Middle Ages: the Normans.

How did this handful of mercenaries manage to establish their own kingdom within a short time? How did they manage to give Sicily an unparalleled period of prosperity? The Normans were masters of mobility, innovation and integration. They traded, relied on the sciences and created magnificent works of art, making Sicily the cultural, scientific and economic centre of Europe.

Their recipe for success: they did not oppress, they cooperated. To this day, the Normans are present on Sicily in many ways. Elaborate reenactments, valuable historical finds and experts from different countries bring the story to life. The result is as colourful and multifaceted as Sicily itself...



Forgotten Queens of the Iron Age

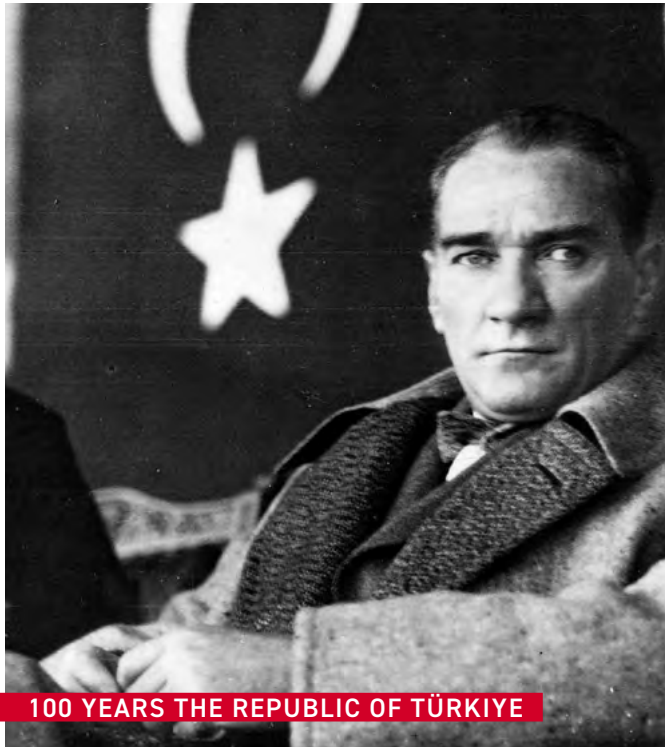
- › 52' (ENG, GER), 45' (GER)
- › 2022
- › sehstern Filmproduktion, ZDF, arte, ZDFinfo

On the Italian Adriatic coast, archaeologists have made a sensational discovery: a luxurious Iron Age tomb, which turns common ideas about men and women in prehistoric Europe upside down. The grave goods of the dead woman reveals: She was rich, fond of culinary pleasures and a prominent member of her society. She is not the only woman to have been buried so opulently. In the Iron Age, women reached the highest positions in Italy, France and Germany - the unknown woman from Italy, the princess from the German Heuneburg and the lady from Vix. Who were these women? And how did they live?

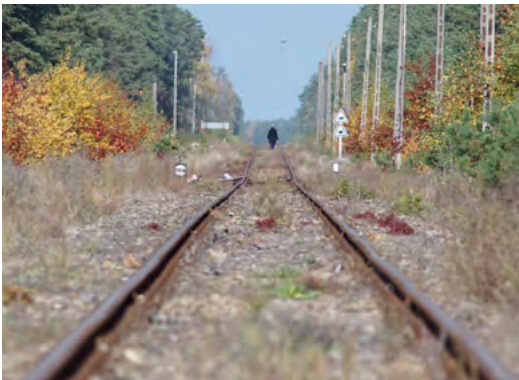
Atatürk's Dream: The Birth of Modern Turkey

- › 52' (ENG, GER, FRE)
- › 2023
- › Effervescence Doc, France Televisions, Histoire

Atatürk built modern Turkey on the ruins of the Ottoman Empire: through forced secularization and Westernization to create a new Turkish DNA in line with his dreams. He imposed secularism in reaction to Ottoman theocracy and the institutions of the empire, against the Islam of the Ulama and the Sufis, against the Islam of the people, and against the will of the majority. It was "his" secularism. Secularism "alla Turca": the Kemalist method of reducing a religion that claims to govern everything - the political and the personal, all human activity, the spiritual and the earthly - to a personal practice.



100 YEARS THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE



The Hidden Horror of Sobibor Extermination Camp

› 52' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › Kobalt Documentary, NDR, arte

Auschwitz and Birkenau are names of concentration camps, that are firmly anchored in our memory, while the name Sobibor fell into oblivion.

Sobibor extermination camp was established by the Nazis in eastern Poland in 1942, with the aim of "efficiently" murdering Polish Jews and Roma. Sobibor, like the Belzec und Treblinka extermination camps, was part of "Aktion Reinhard," considered by many researchers and historians to be the "core of the Holocaust." The murder of at least 450,000 people in Belzec, approximately 185,000 people in Sobibor, and 780,863 people in Treblinka shows the central importance of these three camps and the dimension of this almost incomprehensi-

ble crime. Until recently there were no pictorial records from Sobibor, because the Nazis had destroyed the camps in order to cover the traces of their crimes forever. This changed abruptly with the groundbreaking discovery of a photo collection of the deputy camp director Johann Niemann in 2020. These photos, holocaust archaeology, and eyewitness accounts ensure that the Shoa is remembered, even after the death of the last survivors.



The Final Flight – An Untold Nazi Mystery

- › 90' (ENG, GER)
- › 2022
- › Dokfilm, rbb, arte

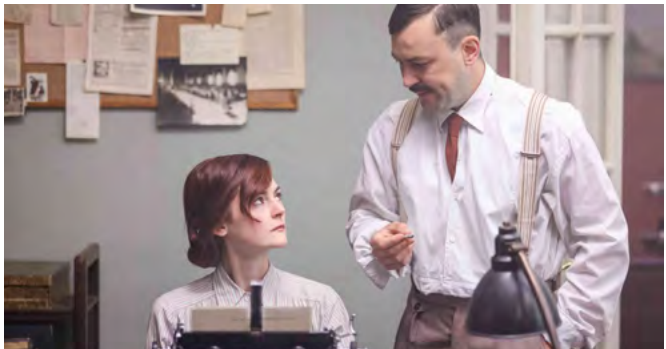
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When the Red Army shot down a civilian aircraft near the Brandenburg villages of Glienic and Buckow on April 20, 1945, the incident not only destroyed the lives of the passengers and their families but also left deep traces and numerous questions at the scene of the accident: Who was on board of this aircraft? Who had been allowed to leave Berlin, which was being bombed by the Allies at that point in time - and on a symbolic day like Adolf Hitler's birthday? Why is there no passenger list? Why was the crew changed again shortly before departure from Berlin? This gripping docu-thriller reconstructs the background of this mysterious incident from the last days of World War II for the very first time.

Uncovering Hitler's Failed Putsch of 1923

- › 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › loop Film, BR, ARD

Germany in the fall of 1923. The country is broke, inflation is soaring to dizzying heights. People are starving and suffering from the consequences of World War I, and political conditions are unstable: the breeding ground for Hitler's National Socialist movement. At this time, 24-year-old Paula Schlier sneaks undercover into the editorial office of the Nazi party newspaper - and gets caught in the middle of a coup d'état. The attempt to seize power ends in a hail of bullets by the Bavarian police. Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch fails, but within a few years, he will bring democracy down.



100 YEARS SINCE HITLER'S BEER HALL PUTSCH



Collection of Hate – Images of Antisemitism

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Autentic, Spiegel Geschichte, Arthur Langerman Foundation

He is Belgian, Jewish, a Shoah survivor, a jeweler, a father, a husband, and the owner of the largest collection of antisemitic images in the world: Arthur Langerman. "The most hideous hate images are hanging in my home. It's my way of coping with the trauma of the Shoah," Langerman says. In about 60 years he has gathered several thousand antisemitic objects. Where do the widespread stereotypes of Jews come from? What has led to the deep-seated hatred of Jews? And why do anti-Jewish stereotypes persist to this day, spreading hatred and harassment around the world? Arthur, the seeker, does not let these questions rest.

Believe

4K

- › 5 × 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Go Button Media, Autentic, Curiosity Stream, ntv

A comprehensive picture of the faith of mankind – this series features the origins and mutual impact of 5 world religions, and gets behind their festivals, traditions and the challenges of today. Prejudice and false shame may not allow people to inform themselves outside their own religion, but this series offers a remedy. The show discovers how the respective religions came into being and how they shaped society, or what influence historical events had on the religion itself and its tradition. The series explains in detail what the followers of each religion believe and how they are practiced in the present.

Episodes:

1. Christianity, 2. Islam, 3. Judaism,
4. Hinduism, 5. Buddhism



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HISTORY



The Invention of Surgery

> 2 × 45' (ENG), 90' (GER)

> 2023

> Autentic, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

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From early on, humankind dreamed of being able to heal the ailing bodies. However, from the misguided teaching of the humors by Hippocrates to complex organ transplants and brain surgery, it was a long, bloody road, full of suffering, errors, and medical dead ends. This is the hardly illuminated story from the beginning to the specialization of surgery, a journey through time from antiquity to the first performed heart surgery. We will meet physicians who, in the fight against diseases and in the search for knowledge, put their own health at risk. Who were these people? What are their stories? Moreover, how has the world changed since their discoveries?



The Art of Seduction

4K

> 2 × 45' (ENG, GER)

> 2023

> Autentic, Curiosity Stream, ZDF, arte

How can the sex appeal of Elvis Presley be explained, who still makes the hearts of his fans beat faster today? How did Eva Perón manage to become one of the most politically influential women of the 20th century, even though she was not a politician herself? The world has already produced many great seductresses and seducers. Renowned experts from various disciplines analyze what made them successful - and reveal the secret of their methods: psychologists explain why rejection is sometimes particularly seductive. Historians show what led us into temptation throughout history. Political scientists unmask the rational calculation behind seduction - and reveal how manipulation functions as a political weapon.





A Cold War of Spies

4K

- › 4 × 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Go Button Media, Autentic, Superchannel, SPIEGEL Geschichte

The Cold War. A world divided. A global race to claim superior military might that reshaped the world. A conflict that would never be fought on the battlefield, but rather would face off in an espionage confrontation, East vs. West. From eyes in the sky to boots on the ground, they stalked the shadows behind enemy lines. They passed intelligence, intercepted communications, stole blueprints, and mapped targets. But ultimately they drove the deep-seated paranoia and distrust that would forever change the course of history.

Episodes:

1. Atomic Secrets
2. Spies in the Skies
3. On the Brink of Destruction
4. The Battle Over Hearts and Minds



Gold - The Currency of Greed

- › 2 × 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2022
- › SPIEGEL TV, ZDF, arte

Gold is power, and it has driven humankind since the dawn of time. As captivating as its beauty is, the pursuit of this precious metal is ruthless. Greed for gold leads people to kill without mercy, destroy entire cultures and embark on suicidal quests. And the global greed for gold continues to this day; it is a crisis currency, highly-desirable in jewellery, global treasure and a coveted commodity. Its price keeps going up, having exploded in the last 40 years. What is the catalyst of the attraction, that keeps the world in suspense? We delve into the mystery of this shiny substance and explore the geological, cultural, political and economic background of gold.

Episodes:

1. Dangerous Hunt
2. Fabulous Treasure

Undressed - The History of Nudity

› 2 × 45' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › SPIEGEL TV, ZDF, arte

The history of nudity is always a reflection of the times. What are the origins of being collectively naked out in the open? We take you on an entertaining and informative journey into the history of nudity in Europe, observing how global crises and current trends such as body awareness affect today's nudist culture.

Episodes:

1. The Origins of Nudism
2. The Evolution of Permissiveness



In the Grip of Gazprom

› 2 × 52' (ENG, GER) › 2023

› Kinescope Film, SPIEGEL TV, WDR, arte, NHK

War in the Ukraine, an energy crisis in Europe and a world in turmoil: At the center of these dramatic events is one raw material that keeps modern society running - gas! How could this happen? Which nefarious plan of Vladimir Putin lies behind it all?

Episodes:

1. Early Days in the Wild East
2. Greed of the West



PIPELINE - 75 YEARS NATO

75 Years of NATO - New Challenges and Chances

› 52' (ENG), 90' (GER)

› Release: Early 2024

› Hoferichter & Jacobs GmbH, ARD, arte, Deutsche Welle

FEATURE
DOC

The peace dividend after the end of the Cold War has been used up. In the 75th year of its existence, NATO and its member countries are undergoing a profound self-discovery. The confrontation with Russia, which had been looming since 2014 at the latest has turned into open hostility with the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine in February 2022. The film recounts the balance of the military alliance, which has undergone massive changes since the fall of the Iron Curtain. Is the alliance prepared to defend itself and, above all, how stable is it in the face of the very different interests of its members?



NATURE . WILDLIFE

Scotland - The New Wild

› 3 x 50' (ENG, GER) › 2023

› Terra Mater Studios, Maramedia, Skyland Productions, Doclights/NDR Naturfilm, BBC Scotland



4K

Scotland is moving into a new age of the Wild.

As climate change, shrinking habitats and an ever-increasing human population make their indelible mark, the natural world here must make a heroic stand if it's to even remain a shadow of what it was. Yet, despite this pressure, many wild animals and plants here are increasing, thriving and even returning from extinction.

Episodes:

1. Highlands
2. Islands
3. Lowlands

We need a strong diverse wild Scotland more than ever – for nature, for our mental health, for our legacy, for the health of the planet itself. Using the most sophisticated time-lapse, slow motion, aerial and underwater camera systems known, this is the wildlife of Scotland as it marches into the future. From city to coast to island to mountain to the bottom of the ocean, we present a portrait that is both iconic and surprising.

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The Storm – Wildlife in Wild Weather



› 50' (ENG, GER)

› 2023

› Terra Mater Studios, Längengrad
Filmproduktion, WDR, arte

It begins – literally – with a thunderclap. Crashing and flashing, a violent cloudburst descends on the highland landscape. No human being would choose to leave home in this weather. Animals, though, are at the mercy of the storm. The film shows the extraordinary strategies adopted by animals, from the tiniest insects to foxes and moles, to cope with the threat. Some species are highly weather-sensitive. They sense when a storm is brewing and take shelter. Other species actually benefit from storms breaking out – from newly formed bodies of water or unexpected feasts. A wildlife documentary with the stylistic devices of a disaster thriller.

Raptors

› 2 x 50' (ENG, GER)

› 2023

› Terra Mater Factual Studios, THIRTEEN
Productions LLC, PBS, CPB, WNET,
Dandy Lion Films



Birds of prey are our planet's greatest hunters. United by a hooked beak, taste for flesh and razor-sharp talons, they have conquered the globe. This two-part series tells the story of raptor's unparalleled success. From familiar favourites to entirely new characters, we reveal the latest discoveries alongside extraordinary behaviours. We discover how birds of prey perfect the art of the hunt and how they adapt to the toughest environments. We also ask what the future holds for these remarkable birds in a rapidly changing world.

Episodes:

1. Meet The Raptors
2. Extreme Lives





Gorilla Gorilla Gorilla



> 50' (ENG, GER)

> 2022

> Terra Mater Studios, Doclights/NDR
Naturfilm, National Geographic
Channel, Cosmos Factory

Western Lowland Gorillas have been researched extensively in captivity but their behaviour in the wild has remained a mystery. Shy by nature, they normally avoid close human contact – until now. Martha Robbins and her team have studied 16 individuals of the Atananga gorilla group, within Gabon's Loango National Park for over 15 years. As the team gained their trust, the Atananaga gorillas became more accepting. This documentary presents an intimate look at the silverback Kamaya and his family and features a newborn baby gorilla, brave researchers, forest elephants, buffalos, and the last remaining wild coastline in the African tropics.

Nature's Changes



> 50' (ENG, GER)

> 2023

> Terra Mater Studios

Magnificent, permanent, stable – our Earth. But is it really permanent and stable? Or is it in a constant state of flux? In nature, change would appear to be a gradual process. And yet, a closer look reveals just how quickly the world around us can be altered. Wildfires ravage the landscape. Droughts decimate plant and animal populations. Excessive rainfall washes away everything in its path. On the planet's surface, only one thing is certain: nothing ever stays the same for long. Humans have brought about unparalleled changes in a comparatively short space of time. Now it remains to be seen: will the planet and its inhabitants find ways to adapt to this new, ever-changing world, as they have done in the past?



On the Precipice: The Alps

4K

- › 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Terra Mater Studios



The Alps are Europe's greatest mountain range, a popular destination for visitors from all over the world and home to some of the continent's most striking flora and fauna. However, as climate change causes temperatures to rise, the mountains themselves are heating up. Alpine safety organizations have warned about the increasing danger for tourists for years: ice bridges are melting, fissures and crevices are expanding and erosion and the thawing of permafrost are causing an increasing number of rockslides and entire mountain peaks are now disappearing. The consequences are having a dramatic impact that is felt far beyond the Alps themselves.



Morava – River of Ancient Times

4K

- › 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Terra Mater Studios, Cosmos Factory, ARTpoint s.r.o., rtv



Join us on an exploration of the Morava River in the heart of Europe. Particularly in its last 60 kilometres, along the border between Austria and Slovakia, the river develops a distinctive personality and international significance, forming vast wetlands containing meadows, forests, and a wild network of branches and streams. Just a stone's throw from these wetlands, there are ancient sand dunes on both sides of the border. The animals and plants here thrive in dry, hot, and sandy surroundings in which the sky appears to meet the land and the sun and clouds create picturesque landscapes that are reminiscent of the American West.





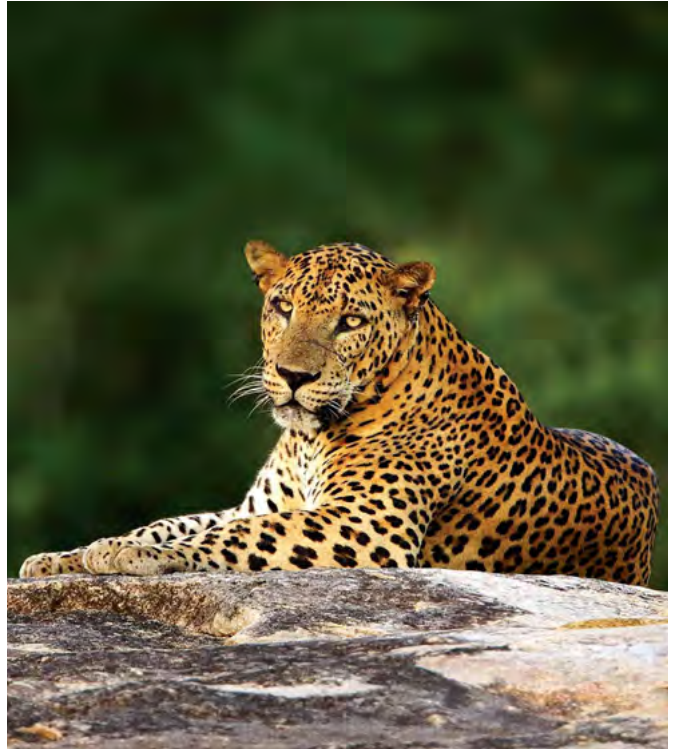
Sri Lanka - Leopards of Yala 4K

› 45' (ENG, GER)

› 2023

› Aegle Creations

Follow the trials and tribulations of a group of leopards in Yala National Park. Among them is alpha-male leopard Lucas, the king of Yala. But he has challengers - Michael and Jerry. Jerry commands a neighboring territory of the park and has fathered quite a number of cubs, with no paternal responsibilities other than to feed himself and mark his territory. When it comes to child-rearing, leopardess Selena does most of the work - she takes her cub with her while marking territory or hunting, all the while imparting essential life lessons. As the season change, new challenges emerge. Lucas will continue to be the king of Yala for the foreseeable future, but as the new cubs grow and mature, they will one day become the heirs to the throne of Yala.



Portugal - Wild and Untamed

› 7 x 50' (ENG)

› 2023

› RTP, Wildstep Productions

Come and travel with us from the mountains of North Portugal to the southern beaches of the Algarve, and far out across the Atlantic Ocean to the islands of the Azores and Madeira, home to Europe's last surviving laurel forests. This series reveals the amazing wildlife that still thrives in this beautiful but little-known country. Lying between Europe and Africa, the Iberian Peninsula is home to a wide variety of landscapes and spectacular endemic species, such as the Iberian lynx, Iberian wolf, and Iberian imperial eagle.

Episodes:

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| 1. North | 5. Algarve |
| 2. Centre | 6. Madeira |
| 3. Lisbon | 7. Azores |
| 4. Alentejo | |





Teutoburg Forest – Where Man and Nature Coexist

- › 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › MacroTele-Film, WDR

Distinctive sandstone rock formations and Germany's tallest statue have made it world-famous. But the region in the west of Germany also has a wild side. A family of foxes is not disturbed by the crowds of tourists at the Hermann Monument. In the wild and romantic rocky landscape of the Externsteine, kingfishers hunt in small streams. At Lake Schieder beavers cavort alongside boaters and sunbathers. During the day, an open-air museum offers tourists an insight into the rural life of the region; at night, the grounds become the habitat of a large number of fire salamanders. Between the Externsteine and the Hermann Monument, humans and wildlife live side by side.

Survive and Thrive: Wildlife in Urban Germany

- › 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Ulf Marquardt Medienproduktion, WDR

Nature seeks its niches for survival, even in a landscape shaped by agriculture, dense population, and straightened rivers.

Bats that have chosen the inside of a motorway bridge, of all places, as their nursery, owls using an old quarry to breed and raise their young. Discover the absolutely amazing places animals choose as their natural habitat and the many extraordinary stories of animals that have learned to adapt to the urban landscape in the middle of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's most populous federal state.





The View from on High



> 50' (ENG, GER)

> 2023

> Terra Mater Studios

Our planet is defined by stunning, fascinating landscapes – yet large parts of these vistas remain hidden and inaccessible to most of us. It is only from a bird's eye view, from high above, that we are able to take in mighty mountain ranges, vast forests or endless deserts in all their glory – and truly appreciate the individual details and elements that make up the greater whole. Drones, helicopters and balloons reveal spectacular views of great glaciers in the European Alps, tropical rainforests in Borneo, craggy karst mountain ranges in China, expansive Mongolian grasslands, massive forests in Lapland and wide-ranging river deltas like the Okavango and the Nile – from up close and from far away.

Sharks of Hawaii



> 50' (ENG, GER)

> 2021

> Pangolin Productions, Thirteen Productions, Terra Mater Studios

Although created from the fiery rage of volcanoes, Hawaii is a paradise on Earth. A living Eden for all creatures, including one of the most misunderstood in the entire world – the shark. This film takes us from the remote reefs of the Hawaiian archipelago to the world-famous beaches of Waikiki. Some 40 species call these waters home. The sharks here offer up extraordinary behaviour, some seen nowhere else on Earth. Our journey begins in deeper waters off Maui's coast, where tiger sharks attack humpback whale calves. Rarely do sharks attack prey bigger than themselves. But recently, something has changed in the whale/tiger shark dynamic and the new-born whales are now considered fair game.





Alien Contact



- › 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Terra Mater Studios, Wild Logic

They seem to be able to recognize individual divers underwater, and they've learned to solicit bubble massages from the exhalations of scuba divers! Manta rays will approach humans for help to get free from entanglement in fishing lines and may even recognize themselves in a mirror. They might be the smartest fish in the sea. Join Emmy Award winner and marine biologist Rick Rosenthal and his team of scientists on their journey to decode the mind of manta rays. Might these alien-looking animals be trying to make contact with us? There are intriguing clues. Along the way, we celebrate the natural history and expose the vulnerabilities of these most elegant of fishes.

Reasons to Love



- › 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2022
- › Terra Mater Studios

Too many legs? Feathers? Tentacles as arms? Behold, there's more to nature's greatest than fluffy cuteness!

This fast-paced documentary covers three major topics found over and over again in the natural world: family ties, genius and environmental impact. We experience the many reasons to love the feathery, the slimy, and the apparently dangerous – and draw attention to the fact that we might need to rethink our general perception of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the natural world.



Treasure of the Caribbean

4K

› 50' (ENG, GER)

› 2023

› The WNET Group, Terra Mater Studios, BelugaSmile Productions LLC, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, Doclights/NDR Naturfilm, PBS, CPB



Guatemala. A fisherman struggling to feed his family is forced further offshore and discovers an unknown reef far away from the mainland. The reef is brimming with life and big fish the likes of which haven't been seen before. When a handful of scientists find out, they conspire with local fishers to keep the reef a secret – and for good reason. If word gets out, the reef will be plundered by a host of forces. This documentary is a rich mix of adventure, natural history, and cutting-edge conservation science told against a ticking clock.

The Lost Dragon – Searching for the World's Rarest Lizard

› 50', 30' (ENG, GER)

› 2023

› NZZ

There is so little known about the silver monitor lizard that it is not even possible to say whether these lizards may already be extinct. The species, which is endemic to only one small Indonesian island, hasn't been seen for over 25 years. This is precisely why reptile collectors all over the world are willing to put a lot of money on the table for a live specimen - while researchers are trying by all means to learn more about this rare animal. From Indonesia to Japan, and Switzerland: We follow fearless adventurers through the jungles of remote islands, confront corrupt politicians and eccentric animal traders, and uncover a global network that sells endangered species to the highest bidder.





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Hot Roads – The World's Most Dangerous Roads III

4K

› 6 × 52' (ENG, GER), 6 × 45' (GER) › 2023 › Autentic, berlin producers, ZDF, arte, NDR

The world's most dangerous roads don't need legends to instill respect in those who set out - showing the actual conditions is enough. People, animals and goods are transported on desert tracks, narrow mountain roads or roads made of ice, because for many these "Hot Roads" are the only way to get to their families or to transport urgently needed goods. Traveling on the world's most dangerous roads is a journey into risk, as beautiful as the view may be. Road conditions can change from day to day, from hour to hour.

Rain, mud, snowfall, sandstorms, falling rocks or hurricanes turn a predictable risk into a tour into the unknown. Encounters with wild animals on and off the trail do the rest, making the trip a real ride into risk for everyone. But where there is danger, there is also beauty. Whether it is coastal rainforest on the Pacific coast in British Columbia, shifting sand dunes in the Thar Desert, or thousands of wildebeest among the acacias of the Serengeti, our routes are characterized by a diversity and uniqueness that is second to none.

Episodes:

1. Camels and Trucks in Rajasthan, 2. British Columbia's Bella Coola Highway, 3. On Tanzania's Dusty Roads, 4. Georgia's Abano Pass, 5. The Trans Sulawesi Highway, 6. Navigating Norway's Arctic Roads



Magical Train Journeys in Switzerland

- › 8 x 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2020/2021
- › Mediafisch, SRF, 3Sat

Switzerland - land of the Alps, land of railroads. Thousands of kilometres of rails with countless tunnels and spectacular viaducts wind through the country's most fascinating landscapes. From vineyards to lakes to the most beautiful alpine valleys, travelers are offered the most breathtaking panoramas from train windows and wondrous insights into the country and its people.

Episodes:

1. Aboard the Gotthard Panorama Express from Lake Lucerne to Ticino, 2. On the Goldenpass Belle Époque from Montreux to the Bernese Oberland,
3. With the Glacier Express from Zermatt to St. Moritz, 4. From the Three-Lakes Region through Lavaux to Geneva, 5. On the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano, 6. On the Centovalli Express from Locarno to Domodossola, 7. With the Voralpen-Express from St. Gallen to Lucerne, 8. From Lucerne via Interlaken to Jungfrauoch



Spectacular Mountain Railways of the Swiss Alps

- › 8 x 50' (ENG, GER)
- › 2022/2023
- › Mediafisch, SFR, 3Sat

The Swiss cog trains take you up through majestic landscapes to the most spectacular peaks. Their unique blend of tradition, technology and nature is as fascinating today as it was then. Their charm and character captivates people from all over the world. With a lot of steam, sweat and flair, historic locomotives and railcars from the 19th century still climb the peaks of the Swiss mountains. Just like their modern successors, that shine with state-of-the-art engineering and technology.

Episodes:

1. The Charming Brienz Rothorn Railway,
2. The Mythical Pilatus Railway,
3. The Impressive Gornergrat Railway,
4. The Royal Rigi Railway,
5. Monte Generoso, 6. Furka Steam Railway,
7. Rochers-de-Naye Railway; 8. Schynige Platte



Between Andes and Pacific – The North of Chile

4K

› 45' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › Prospect TV Production, NDR

Embark on an extraordinary expedition through Northern Chile, a region of extremes!

The Atacama, one of the driest and oldest deserts on earth, shapes a large part of the landscape between the Andes and the Pacific. The 6,500-meter-high volcanoes of the Andes mountain chain tower majestically over the Altiplano. The highlands are over 4,000 meters high, with spectacular salt lakes, mysterious geoglyphs, the world's most advanced telescopes and a desert landscape reminiscent of the Moon and Mars.

The mighty Humboldt Current flows off the coast of Chile, its cold waters providing a fascinating abundance of marine ecosystems. Huge fin whales migrate here along the coast. The documentary takes viewers on a journey to people who call this unique landscape their home.



Flowers and Fire – Outback Adventures in Western Australia

4K

› 45' (ENG, GER)
› 2023
› Moers Media, SWR

Western Australia is rough, red and incredibly huge. In one of the oldest landscapes on earth, exposed to the surface since billions of years, we search with a team of astrobiologists on life's origin, get stuck with them in the mud, and dive into the tough work on a remote cattle station that is mainly done by young women. We also see how crocs can be taught to eat toxic toads. Bushfire is a disaster in a terrain full of oil-drenched eucalyptus and quick-burning spinifex grass, so we accompany special-trained firefighters in their war against bushfires. But we also learn how the indigenous elders teach their families to prevent bushburn from the beginning by making fire in the right way.



The Magical World of Spices

4K

› 4 × 52' (ENG, GER)
› 2023
› Moers Media, ZDF, arte

Everyone knows their scents, but only a few know their origins. In this series, we want to visit the gardens of spices and discover the magical world of their creation. The most popular aromas were formed by evolution through the interaction of flora and fauna in unique habitats. All of them were created in hotspots of biodiversity.

Episodes:

1. Vanilla from the Gulf of Mexico
2. Cardamom from Kerala
3. Cloves and Nutmeg from the Moluccas
4. Cinnamon from the Islands of Sri Lanka



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The Kung Fu Nuns of Kathmandu

4K

- › 52' (ENG, GER), 45' (GER)
- › 2023
- › Moers Media, ZDF, arte

For the Buddhist nuns of Kathmandu, Kung Fu is meditation. In Himalayan villages the Nuns protect environment and climate and are teaching local women how to rely on themselves.



The Buddhist nuns of Kathmandu are confident fighters. It's not only self-defense, but mainly self-knowledge that is the meaning behind the martial art fighting. Kung-Fu is their meditation, and beside colorful ritual dances and prayers they hike through the remote Himalayas and help women to assert themselves alongside men. They build solar panels, repair houses, collect garbage and show how to protect the environment and the climate.

Western Cape – Africa's Garden Eden

4K

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Boomerang Filmproduktion

Discover the beauty, diversity, and uniqueness of the South African Province of Western Cape! We meet Lindy and Franz, who organise workshops about creating Lasagne and pasta dishes from Kelp-alges. We freedive with James in the kelp forests. Dede shows us the prison cell of Nelson Mandela at Robben Island. They were neighbours and became friends. Diethelm runs a guesthouse and looks after his workers with particular care. Roland is a successful e-bike-pioneer. They all are linked to each other by a deep fascination and love for this incredible part of the world. We get access to their life and are part of a unique journey through Western Cape.





In a Sea of Dust and Stars – Hiking Mauritania

› 45' (ENG, GER)
› 2023
› elb motion pictures, NDR

Embark on a desert adventure unlike any other, experience absolute freedom, and learn what it means to endure heat, thirst and isolation.

Adventurer Samuel Häde travels from the Atlantic to the Sahara on the longest goods train on earth, and walks the incredible 290 km to the oasis settlement of Moudjeria on foot, through the surreal scenery of endless dune ridges, enveloped in a sea of dust and stars. His desert adventure becomes a mind-expanding experience unlike any other, enchanting with a magic that awakens a deep-seated longing for freedom even in the most seasoned viewer.



The Kingdom of Jordan

› 2 x 45' (ENG, GER)
› 2022
› Vincent Productions, NDR, arte

Between tradition and modernity, between wadis, desert, and wonders of the world – Jordan's breathtaking landscapes, its biblical-archaic sites, its impressive nature, and its people are the focus of this 2-part documentary. With its liberal attitude, Jordan is a place of refuge for many people from the region. And that is precisely what makes it so exciting! Christians and Muslims live peacefully together here. The kingdom is a land of exciting contrasts between the Red and the Dead Sea in the west and the desert in the east. While young Jordanians open music clubs in the pulsating metropolis of Amman, Bedouins in the south of the country continue their traditional way of life.

Episodes:

1. The North, 2. The South



The Hidden Beauty of Northern France

› 2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)

› 2023

› doc.station, ZDF, arte

It is a rich region with a stunning coastline and diverse landscapes and wildlife: Northern France, the area between Belgium and the English Channel, has so much to offer. The Bay of the Somme is one of the most beautiful bays in the world and a mecca for ornithologists with thousands of migratory birds resting here. The historical territory of Picardy is well-known for its wonderful woodlands, wild moors and castles. The region is strongly committed to sustainability and innovation.

Episodes:

1. The Baie de Somme and the Opal Coast
2. From the Somme to Flanders



Hidden Beauty of Spain

› 4 × 52' (ENG, GER), 4 × 45' (GER)

› 2022

› Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

Discover the country from its most beautiful sides: its rugged wilderness and golden beaches, rich flora and fauna and long-forgotten cultural treasures. Over 120 million tourists per year visited Spain in pre-pandemic times - apart from the mild climate, it's the beautiful beaches, magnificent cities and varied gastronomy that attract people to the country. This series shows that this is only a fraction of what the Spanish mainland has to offer: The focus is also on flora and fauna, impressive landscapes beyond the tourist paths - and the people who passionately protect these beautiful regions. "Hidden Beauty of Spain" rediscovers the country in a whole new way, even for Spain lovers.

Episodes:

1. The Mediterranean Coast, 2. Wild Andalusia,
3. The Green North, 4. In the Heart of Castilla-La Mancha





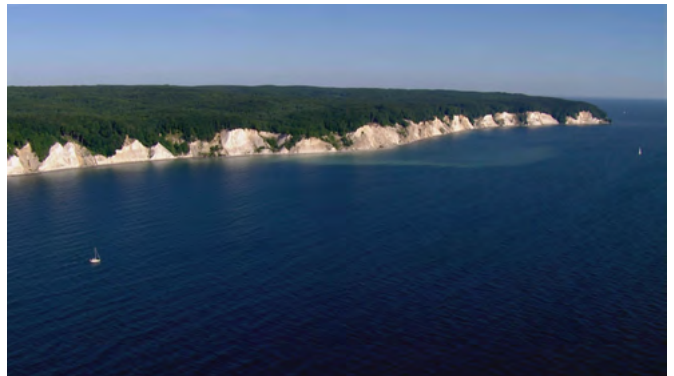
Wild Beauty of Germany's Islands

- › 2 x 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Doclights, ZDF, arte

Embark on a captivating journey to explore the hidden gems of Germany's most beloved islands. Delve beyond Sylt's glamorous reputation to discover untouched landscapes – from endless beaches to the mesmerizing tidal flats of the North Sea. Witness the diverse array of wildlife that call this paradise home, far from the tourist bustle. Venture off the beaten path to Rügen, a cherished destination in the Baltic Sea, featuring UNESCO-listed beech forests and iconic chalk cliffs. Through stunning visuals and heartfelt stories, we unveil the island's extraordinary essences and celebrate their untouched beauty.

Episodes:

1. Sylt – Waves, Wind and Tides
2. Rügen – White Cliffs and Green Forests



Naples's Doll Clinic – Where Saints and Hearts Are Healed

- › 45' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Autentic, ZDF, arte

The "Ospedale delle Bambole" is one of the most bizarre places in Italy. Patients come to the old aristocratic palace in the middle of Naples' old town from all over the world. Here, dolls and holy figures – and also the hearts of their owners – are healed. Tiziana Grassi calls herself Dottoressa and wears a white doctor's coat. Favorite dolls from childhood or a beloved figure of a saint – Tiziana Grassi cures them all, also with the help of the last craftsmen of the city, who operate in workshops that seem to have fallen out of time. When the dolls and saints are restored, it is not rare to see tears of joy. They are inanimate objects but seem to be animated by the love of their owners, who express their feelings with true Southern Italian temperament.





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The Green Energy Revolution – A Race against Time

4K

› 2 × 52' (ENG), 2 × 45' (GER) › 2023 › Pronen Film, ARD, MDR, Deutsche Welle, Goethe Institut

The world is facing the greatest change since industrialisation: a shift away from fossil fuels such as oil, coal and gas. The challenge is gigantic.

Climate change threatens our lives and our prosperity on planet Earth. The current energy system on which our lives and our economy are based needs to be replaced, in its entirety. The world is in a race against time.

Could a regenerative energy system in harmony with nature stabilise our planet and, in the end, be not only ecologically superior to the old system, but also cheaper? We show the elements and the minds that are at the "front line" in this race to show how this transformation can become reality.



Ignited – How Close Is Fusion Energy?

- > 52' (ENG, GER)
- > 2023
- > hr, arte

Lasers ignited a successful nuclear fusion reaction for the first time. But there are quite some obstacles to overcome to move nuclear fusion technology into something we can really use. What forecast is realistic? The nuclear fusion breakthrough has raised high hopes for clean power. This documentary shows the context behind the breakthrough. It explains nuclear fusion, in a way that a broad audience will understand. The audience will be impressed by the huge and complex international fusion experiments. Watching and maybe smiling about the artistic graphic animations, they will grasp what's going on in a nuclear fusion reaction, why it is so hard to create it on earth and how the different nuclear fusion approaches try to make it happen.



The Paradox of Salt – Blessing or Curse?

- > 52' (ENG, GER)
- > 2023
- > doc.station, ZDF, arte

Salt – precious and essential for survival. But has this white gold also become a threat to the future of our planet?

Scientists around the world are growing increasingly concerned about salinization. What does this mean for the world's precious freshwater reserves? With its incredible versatility and potential, however, salt also emerges as a promising protagonist of a greener tomorrow. Join us as we unlock the secrets of salt's power to revolutionize green energy production and forge a path towards sustainable building materials.





Mission Saving Paradise – Expedition to the Last Treasures of the Indian Ocean

4K

- › 2 × 45' (ENG), 90' (GER, ENG subs)
- › 2023
- › Autentic, TV Monaco, ZDF, arte

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The departure of the research vessel Agulhas II marks the beginning of one of the greatest scientific adventures of our time. On board are one hundred experts who are among the world's elite marine scientists. On their mission they discover never-before-seen creatures like the Dumbo Octopus and fabulous animals like the State Jellyfish, which resembles a floating work of art. Several hundreds of gigabyte of data is still waiting to be processed, but one thing is already certain: the expedition will help to better understand the physics and biology of the oceans and thus also the consequences of global warming.

Peak Performers – The Science Behind High-Altitude Medicine

- › 52' (ENG, GER), 70' (GER)
- › 2022
- › berckwerk, Lichtblick Film, BR

A scientific adventure documentary about the history and development of alpine and high-altitude medicine around the Capanna Regina Margherita, Europe's highest building. Successful high-altitude mountaineer Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner provides personal insights into her experiences with oxygen depletion at high altitudes, while medical professors Oswald Oelz and Peter Bärtsch share anecdotes about their research findings over the past 40 years in dealing with altitude sickness. The result is an exciting, informative and scientific film that reports on the dangers, development mechanisms and therapeutic strategies of altitude sickness.





Shades of Shame

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › good karma productions, hr, arte

Shame: the feeling of being embarrassed, of not belonging, of not being worthy. It can take a huge toll on your relationships and your mental health. Why? And is there a better way?

This is a revealing documentary about an emotion that we like to keep in the dark. From the shame of being raped to the shame of just not meeting the expectations of others - three people open up and share their feelings and conflicts of shame. Experts explain why we feel shame and how we can find ways to get out. Artistic animations illustrate what happens in our body and our brain when we experience shame and why it feels so similar to physical pain.



Hormones Have No Gender

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2022
- › NFP neue film produktion, rbb, arte

Hormones control our bodies: they transform children into adults, guide our eating behavior, or influence our desire for love. But do hormones really control more than our bodily functions? Do they also determine our character? Recent studies show that hormones are often not the cause of gender-specific behavior, but rather that behavior influences hormones: by behaving in a "masculine" way a person's testosterone levels increase, regardless of the sex. How and in what context hormones act is much more complex than we thought. And often a reported difference between men and women misleads us into thinking that the differences within the respective "men"/"women" category are actually much greater.

Synaesthesia - Life with Linked Senses

4K

- › 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Kinescope, Radio Bremen, arte, Nordmedia

There are people who perceive our world differently: They see numbers and letters in color, can taste words, feel sounds, or see feelings. It sounds absurd but these perceptual phenomena are a special ability called synaesthesia. Synaesthetes are "normal" people with an additional talent for the processing of sensory stimuli as well as perception and thinking. Neuroscientists have discovered that synaesthetes have an increased functional coupling between brain regions. With further research, neuroscientists hope to learn more about the organization and function of the brain and thereby gain new insights into the functioning of human consciousness.



Mapping Disaster

4K

- › 6 x 52' (ENG, GER)
- › 2023
- › Go Button Media, Autentic, Superchannel

Disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. Under blue skies and without warning, the smallest break from the ordinary can set disaster in motion. In the eye of the storm, the inevitable seems inescapable. But what can be learned in the aftermath of earth's most catastrophic forces? We hit rewind, and replay earth's worst disasters. Using archive, CGI, modern analytics, and experts, we track time, direction and trajectory. What do we need to know between the inciting event and the ripple effects to curtail the swell and save lives? Building a step-by-step playbook, could we conquer catastrophe by Mapping Disaster?

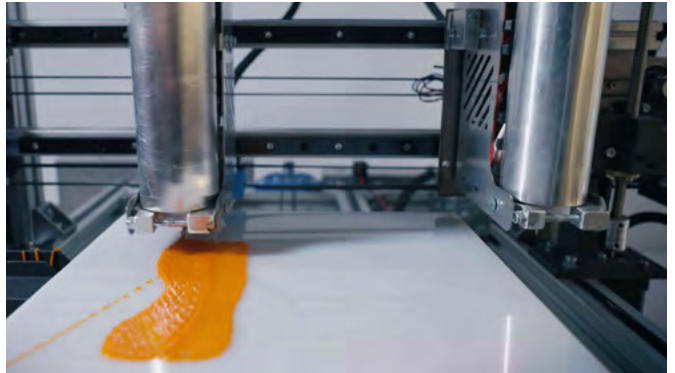
Episodes: 1. Danger Beyond the Horizon, 2. The Topography of Terror, 3. Built to Fail, 4. The Contours of Destruction, 5. The Meridian of Doom, 6. When the Levees Break



Food Substitutes: The Better Alternative?

- > 52' (ENG, GER)
- > 2023
- > Autentic, BR, arte, ORF

Food - one of the most basic human needs. But food intake has long since ceased to serve only a full stomach. It has to be healthy, good for the environment and, last but not least, it has to serve our own social image. But which food can meet all these requirements today and which food products have perhaps had their day? More and more basic foodstuffs are being replaced by alternatives: Burger patties made from soy protein, coffee made from lupines, fish from a 3D printer, and cheese made from vegan alternatives such as almond milk and cashew nuts. But are these alternatives really better for us health-wise or better for our environment? And what does this change mean for our society?



Engineering Extreme – Rehauling a High Speed Train

- > 55' (ENG, GER, FRE, ITA)
- > 2022
- > Galaxie Presse, RMC Découverte

A behind-the-scenes look into the technical challenges of the maintenance of a TGV!

The Hellemmes technical centre is the largest maintenance centre of the SNCF, France's national railway company. Located near Lille, this ultra-modern 28-hectare site is specialised in the maintenance and modernisation of high-speed trains. With the help of 3D images, this documentary unveils all the technical challenges of these spectacular operations managed by no less than 1,000 employees.

From Macro to Micro: Uncovering Earth's Unseen Wonders

› 2 x 45' (ENG, GER)

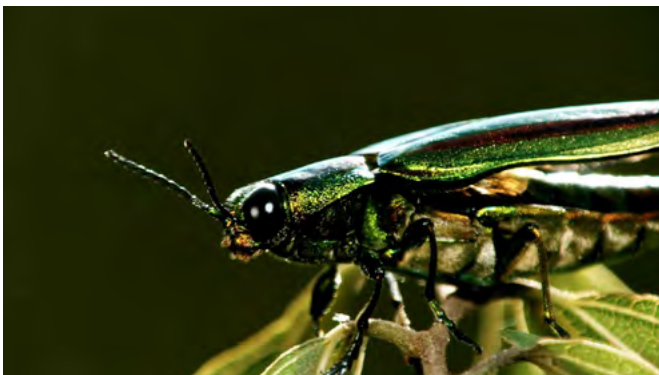
› 2023

› Autentic, ZDF, arte, NHK

Our nature is full of secrets, some deep in hiding, far beyond our perception. In this two-part documentary, we delve into these worlds. Before evolution put Homo Sapiens on two legs, insects developed abilities far superior to human technology. And microbes colonize all regions of the planet, even us humans. Through spectacular CGI, high-resolution microscope shots, and high-speed camera images, we show how diverse, disturbingly dangerous, and breathtakingly beautiful this otherwise invisible cosmos is.

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Episodes: 1. Insects - The Masters of Adaptation
2. Microbes - The Invisible Rulers



PIPELINE

De-extinction - Species Protection 2.0?

4K

› 52' (ENG, GER)

› Release: Summer 2024

› Autentic, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

Extinct species never come back - until now. We are in the midst of the greatest mass species extinction since the disappearance of the dinosaurs. Species extinction could be even more decisive for the survival of humankind than climate change. But what was once considered science fiction is no longer out of the question. We accompany ambitious scientists worldwide in their attempts to revive extinct animals or to give those on the brink of extinction a new chance using state-of-the-art genetic engineering. What is driving the human ambition to bring back extinct species? Should it be allowed or are we playing God with unpredictable consequences? Is now the time to use such radical methods to save as many species as possible?

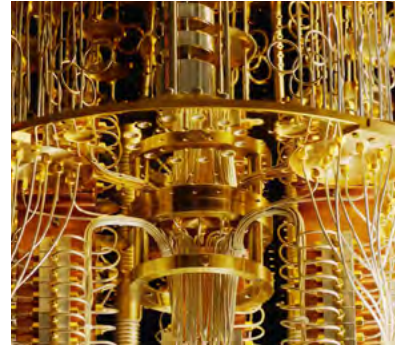


THE WORLD IN 30 MINUTES

Dreaming of a Better World: The Quantum Revolution

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › NZZ

The hype surrounding the quantum computer is fuelling the fantasy of a better world. It is supposed to reduce logistics costs by making freight transport more efficient. It could also find solutions for the energy storage of renewable energies. And a start-up that produces artificial lungs wants to use quantum algorithms to cure cancer and make animal experiments obsolete. But the technology is only at the beginning and the potentials and dangers of these supercomputers are close together...



Clever Creatures: How Animals Are Improving AI

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › NZZ

For a long time, we have denied intelligence to many animal species. Today, biologists are rapidly correcting this old thinking. Parrots that calculate advantages and disadvantages. An octopus that understands the mechanics of a screw cap. Bees with sophisticated logistics. A single-celled organism that always finds the shortest way through a maze and can share its memories - without a brain at all. How do all these animals do it? And could animals be alternative role models for AI and robotics?



Roller Coasters – How Swiss Engineers Thrill the World

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › NZZ

When you think of roller coasters, you think of Disneyland and the USA. But a Swiss company sets the tone in the business. The Swiss company Intamin, based in Liechtenstein allows insights into the world of roller coasters. Competition is tough. Roller coasters can cost tens of millions and determine the success or failure of an amusement park. This calls for imagination as well as technical know-how. A ride on a roller coaster is an adventure with moments of terror and pleasure. If the feat of finding the right balance succeeds, the choreography will be a success.



Food vs. Feed – When Humans and Animals Compete for Food

› 30' (ENG, GER) › 2023 › NZZ

Should farm animals play any role at all in a sustainable food system? Only if they are fed in a way that does not jeopardize global food security, researchers say. And so scientists and startups across Europe are researching the feed of the future. Is it the black soldier fly or duckweed that thrives best on manure? Or do we need to think about the food cycle in a completely different way?



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