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# **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

### Spain - A Divided Land

 $\rightarrow$  52' (SPA, GER, ENG subs)  $\rightarrow$  2022  $\rightarrow$  The Big Story Films, ZDF, arte

Spain is infuriated. And deeply divided. A division that affects all of Europe. In no other country in Europe has political polarization increased in recent years as much as in Spain. The economic crisis of 2008, the conflict over Catalan independence and the current Corona crisis have intensified political and social differences to such an extent that the situation is reminiscent of the war slogans of the 1930s, when Spain experienced a bloody civil

war. What caused this division in the first place? And how much is the future of Spain and all of Europe at risk? We accompany people who have positioned themselves on both political sides and show what is really behind the political and media fuss: Frustration, weariness and deep disappointment.







# FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT

### Through Fire and Flames 3

→ 9 × 45' (GER) → 2019 → Seo Entertainment, WDR

We follow a German fire brigade with bodycams and helmet cameras 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through their everyday lives full of dangerous situations. Welcomed to the station in season 3 are: a new chief, an emergency paramedic and a fire-engine driver - all female Firefighters who actively enrich the fire station.

From a major fire in a sports hall, a blaze on a farm, an operation at a construction site after an accident, to a water rescue - we are up-close with the emergency services as they extinguish fires, save lives and go about their everyday lives at the station.



#### FESTIVALS & AWARDS:

Nomination Best Factual Entertainment, German Television Award Nomination Best Docuseries, The Rockies 2022







# HISTORY

# Almighty and Poor - The Monks of Cluny

 $\rightarrow$  52' (ENG, GER)  $\rightarrow$  2022  $\rightarrow$  Doc.station, ZDF, arte

More than 1,000 years ago, the monks of Cluny in France strove to revive the ideal of monastic life in seclusion and piety. But what was intended as an inner renewal out of the spirit of faith soon took an all-too-human course. In the pious Middle Ages, people's focus was on life after death. The fear of the fires of hell is considerable. And here the Cluniac monks offer a good deal: they pray for the souls of the faithful and thus save them from eternal torments of hell in exchange for rich donations. Money for the salvation of souls - this economic model makes

Cluny Abbey incredibly rich. But this is only one side of the story: their nevertheless spiritual attitude makes the Cluniac monks famous throughout the Occident. The first abbots of Cluny carry weight in the great conflicts of the time between spiritual and secular power. But soon a new order appears and a slow decline sets in.









# **NATURE. WILDLIFE**

### White Winter - A Season on the Northern Alpine Rim

> 52' (ENG), 45' (GER) > 2022 > nautilusfilm, WDR, arte

On the Northern Alpine rim, winter can still be marvelled at in all its glory every year. With its white coat of snow and icicles and myriads of small crystals that look like geometric works of art. In the valleys and on the slopes the snow is still so thick every year that the alpine huts are snowed in up to the windows. In addition to these alpine scenes, views of snow-covered alpine pastures, mountain farms and royal castles provide the location for various nature stories. But how do the animals, plants and fungi cope with the annually recurring ice age, which from our perspective is a time of hardship. But the many adaptations in nature prove: winter is not so much an annually recurring adversity, but rather an integral part

of the natural cycle of the year and the whole natural world. All the species here are adapted to cold and frost. That is why the animals and plants of the snowy areas at the edge of the Alps suffer particularly from climate change and go into a tailspin with the unpredictable ups and downs of the snow line. It is still possible to observe how the animals are changing their behaviour, altering their diet and - apparently - turning their ecology upside down. And even that exists in the mountains: animals and plants that need winter even in summer...

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#### Wild Prairie Man

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- > 52' (ENG)
- > 2022
- > Overtime Communications,
  Saskatchewan Arts Board (SK Arts)

Located in the Northern Great Plains of Canada, Grasslands National Park has been a 20 year odyssey for wildlife photographer James R. Page. For James, critters are more interesting than people and he shares some of his iconic images. and experiences from this endangered ecosystem. We showcase the park's wilderness and immerse ourselves in the wild habitat of Grasslands National Park for over a year, capturing some never before scenes in the Wild Prairie. James R. Page's connection to the land and the wildlife provides an unforgettable journey into the heart of this endangered ecosystem, while park experts help us understand its complexity.



FESTIVALS & AWARDS - A SELECTION:
Best Nature/Wildlife Film, Cannes World Film
Festival 2022

# Germany's Wild Reservoirs



- > 45' (ENG. GER)
- > 2022
- > Tesche Dokumentarfilm, WDR

Nowhere in Germany it rains as much as in the area of Bergisches Land, in North Rhine Westphalia. More than 130 years ago, people began to build dams - mainly for flood protection and as a drinking water reservoir. They all have one thing in common: they change the character of a river enormously. As a result, completely diverse ecosystems have developed there. In recent summers, even greater challenges have emerged: the effects of climate change. On a smaller scale, a rather industrious dam master is operating flood protection: The Beaver. However, the water masses of the Wupper tore away half of his majestic timber castle. Not everyone can cope with the constant change in the dams, but they still remain an important wonder of engineering for many: for us humans as well as for a number of animals









### PEOPLE . PLACES

### In the Heart of America

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- > 2 × 52' (ENG. GER)
- > 2022
- > Lonamedia, ZDF, arte

They are the last unknown natural paradises in Central America. While Nicaragua is home to active volcanoes and Central America's largest freshwater lake, teeming with tapirs, caimans and crocodiles. Honduras is the home of the largest intact rainforests in the region. We not only immerse ourselves in the natural beauty full of animal life, but also get to know the people who lead us through the local flora and fauna, people who take pride in their countries, where they are deeply rooted. What are the true treasures of the miniature Central American natural paradises, of which we know so little about?

Episodes:

- 1. Nicaragua Of Water and Volcanoes
- 2. Honduras Of Rainforest and Beach









#### Tren Atlantico

- > 2 × 45' (ENG, GER)
- > elb motion pictures, NDR, nordmedia

Rugged cliffs, surfing paradises, steep vineyards and villages with centuriesold traditions: The train takes you from Portugal's west coast to the Spanish border in the northeast on a journey of discovery characterized by a variety of colors, landscapes and climates. The FEVE narrow-gauge railroad takes you through the contrasting landscape of northern Spain. From Bilbao in the Basque Country via Santander in Cantabria to Asturias. The train takes a good eight hours to cover 300 kilometers. A journey at the speed of earlier centuries, through a region that has retained its originality to this day.

- 1. In the Heart of Portugal
- 2. Spain's Green North





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## Qatar - Between Boomtown and Burga

- > 45' (ENG, GER)
- > 2022
- > elb motion pictures, NDR, nordmedia

Anyone traveling to Qatar has plenty of prejudices: a corrupt, filthy-rich emirate full of forced laborers without rights and full of businessmen with questionable practices. But for the Qataris themselves and the millions of guest workers from all over the world, the picture is more nuanced. Qatar is a dictatorship with an emir with almost unlimited power. But at the same time, Qatar is stunningly open and progressive. The emirate is tiny, and yet tremendously fascinating - with its vast desert landscapes, its bizarrely shaped mountains and its picturesque sandy beaches. It is a country full of contrasts, full of sun, sand and magic from the Arabian Nights.

# The Mecca Clock Tower -The Construction of the World's Largest Clock

- > 52' (ENG, GER, ARA)
- > 2013
- > Vista Rasch, SL-Rasch

It is a construction project full of superlatives: the world's largest tower clock in Mecca, the Holy City of Islam. Together with its partners, the architects face some unusual challenges. The team enters the project with a high-rise building already under construction, a tower not designed to support a 150-meter-high clock tower and a strict weight limit of 82,000 tons. As the pressure mounts, the team battles to construct the world's largest clock at dizzying heights and in racing winds. How do you keep the structure as light as possible? And how do you deal with the toughest logistical challenge of all: a construction site out of bounds to everyone but Muslims. Time is short and the schedule is fixed.











# SCIENCE . TECHNOLOGY

#### The Science of ...

→ 15 × 30' (GER, ENG subs) - long running series → 2020 - 2022 → NZZ

The many functionalities of the human body remain a mystery, although it has been the subject of research for ages. In our rapidly changing society, social pressure and influences of environmental factors are steadily increasing. The result: people are becoming sick more often -

15. Anger

both mentally and physically. We examine the complex functions of the human body and show you innovative solutions of how to sustainably fight these problems - be it a digital app, new drugs without side effects, or simple lifestyle changes.

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#### Episodes:

8. Migraine

1. Steep 9. Addiction
3. The Immune System 10. Isolation
4. Alcohol 11. Touch
5. Dreams 12. Tinnitus
6. Noise 13. Breathing
7. Mushrooms 14. Hair Loss

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