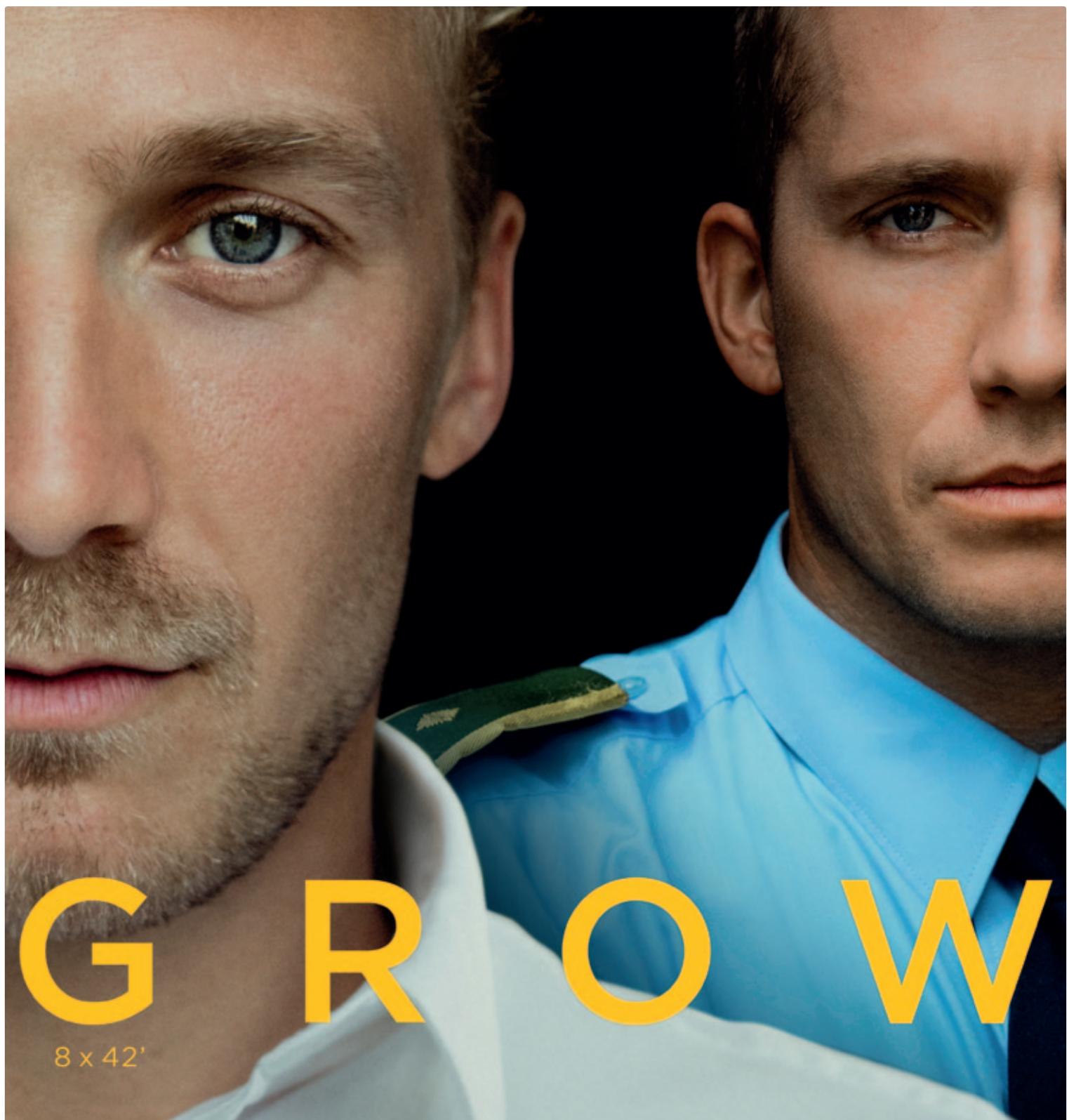


ZDFE.drama Selection

Fall/Winter 2020/21



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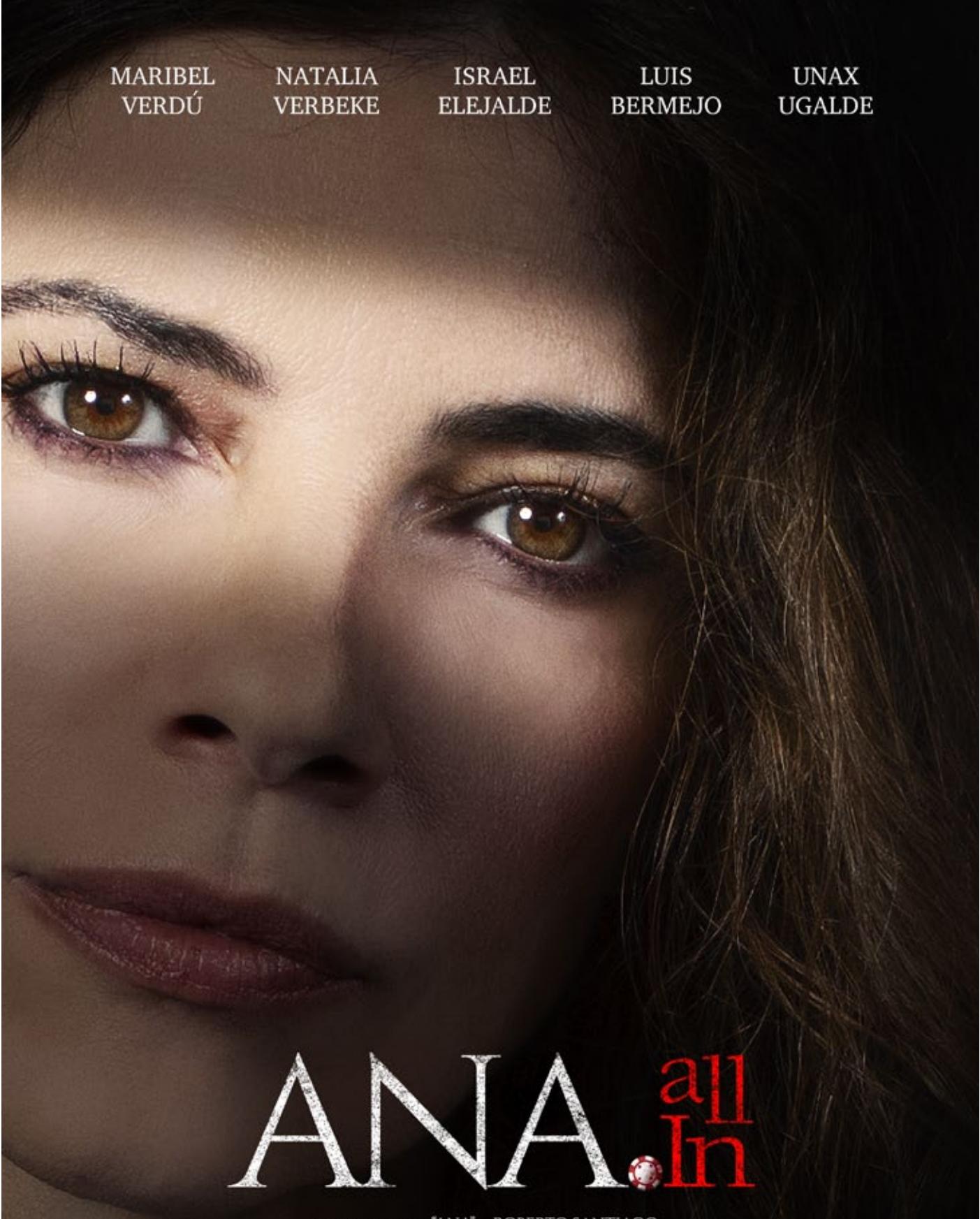
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COMING SOON



International Highlights



Grow

Series / Crime + Suspense	8 x 42'
	New

Grow is about self-discovery and morale set in a captivating multi-plot story. A story that constantly changes between a breathless thriller, deep development of character and at times, dissident reflection on what happiness is in an apathetic society.

It is a story about young people in a fearful hunt for purpose and a goal. When the newly educated stockbroker Adam (26) seeks his dead father's roots in the biker environment to find the reason for his anxiety neuroses, he is captivated by the fast life compared to the everyday grey society. It does not take long before Adam's long structural life is mixed with personal ambitions, in desperation for power and fast recognition in the Danish drug market, where Adam's cousin Simon has already set roots.

As an obstacle to reaching their goal of forming a new drug cartel, they find immigration gangs, bikers, police and politicians – and finally Adam's own brother. It is up to Adam and Simon to remove all obstacles in their persecution to become Denmark's biggest kingpins.

At the other end, we find Adam's big brother Jakob (29), who from a young age has looked after his baby brother, and has undertaken the role as a guardian in society and become a police officer. We meet Jakob when he is recruited to the police anti-drug division. Here Jakob is given the chance to make a difference.

Produced by: SF Studios Productions and Rocket Road Pictures for TV2 Denmark
Cast: Andreas Jessen, Sebastian Jessen, Sebastian Bull a.o.

International Highlights



Standing Tall

Series / Crime + Suspense

4 x 100' / 8 x 50'

New

Standing Tall tells the story of a father's investigation into his son's alleged suicide. Hunting for the truth about a death that isn't at all what it might appear to be proves to be a veritable obstacle course for Valerio who is dead set on obtaining justice, but it will also prove to be his last chance to come to terms with his troubled past, both as a man and a father. A painful redemption to reclaim a bond that not even death can break. A father and a son.

Valerio is a disenchanted ex-policeman who had been expelled from the Force under murky circumstances and who now works as a gas station attendant in a small city in central Italy, where he had moved to leave everything behind him. Age twenty-three, Ettore is a rebellious but idealistic youth whose lifeless body is found strewn along a bank of the Tiber River. The boy's death is immediately shelved by the authorities as a suicide.

Valerio's sorrow is immense, but even worse, it's a loss for which he feels deeply guilty; over time, the relationship with his son had become conflictual and they hadn't seen each other in months. The fiery temperament of both had created an unbridgeable distance between them.

Just as Valerio is resigned to put all the pain and bitterness behind him, he unexpectedly receives a phone call from his ex-colleague, Sara. In her expert opinion, there are many details of Ettore's suicide that don't add up, too many anomalies in the reconstruction of the presented facts. At first incredulous, Valerio soon realizes that there's plenty of truth in what Sara is asserting; for instance, why aren't the names of the agents who were on duty that night in the case report? Why is it that a patrol car from his old precinct had gone to the scene instead of one from the closest precinct? And why is one of the witnesses too afraid to speak, while another two have vanished into thin air? Too many loose ends and strange coincidences.

And so Valerio decides to go back to Rome and dig up the truth about his son's death. Hosted on the outskirts at the house of his brother Gianni (he too a cop) and his sister-in-law Lisa, he dives back into that cruel and tangled city that now treats him like an outsider.

Produced by: Publispei for RAI Italy

Cast: Alessandro Gassman, Maya Sansa, Andrea Sartoretti, Luigi Fedele a.o.



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PIECE THAT COMBINES THE PATHOS OF
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STYLISH BEAUTY OF 'MAD MEN'."

Walter Luzzolino,
Co-Founder and curator of Walter Presents

MALTESE

8 x 50' or 4 x 100'

German Highlights



Sløborn

Series / Crime + Suspense

4 x 90' or 8 x 45'

New

From the showrunner of Netflix's *Dogs of Berlin*, *Sløborn* mixes a coming-of-age drama with a pandemic thriller to tell the story of a group of islanders confronted with a fatal virus.

When two bodies are discovered in a stranded sailboat on the North Sea island of Sløborn, growing signs indicate that the bodies are carrying a deadly disease. At first the islanders are too involved in their own personal problems to comprehend the grave danger. Then the fatal virus invades the seemingly idyllic island deeper and deeper – and slowly takes complete control of their lives.

They become unbelieving witnesses of the slow collapse of law and order on the island. Suddenly the people's fate takes unexpected, radical turns. New groups constantly form, and the existential crisis is always the same: Who belongs – and who doesn't?

Produced by: Syreal Entertainment in co-production with ZDF, Tobis, Nordisk Film and ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Alexander Scheer, Wotan Wilke Möhring, Laura Tonke, Lea van Acken, Emily Kusche, Annika Kuhl, Roland Møller, Marc Benjamin, Aaron Hilmer a.o.



The Wall

Miniseries / Drama

3 x 90' or 6 x 45'

Available

Germany, in the turbulent era between 1987 and 1990. Two sisters and their grown-up children find themselves on different sides of the political fence in a rapidly disintegrating East Germany.

Margot is the oldest and a major in the State Security Service (Stasi). She's a party hardliner involved in illicit commercial dealings to procure foreign funds for the economically-stricken GDR. Lotte is a single mother of a teenage son who works in a bookshop and begins to question the system. She joins the opposition, a young environmental movement, while her son becomes radicalized under the influence of neo-Nazis.

The two women fight passionately for their respective ideals. And then there's Silvia, the youngest sister, believed drowned years earlier. She turns up in the West with a new identity and a secret to tell.

Produced by: A Gabriela Sperl production for Wiedemann & Berg Televison

Cast: Nadja Uhl, Barbara Auer, Nicolette Krebitz, Oliver Masucci, Godehard Giese a.o.

German Highlights



Freud

Series / Drama	8 x 45'
	Available

From the esteemed producers behind *A Fortunate Man*, *Das Boot* and *4 Blocks*, *Freud* is a modern crime thriller that follows the revolutionary young psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud.

Freud tells the story of Sigmund Freud just as his revolutionary theories are being met with strong opposition from colleagues. It is at this time that he meets the war veteran and policeman Alfred Kiss and notorious medium Fleur Salomé and unwittingly becomes part of a nerve-racking investigation into a murderous conspiracy.

Blending a period setting with contemporary storytelling, *Freud* is a modern, mystery crime thriller series based on the life of the celebrated doctor. The extravagant Vienna of the 1890s, famous for its decadence and the dark underbelly of its high society, is the backdrop for mysterious murders and political intrigues in the Austro-German production.

Produced by: Satel Film in co-production with Bavaria Fiction for ORF and Netflix in association with ZDF

Cast: Robert Finster, Georg Friedrich, Ella Rumpf a.o.



Ottolie von Faber-Castell

Series / Drama	2 x 90'
	Available

A brilliant young woman navigates the pitfalls of 19th century business, family and forbidden love. Germany, end of the 19th century, 16-year old Ottolie von Faber inherits her grandfather's global manufacturing business. In an exclusively male world, Ottolie must use all her talent and learning to prove herself. As she steers the business to greater success, Ottolie marries and starts a family. Never conventional, Ottolie still yearns for her former love, the dashing Philipp von Brand.

Produced by: Wiedemann & Berg Television in co-production with Wilma Film for ARD Degeto in cooperation with ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Kristin Suckow, Martin Wuttke, Johannes Zirner, Hannes Wegener, Eleonore Weisgerber, Maren Eggert, Jasmin Schwiers, Lena Klenke, Pit Bukowski, Franziska Wulf, Butz Ulrich Buse and Leslie Malton



Ku'damm 63

Miniseries / Family	3 x 90'
	Coming Soon

The internationally successful and IATAS-nominated *Ku'damm 63* series continues in *Ku'damm 63*. A powerful matriarch struggles with legacy as her daughters languish in difficult marriages. Monika faces a crisis after a miscarriage. Helga falls in love with an Argentinian dancer. Eva is blackmailing her husband and rebuilding her life, but he begins to fight back. Inevitably, mom gets involved. Can she pass the scepter on to the next generation?

Produced by: UFA Fiction for ZDF

Cast: Claudia Michelsen, Sonja Gerhardt, Maria Ehrlich, Emilia Schüle, Trystan Pütter, Sabin Tambrea, August Wittgenstein, Heino Ferch, Ulrich Noethen a.o.

English Highlights



The Fall

Series / Crime + Suspense	18 x 60' and 9 x 90'
Available	

The critically acclaimed series *The Fall* was produced by Emmy Award-winning producer Gub Neal and Julian Stevens and stars Gillian Anderson (*Hannibal*, *The X Files*) and Jamie Dornan (*Fifty Shades of Grey*, *Once Upon a Time*).

The maddeningly clever serial killer Paul Spector preys randomly on victims in and around Belfast, Northern Ireland. The local authorities have no suspects and no experience with cases involving sexually motivated serial killers. DSi Stella is drafted from the London Metropolitan Police to run the task force dedicated to solving the crime spree. As an outsider, Stella feels a certain hostility toward her, but she knows the psychology of serial killers – and where to look for them. In this case, it's tricky: Paul Spector is hiding in plain sight. He's a father and a husband leading a double life. A cat and mouse game begins...

Produced by: Artists Studio for BBC

Cast: Gillian Anderson, Jamie Dornan, John Lynch, Bronagh Waugh, Niamh McGrady, Aisling Franciosi a.o.



Dead Still

Series / Crime + Suspense	6 x 50'
Available	

Dublin, 1880. Cameras are becoming cheaper and the country is flourishing with photographic studios. However, the practice of memorial portraiture is on the wane. That is, the portrait photography of the recently deceased.

Renowned memorial photographer Brock Blennerhasset tries to revive his business after an accident, requiring the assistance of his estranged niece Nancy Vickers and his over enthusiastic new assistant Conall Molloy. After a rocky start, their working relationship begins to develop, but it appears someone more sinister is getting in on the death photography game. The investigations of Detective Frederick Regan of Dublin Castle suggest a killer may be cashing in on a developing taste for a different type of memorial imagery, in this case, pictures of people in their death throes. As the body count begins to escalate, Blennerhasset, Molloy and Nancy have to stop a murderer intent on ruining not just their business, but their lives.

Produced by: Deadpan Pictures and Shaftesbury in association with RTÉ, Acorn TV with Acorn Media Enterprises, ZDF Enterprises, and the BAI

Cast: Michael Smiley, Kerr Logan, Eileen O'Higgins, Aidan O'Hare, Jimmy Smallhorne, Mark Rendall and featuring Martin Donovan

English Highlights



Jack Taylor

Series / Crime + Suspense	9 x 90'
Available	

Set in and around Galway on Ireland's rugged western coast, Ken Bruen's bestselling *Jack Taylor* crime novels leap to life in this series of TV movies featuring the straight-shooting, big-hearted Jack Taylor. He used to be a good cop with a minor drinking habit. Now he's a private eye with a major habit for getting into trouble. Operating from a pub, he has to face his demons every day.

Still reeling from the global economic crisis, Galway offers the perfect backdrop for criminal activity. And for those untouched by the economic downfall, there's still enough criminal energy fermenting since the 60s and 70s, when the traditional social and political fabric of Ireland came apart, leaving rifts that still plague the country today. Taylor's cases reflect these upheavals, and lead him to the very abyss of human malevolence and evil...

Produced by: Magma Productions with MOLTEN ROCK MEDIA GmbH for TV3 Ireland
Cast: Iain Glen, Nora Jane Noone, Killian Scott a.o.



London Kills

Series / Crime + Suspense	10 x 60'
Available	

The world's most exciting city is the backdrop for a series of murders – all investigated by an elite murder squad. This specialist group is headed by the highly experienced Detective Inspector David Bradford. He has just come back to work after compassionate leave – his wife has been missing for three months. David's team is comprised of ambitious Detective Sergeant Vivienne Cole who plays by her own rules, seasoned crime-solver Detective Constable Rob Brady and inexperienced Trainee Detective Constable Billie Fitzgerald.

As the detectives solve each murder case – the staged suicide of an MP's son, the mysterious death of a man at his bachelor party, a killing on a houseboat, a woman's body washed up by the Thames, and the stabbing of one of his own team – the one case David can't solve is the one most personal to him. Where is his wife?

Produced by: PGMTV for Acorn Media Enterprises
Cast: Hugo Speer, Sharon Small, Bailey Patrick, Tori Allen-Martin, Jennie Jacques

English Highlights



Queens of Mystery

Series / Crime + Suspense	3 x 90'
	Available

Beth, Cat and Jane Stone are crime-writing sisters whose personal lives are about to collide with their professional ones. Together with their niece Mattie, who has been newly promoted to Detective Sergeant, they need all their combined skills of detection when they are swept up in a series of murders that they must solve together.

So when disaster strikes at a literary festival during the presentation of the 'Golden Pick-Axe' award, and then again and again all over Wildemarsh, the Stone sisters have to draw on their skills to solve the mystery. Perhaps this will help them come to terms with the mystery of Mattie's mother's disappearance, which has been haunting them since she vanished when Mattie was just three years old. As danger comes ever closer, the race to resolve the case and catch the murderer before anyone else gets hurt intensifies.

Produced by: Sly Fox Productions for Acorn TV

Cast: Olivia Vinall, Julie Graham, Siobhan Redmond, Sarah Woodward a.o.



Pitching In

Series / Family	5 x 45'
	Available

Recent widower Frank is struggling to cope with the demands of managing his life and his holiday park, Daffodil Dunes, when he is shaken up by the surprise arrival of his family from Manchester. It soon becomes clear that Frank's daughter Carys and grandson Dylan are here to stay, and Frank reluctantly cedes control of the park to his disorganised and unpredictable daughter.

These new arrivals make waves not only for Frank, but also in the lives of several of the locals in Glan Mor. From Iona Griffiths, who had her eye on both Frank and his land, to Danny, an old flame of Carys' who now runs the local pub, drama begins to unfold across the Welsh village. In this gentle comedy about family, friendship and caravans, will the community pull together around Frank's park, and can Glan Mor's new arrivals find a home beyond the city they left behind?

Produced by: LA Productions for Acorn TV

Cast: Larry Lamb, Hayley Mills, Caroline Sheen a.o.

English Highlights



The South Westerlies

Series / Drama	6 x 52'
	New

Woman of a certain age Kate Ryan (Orla Brady) hates that descriptor – she's "only 48 for god's sake." Based in Dublin, working as an Environmental Compliance consultant for Norwegian energy giant Noreg Oil, she's on the verge of a lucrative promotion and transfer to HQ in Oslo. But there's a caveat; a final assignment for NorskVentus (Noreg Oil's new wind-power subsidiary).

Despite getting planning permission for their wind farm, offshore from the West Cork town of Carrigeen, ongoing local protests are creating a PR clusterfuck. Kate must go undercover to Carrigeen, quash objections before the six-week appeals deadline and smooth the path for imminent turbine installation, or her promotion is off the table.

Produced by: Deadpan Pictures for RTÉ Ireland and Acorn Media Enterprises, TV2 Norway

Cast: Orla Brady, Eileen Walsh a.o.



Reef Doctors

Series / Family	13 x 45'
	Available

Australia's Great Barrier Reef – awe-inspiring, otherworldly, and full of venomous creatures. On one of the islands there is the Reef's only medical practice. Its boss is Dr Sam Stewart, a passionate venomologist. She and her staff form the heart of this fast-paced Jonathan M. Shiff co-production that combines nail-biting action-adventure, rocky yet warm-hearted relationships and quirky humor. Their daily work ranges from handling deadly snakebites and jellyfish stings, to severe tropical diseases.

Produced by: Jonathan M. Shiff Productions Pty. Ltd., Screen Queensland Pty. Ltd. for Network 10 Australia

Cast: Lisa McCune, Susan Hoecke, Richard Brancatisano a.o.



House Husbands

Series / Family	60 x 45'
	Available

The Logie award-winning and top rated Australian drama *House Husbands* centers on four modern families with one thing in common: the men are in charge of raising the kids. Finding themselves severely outnumbered by all the mothers at the school drop-off zone, the four men band together and help each other as they face the challenges of raising a young family. Set in Melbourne, the series focuses on their interconnected families and friends and is a fresh and dynamic look at Australian family life.

Produced by: Playmaker Media for Channel 9 Australia

Cast: Rhys Muldoon, Firass Dirani, Gary Sweet, Gyton Grantley a.o.

French Highlights



The Crimson Rivers

Series / Crime + Suspense	16 x 50'
4K / UHD	Available 3rd in Production

Set in a macabre world of gruesome crimes and harrowing rituals, *The Crimson Rivers* is a breathtaking eight-part series based on the best-selling novel of the same name. Author Jean-Christophe Grangé, who also penned the successful feature film adaptations, is the creative force behind this gripping thriller.

Fearless hero Pierre Niémans has a new partner by his side, Camille Delauney. She may be younger, but she's just as ruthless and relentless. He's an old-school pragmatist; she's a street kid with a reputation. The sharp and witty duo will stop at nothing to hunt down the next killer. Bizarre cases take them to the most remote regions of France and to the abyss of the human psyche.

Unique components of the series give viewers rare insight into France and the French culture. Niémans and Delauney investigate all across the country on their quest to solve extremely complex cases which invariably involve a shocking brutality far beyond the capacity of local police departments. The two are thrust into isolated provinces with grandiose scenery and solidly rooted traditions. Each case provides an opportunity to discover an aspect of French history or beliefs grounded in local culture, and each has a mystical touch, based on regional myths or forgotten customs. In the end, the resolutions somehow always make sense.

The episodes take us from forests to orphanages to monasteries, with one crime more horrific than the next.

In the series pilot, a corpse is discovered in a forest just across the border. The body belongs to the heir to one of the biggest fortunes in Germany. When his cousin's body is also found, a clan of Roma gypsies puts Niémans and Delauney on the track of a rumored family curse. Our duo of French detectives also finds parallels between the killer's modus operandi and the ritual of Pirsch, or hunting by stalking.

The Crimson Rivers is inspired by *True Detective* and *Sherlock* as well as feature films like *Mystic River*, *Seven* or *Zodiac* – with a clear European tone and feel.

César Award nominee Olivier Marchal portrays a striking Pierre Niémans in the series.

Produced by: STORIA TELEVISION in co-production with MAZE PICTURES for France Télévisions and ZDF in cooperation with ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Olivier Marchal, Erika Sainte, Ken Duken, Nora Waldstätten a.o.



Award:

- Festival de la fiction TV de La Rochelle 2018 – Nominee for Best Series



French Highlights



Beyond Appearances

Series / Drama	6 x 52'
	Available

The family drama *Beyond Appearances* is a tale of deception and betrayal as it follows the disappearance of the twin of a famous actress and long-buried family secrets are revealed.

Manon and Alexandra, twin sisters, are as different as night and day. Manon is a devoted schoolteacher, discreet and quiet. Her twin sister Alexandra is a successful actress living in Paris. The day before their 40th birthday, Manon disappears. Her car is eventually found close to her home, stuck in mud along a mountain road.

Alexandra soon realizes that her sister stole some of her clothes to impersonate her. Meanwhile, her older brother Guillaume has flashes: the night of his sister's disappearance, he was drunk and he remembers being violent with her. The family is torn between those who think he is guilty, and those who think he is innocent.

Produced by: KAM&KA, with the participation of FRANCE TELEVISIONS and the CNC, with the support of La Région Grand Est

Cast: Helena Noguerra, Pascal Demolon, Bruno Wolkowitch, Sylvie Granotier, Clément Aubert, Hélène Seuzaret, Cyrielle Debreuil



Anomalia

Series / Drama	8 x 45'
	Available

In *Anomalia*, a French Swiss fantasy series at the crossroads of science and faith, a neurosurgeon makes the shocking discovery that she has healing powers.

Having recently separated from her husband, neurosurgeon Valérie Rossier moves back to her native region of Gruyère with her son Lucas. Upon taking up her new position working under the renowned Professor Wassermann, strange events occur through which she gradually discovers her healing powers – to her great dismay. Can rectifying an error from the past influence the present?

Tormented characters and contrasting worlds that are spellbinding and sometimes frightening. A fantasy series at the crossroads of science and faith.

Produced by: Point Prod. for RTS Swiss

Cast: Natacha Regnier, Didier Bezace, Isabelle Caillat, Iannis Jaccoud, Donovan Oberson a.o.



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VOLTAIRE IN LOVE

4 x 52'

Belgian Highlights



Over Water

Series / Drama	20 x 45'
Available	

In the Flemish psychological drama series *Over Water*, a man with a troubled past gets a second chance to do right by his family and is faced with old demons and new temptations. John Beckers is a former TV celebrity whose addiction to drinking and heavy gambling led him down a dark path. When his wife and two kids give him one last ultimatum to get his life back on track and regain their trust, John starts to work at his father-in-law's shipping company with renewed courage. Before long, he makes the wrong choices with the right intentions and finds himself in the midst of dangerous dealings on the Antwerp docks...

Produced by: Panenka NV in co-production with VRT/Eén - Telenet

Cast: Tom Dewispleare, Herman Gilis, Natali Broods, Kevin Janssens, Ruth Becquart a.o.

Tabula Rasa

Series / Drama	9 x 50'
Available	

Veerle Baetens stars in this suspenseful Belgian thriller about a young woman with amnesia who holds the key to solving a mysterious disappearance, but the more she remembers the less she trusts the people around her or herself. Mie, a young woman with amnesia is locked up in a psychiatric hospital. She is visited by Detective Inspector Wolkers, who claims that she was the last person to be seen with Thomas Spectre. As a witness and prime suspect, she could hold the key to his mysterious disappearance.

Produced by: Caviar for VRT in co-production with ZDFNeo and ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Veerle Baetens, Stijn Van Opstal, Jeroen Perceval, Gene Bervoets, Natali Broods, Hilde Van Mieghem, Peter Van Den Begin, François Beukelaers, Lynn Van Royen, Tom Audenaert



Highway of Love

Series / Drama	10 x 50'
Available	

The series centers on the Chaussée d'Amour, an infamous Belgian thoroughfare. When Sylvia Carlier unexpectedly inherits a brothel, she must make the best of a situation that seemingly can't get any worse. Fleeing with her two children from a crumbling marriage, she is left with little choice but to master the world's oldest profession. And just when Sylvia begins to accept her new role as Lady of the House, officer Ludo Beets comes knocking with a grim new development: a body has been found underneath the Highway.

Produced by: deMENSEN for Telenet Belgium

Cast: Tiny Bertels, Günther Lesage, Reinhilde Declerq, Renéé Fokker, Ruth Becquart, Naomi Veilssariou, Adrian Sack, Josse de Pauw, Jos Verbist, Dirk Roofthoof a.o.

Clan

Series / Crime + Suspense	10 x 50'
Available	

A deliciously black comedy series, which tells the story of a plot by four sisters to murder the fifth sister's husband, and the deadly outcome. The close bond between the women frayed after Goedele's marriage, and her sisters devise a host of ingenious strategies to get rid of their unlikeable brother-in-law. But committing the crime proves more difficult than they expected. His eventual death attracts the attention of two insurance agents who delve deep into the sisters' private lives.

Produced by: Caviar Films for VTM Belgium

Cast: B. Sarafian, K. Van Pellicom, R. Becquart, M. Neuville, I. Paulussen, D. Roofthoof a.o.

Nordic Noir Highlights



Stockholm Requiem

Series / Crime + Suspense	10 x 45'
	Available

Brutal violence shakes the capital of Stockholm in the new original TV series, co-produced by TV4 and C More in Sweden together with ZDF, Germany.

The series is based on Kristina Ohlsson's bestsellers, and tells the story of criminologist Fredrika Bergman, who starts working as an enquiry agent at the Stockholm police after a tragic car accident.

Fredrika Bergman is played by Liv Mjönes, star from *Torpederna*. In other lead roles, we find the highly acclaimed and praised Jonas Karlsson as well as Alexej Manvelov (*Innan vi dör*).

Produced by: Black Spark Film & TV and Kärnfilm in association with Nice Drama in co-production with TV4, C-More, Film Capital Stockholm, ZDF and ZDF Enterprises GmbH and LUNANIME BVBA in association with Co Made

Cast: Liv Mjönes, Jonas Karlsson, Alexej Manvelov, Mikael Birkjaer, Sanna Sundqvist, Magnus Roosmann, Annika Hallin a.o.



Top Dog

Series / Drama	8 x 45'
	Available

From the acclaimed producers of *Bron*, *Top Dog* focuses primarily on the clash between Stockholm business attorney Emily Jansson and Söderläje ex-con Teddy Maksumic.

Emily is an aspiring "Top Dog" who wants to make her way up in the firm. Teddy has recently become an underdog and wants to get out of the mafia.

In order to achieve her goal, Emily has to find Philip, the son of the firm's most important client, who has been kidnapped. In order to leave his old life, Teddy has to find Philip's kidnapper. Their paths cross on their respective missions, which is the beginning of an unorthodox collaboration and a highly unusual friendship. Emily has the knowledge, resources and a behind-the-scenes perspective on the finest of venues. He has the experience, muscles and access to serious criminal players. Together, they become an unstoppable duo.

Produced by: Filmlance International in co-production with TV4/C MORE Sweden, ZDF and ZDF Enterprises GmbH

Cast: Josefin Asplund, Alexej Manvelov, Joel Spira, Christian Hillborg a.o.

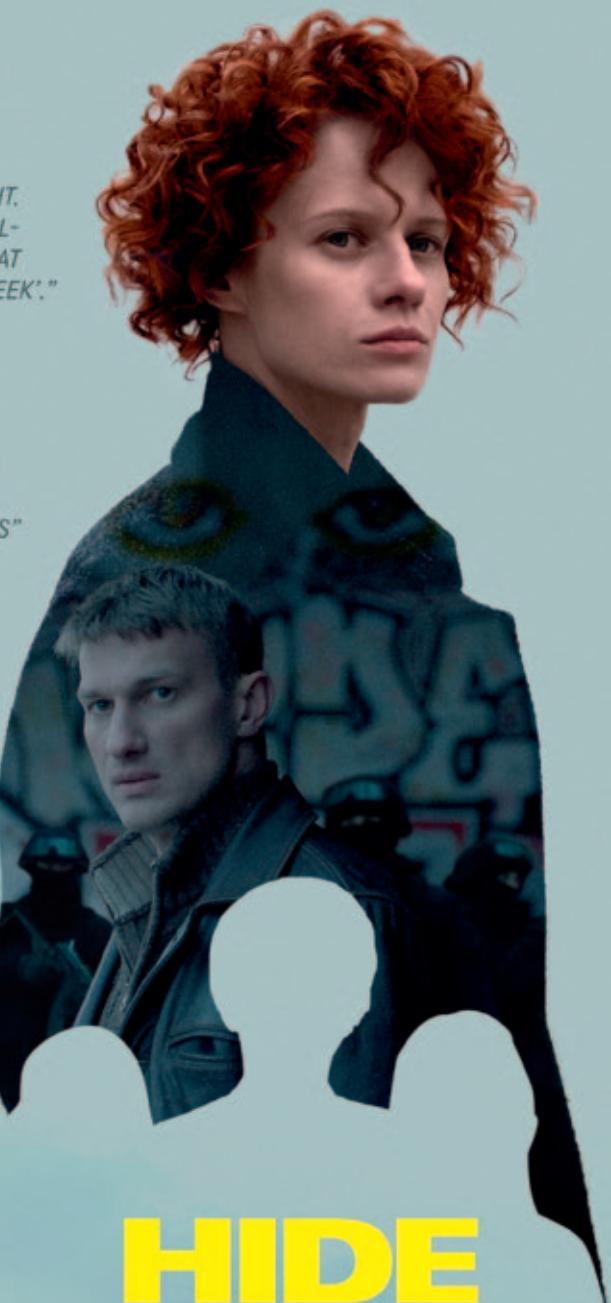


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C21Media



HIDE AND SEEK

8 x 50'



Nordic Noir Highlights



Bron | Broen

Series / Crime + Suspense

38 x 60'

Available

There are multiple remakes of this Nordic noir thriller including *The Bridge* (US/Mexico) and *The Tunnel* (UK/France), but the original Scandinavian series *Bron | Broen* remains inimitable.

Saga Norén is an exceptionally talented Swedish investigator. But she has difficulty dealing with people and puts facts above empathy. She needs to solve the case of a body found on the middle of the Øresund Bridge which links Copenhagen with Malmö. A truly bizarre detail: Half the body belongs to a female Swedish politician and the other half to a Danish prostitute. The killer is a “moral terrorist,” who lays out his agenda in messages addressed to the media and designed to show society how corrupt it has become.

This is how the thriller series that achieved international cult status begins.

Produced by: Filmlance International (SE) & Nimbus Film Produktion (DK) in co-production with SVT, DR, ZDF, ZDF Enterprises, Film I Skane, NRK, Lumiere Group & Film I Väst

Cast: Sofia Helin, Thure Lindhardt, Reuben Sallmander, Sonja Richter a.o.

Awards:



9 festivals wins and 21 nominations, including Bafta TV Award



Before we Die

Series / Drama

18 x 60'

Available

Before we Die is more than a crime thriller, it's also a heartbreakingly family drama, centered on a mother and son – a police detective and an infiltrator.

Police officer Hanna (61) is a fading star in the organized crime unit of the Stockholm Police. On the home front, her son, Christian, has severed all ties with her, as she's the one who caused his arrest and subsequent two-year imprisonment for drug possession.

When her lover and colleague is abducted, Hanna must take over his undercover investigation of a criminal biker gang as well as protect a mysterious informant – who turns out to be her son! The organization Christian infiltrates is a close-knit Croatian family, the Mimicas. Everything Hanna and Christian are missing in their private lives, the Mimicas have in abundance. So when these two worlds collide, everything is put at risk.

Produced by: B-Reel Film Productions in co-production with Sveriges Television and ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Marie Richardson, Adam Palsson and Alexej Manvelov a.o.

Nordic Noir Highlights



The Team

Series / Crime + Suspense	16 x 60'
	Available

Criminals don't stop at borders, and neither should the police. *The Team* portrays a group of European police officers fighting international crime throughout Europe. In the first season, the case revolves around three prostitutes in Antwerp, Berlin and Copenhagen who are found dead – only hours after a Belgian Journalist visited them. *The Team Reloaded* features a new group of investigators who join forces to solve a multiple homicide linked to the international art world and terrorist financing.

Produced by: Network Movie in co-production with Lunanime, Nordisk Film, Superfilm and C-Films, and in association with ZDF, DR, VTM a.o.

Cast: Jürgen Vogel, Marie Bach Hansen, Lynn van Royen a.o.

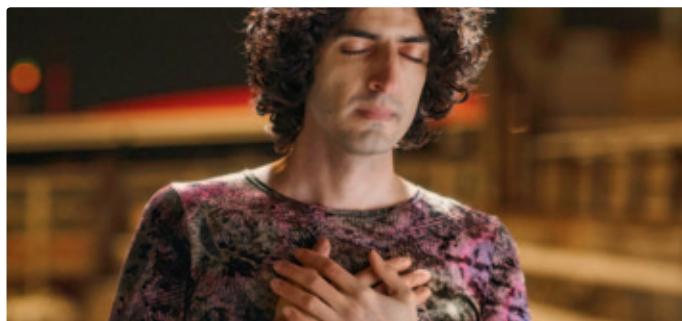
Arne Dahl

Series / Crime + Suspense	25 x 60'
	Available

In true Scandinavian fashion, this thriller series based on Arne Dahl's award-winning, bestselling crime novels is gripping and dark. The popularity of Arne Dahl's crime novels has long since spilled over the borders of Scandinavia. Revolving around a tight-knit team of specialists, the hardcore thrillers explore the darkest sides of society, everywhere. To prevent the worst, the unit has to uncover the killer's inner motives and hidden objectives. They run against time, and sometimes they win.

Produced by: Filmlance International AB for SVT Sweden

Cast: I. Lindh, C. Ljungmark, M. Arvidsson, M. Samuelsson



Everything I don't remember

Series / Drama	2 x 90'
	Available

A young man is killed in a car accident, and a mother's world is turned upside down. Especially when she is told that her son might have crashed his car on purpose. Her quest leads her to the two people who were closest to Samuel prior to his death: his best friend Vandad, a violent hoodlum with a big secret, and Laide, a successful high society business lawyer.

Produced by: Black Spark & Kärnfilm Production AB for SVT Sweden

Cast: Armand Mirpour , Siham Shurafa, Pablo Levia Wenger, Pernilla August, Anita Ekström a.o.



Thicker Than Water

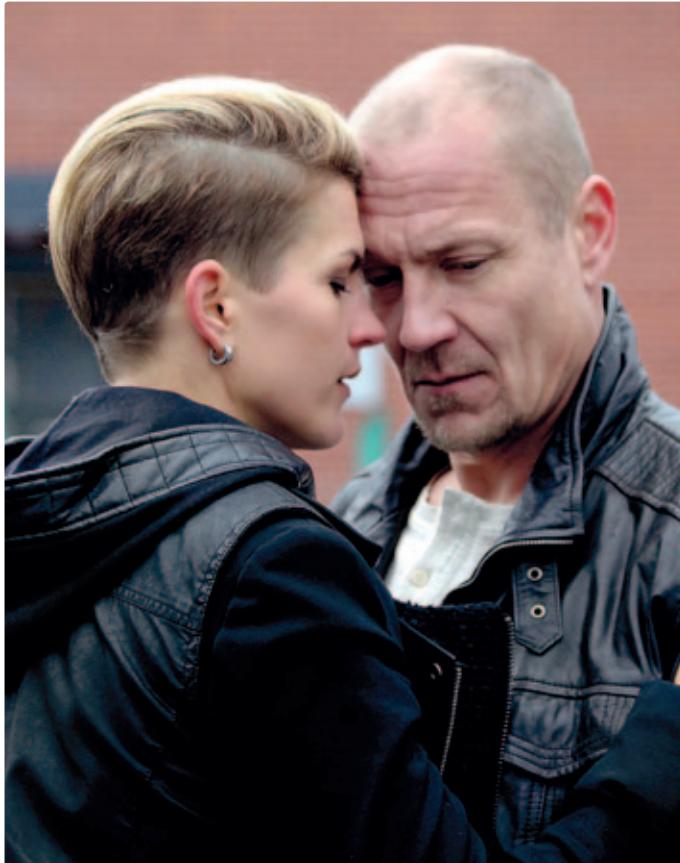
Series / Drama	27 x 60'
	New Episodes

Anna-Lisa Waldemar runs a lodge on an island in the Swedish Ålandic archipelago with her son Oskar. She mysteriously summons her eldest son and daughter home, the first time the family has been reunited in years. It's another shock when Anna-Lisa is found dead. Her will stipulates the siblings must run the boarding house together for the season – or no one will inherit a thing. As they confront their past and struggle with current emotions, they will find out whether blood truly is thicker than water...

Produced by: Nice Drama for SVT Sweden and Viaplay

Cast: Joel Spira, Ailette Opheim, Björn Bengtsson a.o.

Nordic Noir Highlights



Welcome To Texas

Series / Crime + Suspense	20 x 45'
	New Episodes

Stunningly shot by cinematographer Matti Eerikäinen (*Roba, Bordertown*), *Welcome to Texas* is an intense ten-part drama about a married couple who lead a smuggling operation in a small Finnish town close to the Russian border and are drawn into the world of international organized crime, while trying to protect their family.

This beautifully shot and intense drama takes place in Kotka, near the eastern border of Finland. Tuula and Upi have bought a house to settle in their hometown. This is the Russian Frontier, their Wild West, where they set up a successful smuggling ring. Their gang runs everything from drugs to weapons across the Russian border. Tuula and Upi have vowed to be honest with each other, but when difficulties arise, the promise is broken.

Produced by: Warner Bros. International Television Production Finland for MTV Finland

Cast: Maria Ylipää, Turkka Mastomäki, Saara Kotaniemi, Joonas Saartamo, Maria Järvenhelmi a.o.



Tellus

Series / Drama	6 x 50'
	Available

Over the past four years, a group of young activists known under the name of Tellus have carried out a series of eco-motivated sabotages against corporations and institutions whom they consider to be destroying the Earth. They've been successful so far; but when their first mistake accidentally kills someone, the hunt is on. The group needs to make a decision: stop, continue – or take it to the next level: deliberate murder.

Produced by: YLE Finland

Cast: Minka Kuustonen, Lauri Tilkkanen, Pirkka-Pekka Petelius



Blue Eyes

Series / Drama	10 x 60'
	Available

Sweden is preparing its general elections when right-wing politician Annika Nilsson is murdered. In her hunt for scapegoats, her daughter Sofia comes across a violent, extreme-right movement called Veritas. They plan a spectacular bombing of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. Meanwhile, in the Ministry of Justice, Elin Hammar becomes aware that something is wrong in the department. Not only are important documents missing, but her predecessor also disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

Produced by: Strix Drama in collaboration with SVT and Film iVäst

Cast: Louise Peterhoff, Sven Nordin, Karin Franz Körlof, Kjell Wilhelmsen, David Lindström, a.o.

Nordic Noir Highlights



The Dying Detective

Series / Crime + Suspense

3 x 60'

Available

Lars Martin Johansson, a legendary homicide detective, known in the police force as "The man who could see around corners" is now retired and living a different rather boring life. After having suffered a stroke, Johansson finds himself confined to a wheelchair. His old life as a detective suddenly grabs hold of him again, as his doctor tells a horrible story about the 25-year-old unsolved murder of a nine year old girl. Instead of resting and following doctors orders, he returns to the field accompanied by his friend and former colleague Jeanette Eriksson to investigate the murder. The case faces unexpected consequences, not least for Lars Martin Johansson himself.

Produced by: SVT (SE) in co-production with DR & Svenska Yle with support from the Nordvision fund

Cast: Rolf Lassgård, Helena af Sandeberg, Alexej Manvelov, Henrik Norlén, Per Svensson

Death of a Pilgrim

Series / Crime + Suspense

4 x 60'

Available

This four-part drama centers on the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme in 1986. Rolf Lassgård (Wallander thrillers) plays the Chief of Sweden's National Criminal Police, who, more than 20 years later, vows to solve the case once and for all. The newest track leads to a young journalist who committed suicide back then. Although his personal items were examined by the police, the investigation was soon closed, despite the discovery of a manuscript claiming that Palme was a spy...

Produced by: Sveriges Television AB

Cast: Rolf Lassgård, Helena af Sandeberg, Henrik Norlén, Ellen Jelinek a.o.



The Fourth Man

Series / Crime + Suspense

3 x 60'

Available

Stockholm. Lars Martin Johansson has just been appointed chief of the Swedish Security Police. Lars' curiosity is aroused when new suspects are added to the file on the 1975 terrorist attack on the West-German embassy. Lars sets up a task force, but the Prime Minister wants him to check on Helena Stein instead, a lawyer and politician admired for her high moral standards. Lars discovers a connection between Stein and the 1975 embassy attack. And the deeper he digs, the more Stein's involvement seems undeniable.

Produced by: Sveriges Television AB

Cast: Rolf Lassgård, Helena af Sandeberg, Shima Niavarani, Per Svensson a.o.

Sebastian Bergmann

Series / Crime + Suspense

4 x 90'

Available

Rolf Lassgård (Wallander), one of Scandinavia's most popular actors, plays Sweden's leading police profiler Sebastian Bergman, a brilliant but troubled, strong-headed man. In the first of the two thrillers, he helps police in his home town solve the murder of a 15-year-old boy who had an affair with one of his teachers. In the second, Bergman attempts to catch a serial killer who seems to be modeling his attacks on those of a jailed killer whom Bergman brought behind bars himself...

Produced by: SVT, Tre Vänner, ZDF and Network Movie in association with ZDF Enterprises

Cast: Rolf Lassgård, Gunnar Fred, Tomas Laustiola, Moa Silén a.o.

Nordic Noir Highlights



Johan Falk

Series / Crime + Suspense	17 x 90'
17 Episodes in 3 Seasons	Available

Johan Falk is an original, authentic and emotionally thrilling crime collection based on actual cases from Swedish SSI files. Installments are stand-alone but contribute to an overall story arc.

When normal people think crime, they mean murder, kidnappings, drug dealing and the like. But police professionals consider this merely to be the “Third Division.” The first league of crime is much more dangerous, deadly, and almost impossible to fight. In the seemingly well-ordered and peaceful city of Gothenburg in Sweden, a special ops unit, called GSI, is put together to fight the truly dangerous criminals: former secret service agents, KGB assassins and their like who are involved in all aspects of international organized crime. Special police officer Johan Falk and his team use extraordinary methods and sting operations to bring down crime syndicates.

Produced by: Strix Drama AB for TV4 Sweden

Cast: Jakob Eklund, Joel Kinnaman, Mikael Tornving, Jens Hultén, a.o.



The Protectors

Series / Crime + Suspense	20 x 60'
Available	

In today's world, violence and terror have become increasingly globalized. For this reason, the Danish government has set up the elite Personal Protection Unit whose top bodyguards form a tight-knit community of friends who live and work together.

This suspenseful crime series focuses on the interesting lives and missions of the specialists and their superiors, while also portraying the people they protect and those they protect them from.

Produced by: DR-TV in association with ZDF, ZDF Enterprises, NRK, SVT

Cast: Cecilie Stenspil, Søren Vejby, André Babikian, Thomas W. Gabrielsson a.o.



Award:

- International Emmy® 2009 – Best Drama Series

ZDF Family



This House is Mine

Miniseries / Drama

2 x 90'

Coming Soon

A farmhouse in the picturesque Old Country is the setting for the lovingly quirky story about a past Germany. Together they tell a compelling and heartfelt story about uprooted people and their inherent attraction to and desires for country life. Living on the same farm she and her mother were stranded on as war refugees in the late 40s, Vera is averse to any kind of change. Needless to say, she's not thrilled when her half-sister's daughter, Marlene, shows up with her 4-year-old son.

Produced by: UFA Fiction

Cast: Iris Berben, Nina Kunzendorf, Svenja Liesau, Milan Peschel, Peter Kurth, Maria Erlich, Matthias Matschke a.o.

Ger-many

Miniseries / Drama

4 x 52'

New

The Schneider and Pielcke families have lived next door to each other in a quiet suburb for years. Their sons David and Marvin are the same age, they're friends, and go to the same school. However, a right-wing populist party has just taken over the German government after being elected by an absolute majority. These political changes quickly begin to affect the daily lives of two families who hold opposing views.

Produced by: Bantry Bay Productions GmbH

Cast: Milena DreiBig, Thorsten Merten, Johannes Geller, Meike Droste, Felix Knopp a.o.



Marie is on Fire

Collections / Love + Romance

10 x 60'

New Episodes

Marie is on Fire is a family series centered around a volunteer fire department in picture-book Bavaria. At the heart of the drama is Marie, a single parent who believes in holding onto the good things in life, even if it means stretching herself to the limit. In the latest episodes, Marie meets Luisa, the owner of a horse ranch. Luisa can no longer afford the life she leads and Marie comes up with a brilliant solution (*Loneliness Yesterday's News*). Marie's conscience is tested when the wife of a colleague is diagnosed with cancer and asks her to keep the illness a secret, even from her own children (*Nothing but the truth*).

Produced by: Wiedemann & Berg Television

Cast: Christine Eixenberger, Stefan Murr, Wolfgang Fierek, Saskia Vester, Katharina Müller-Elmau, Sylta Fee Wegmann, Moritz Regenauer, Jonas Holdenrieder

Spring Fever

Collections / Love + Romance

27 x 90'

New Episodes

Katja is a true jack-of-all-trades. In the small village of Spring Time, Bavaria, she works as a social worker, nurse, farm hand, home help and a nanny and she does it all with a large scoop of empathy, warmth and humor. Katja takes care of things in a no-nonsense manner, that's her approach to every aspect of life, no matter if it is the life of the villagers or her own. And that can cause trouble, especially when it comes to romance.

Produced by: TeamWorx, Seven Dogs Filmproduktion

Cast: Simone Thomalla, Carolyn Genzkow, Marco Girneth a.o.

ZDF Medical



Betty's Call

Series / Family	122 x 45'
Available	

Nurse Betty knows that 4.5 minutes is the average time that a nurse spends attending a patient in her big-city hospital. But she also knows that her remarkable intuition will complicate her carefully planned schedule just long enough to give a frightened patient an encouraging smile, or a hesitant new nurse a bit of a cheering up. After all, doctors aren't Gods in white. *Betty's Call* is an emotional and humorous medical series that looks at hospital life from the nurse's point of view.

Produced by: Network Movie (Cologne)

Cast: Bettina Lamprecht, Maximilian Grill, Theresa Unterberg, Carolin Walter a.o.

Alpine Rescue

Series / Family	70 x 90'
New Episodes	

Against the backdrop of the Austrian Alps unfolds a spectacular adventure series with a you-are-there immediacy: *Alpine Rescue* brings much more than mountain-climbing thrills to TV. The emphasis is on "rescue" as we follow the exploits of a team of dedicated doctors who sometimes don't see eye to eye, but who agree that their priority is to save lives, whether on wind-lashed peaks or in abandoned caves. They know the mountains are unforgivable – yet they keep risking their own lives to save those of others.

Produced by: ndF – neue deutsche Filmgesellschaft Berlin

Cast: Hans Sigl, Heinz Marecek, Stefanie von Poser, Markus Brandl a.o.



Flickering Hearts – Lifeline, Loveline

Series / Daily	255 x 45'
Available	

Welcome to Sonnenberg, where the unspoiled beauty of the Alpine foothills and of a picturesque lake sets the scene for a panorama of stories unfolding in a small family-run clinic. Strokes of fate and medical challenges are everyday fare for the clinic's staff. But there are also light, humorous moments that bring welcome relief from the stress of being nearly always on call. And there's romance and passion, as well as relationships straining under the daily pressure.

Produced by: Bavaria Fernsehproduktion

Cast: Various

The Country Doctor

Series / Family	291 x 45'
Available	

Dr Karsten Mattiesen runs a medical practice in a small village situated in the lush countryside of Germany. He has dedicated his life to solving the problems and ailments of the people of the region. Shockingly, when Dr Mattiesen is killed during the tragic rescue of a child, his successor Dr Teschner finds himself trying to follow in the footsteps of a local legend. Only a budding relationship with Mattiesen's ex-wife, Annamarie, keeps the new doctor from leaving the region.

Produced by: Novafilm Fernsehproduktion GmbH

Cast: Wayne Carpendale, Caroline Scholze, Lea Faßbender, Niels Bruno Schmidt, Gerhard Olschewski, Franziska Troegner a.o.

ZDF Love + Romance

**A Table in Provence**

TV Movies / Love + Romance

2 x 90'

New

Set in the breathtaking landscape of southern France, *A Table in Provence* interweaves a complex family saga into a clever medical drama.

When her father, a general practitioner, passes away, nurse Véronique returns to her hometown in Provence and makes some challenging life decisions. While tempted to return to her life in Hamburg, Véronique ultimately decides to stay in Provence with her daughter and try to rebuild her broken family. With her father's passing, there's a vacancy to fill at her family's practice and the new doctor from Paris – Dr Hugo – is as capable as he is handsome.

In times of emergency, Dr Hugo and Véronique make a good team, but things get even more complicated as sparks begin to fly between them.

Produced by: Polyphon / win win Film

Cast: Friederike Linke, Nico Rogner, Sabine Vitua, Peter Benedict, Catherine Flemming, Andreas Hoppe, Helen Woigk, Gilbert von Sohlern, Andy Gätjen a.o.

**Ella Schön**

Collections / Love + Romance

6 x 90'

New Episodes

Ella Schön is a woman with Asperger's syndrome who finds it difficult to express emotion. She's straight to the point and tells it like it is. When her husband dies, Ella plans to sell their second house near the Baltic Sea. To her surprise, it's occupied by her husband's mistress, Christina, who is also pregnant with his child. As if things weren't already sufficiently complicated – Christina refuses to move out.

Linked by fate, the two very different women share the house and everyday life together. Ella is an aspiring lawyer, analytical, and brutally honest. Christina, a single mother and café owner, is chaotic and intuitive. In their own unique ways, the two women enhance the lives of the residents of their community and ultimately, each other.

Produced by: Dreamtool Entertainment

Cast: Annette Frier, Julia Richter, Josef Heynert, Esther Esche, Erner Lustig a.o.

ZDF Love + Romance

**Lena Lorenz**

Collections / Love + Romance

21 x 90'

New Episodes

Fed up with a hectic life in Berlin, Lena Lorenz packs her bags and heads back to her family's farm in the Alpine foothills. However, life back home is not as relaxing as she expected.

Lena works as a midwife, and she selflessly puts all of her energy into her work. One day it may be a difficult home birth, the next, a mother may arrive with two fathers in tow. Lena tirelessly cares for everyone who asks for her help, no matter what. Along with the surprises, tragedies, and joy the job brings to her and her patients – Lena's private life is a drama of its own. Her mother is still reeling from her father's death, her grandfather is aging and stubborn, and Lena still wants to maintain a relationship with Quirin, the love of her life. At the end of a very busy day, it's easy for Lena to forget herself.

Produced by: Zieglerfilm**Cast:** Patricia Aulitzky, Eva Mattes, Fred Stillkrauth a.o.**Tonio & Julia**

Collections / Love + Romance

10 x 90'

New Episodes

After a rough breakup with her boyfriend in Berlin, Julia returns to her hometown in Bavaria to work as a family therapist in a church organization. To her surprise, her new colleague, Pastor Tonio, was a childhood friend of hers. Julia quickly warms up to her old friend, but Tonio senses that her return may put his commitment to God to the test. At first, work is slow as Julia struggles to gain the trust of the locals in the community, but her persistence pays off, and soon she and Tonio have their hands full at the marriage and family counseling center.

However, as an office friendship begins to turn into something more serious, the two colleagues and lifelong friends must make some difficult decisions for themselves.

Produced by: Studio.TV.Film**Cast:** Oona Devi Liebich, Maximilian Grill, Dietrich Adam, Lara Mandoki a.o.

ZDF Crime + Suspense / Procedurals

**Rookies**

Series / Crime + Suspense	12 x 45'
Season 2 in Production	New

The crime series *Rookies* takes a refreshing look at police work as it follows young police academy recruits both in and outside of the classroom as they solve their first homicide cases.

During their internship semester, students at the Police Academy in Halle an der Saale face their first homicide cases. It's up to them to solve these cases, with the support of their instructors from the homicide division. As expected, these beginners make mistakes, constantly learning new things on their journey to becoming trained detectives.

In each episode of *Rookies*, a case is dissected, discussed and solved, with plenty of interaction between the worlds of college and real life. In addition, the series follows the personal lives of the students, instructors and trainers.

Produced by: Studio.TV.Film

Cast: Jane Chirwa, Luise von Finckh, François Goeske, Larissa Marolt, Timmi Trinks, Neil Malik Abdullah, Esther Schweins, Salvatore Greco, Steffen Groth, Gedeon Burkhard a.o.

**Hamburg Dockland**

Series / Crime + Suspense	328 x 45'
	Available

Set in the docks and harbor district of Hamburg, this German series uniquely combines police procedure with emotional medical drama.

The police officers of the 21st Precinct are on duty in a tough district: Hamburg's docklands and harbor district, from red-light zones to luxury villas. New challenges, new conflicts and new crimes every day. They work hand in hand with the medical doctors of the local hospital because crime often leads to casualties. They make split second decisions and adapt to every situation. Saving lives is a priority, those of the victims and the criminals. But this causes conflicts between the saviors in white and the helpers in green. Two dashing teams of police and doctors make *Hamburg Dockland* doubly exciting.

Produced by: Studio Hamburg

Cast: Matthias Schloo, Sanna Englund, Frank Vockroth, Rhea Harder, Fabian Harloff a.o.

ZDF Crime + Suspense / Procedurals



The Old Fox

Series / Crime + Suspense	433 x 60'
	Available

The Old Fox is a proven crime series still going strong after 30 years on the air. Centered on a senior investigator of the homicide division of the Munich Police, it's a proven crime series that holds its own among younger competitors.

Each Old Fox has a different personality and investigating style. Erwin Köster is a lone wolf but extremely keen-witted and solves cases with a dry sense of humor. Leo Kress is more of a team player but no less tenacious while Rolf Herzog is characteristically warm and patient. And Richard Voss brings physical vigor to his confidence-inspiring inspector. But one thing they all have in common: Dedication. To the job and their team.

With its subdued, psychologically penetrating and expertly crafted dramaturgy, *The Old Fox* has helped establish the international success of ZDF's detective series.

Produced by: neue münchen fernsehproduktion

Cast: Jan-Gregor Kremp, Stephanie Stumpf, Ludwig Blochberger, Thimo Meitner, Christina Rainer a.o.



Marie Brand

Collections / Crime + Suspense	27 x 90'
	New Episodes

A well-matched detective duo strives to solve homicides using smarts, athletic prowess, and a healthy dose of humor. After the death of her father, a police officer, Inspector Marie Brand said goodbye to her homicide department. However, she can't ignore her inherent knack for hard-to-solve murder cases; now she's back and teamed up with Jürgen Simmel, a ladies' man with a soft spot for Marie. Thanks to her brilliant, analytical mind and his hands-on approach – the two form a perfect team.

Produced by: Cologne Film GmbH

Cast: Mariele Millowitsch, Hinnerk Schönemann, Marcus Mittermeier, Thomas Heinze, Idil Üner



Nora Weiss

Collections / Crime + Suspense	5 x 90'
	New Episodes

Nora Weiss spells danger for special investigator Nora Weiss. In the first episode of this two-parter, finding an escaped prisoner found guilty of murdering a teenage girl becomes personal when Nora's god-daughter disappears. In the follow-up, the owner of a bus company is found murdered outside Nora's apartment. Was he involved in murkier matters? Are the crimes connected? And what is the role of Nora's boss in all of this? Against the Lübeck cityscape, Nora Weiss grittily unpacks the truth.

Produced by: Network Movie Hamburg

Cast: Anna Maria Mühe, Jan Krauter, Rainer Bock, Peter Jordan, Philipp Hochmair, Steffi Kühnert, Bernhard Schütz, Natalia Rudziewicz a.o.

ZDF Retro-Series

**Girlfriends**

Series / Drama	87 x 45'
SD	Available

Girlfriends is a ZDF cult series with major girl power.

Back by popular demand! In a survey, ZDF asked their viewers about their favorite nostalgic series and surprise, it is *Girlfriends*. Inspired by the 80's US comedy film, *Working Girl*, *Girlfriends* tells the story of a group of women who work at a Swedish hotel in Hamburg, including their trials and tribulations, friendships, intrigues, and love interests.

The series begins with the friendship between Marie and her best friend from childhood, Ilka. Marie is in her mid-30s, modest and good-natured, yet disappointed by her small-town life and her cheating boyfriend. So just like that, she (along with her dog) decides to start a new life in Hamburg where her friend, Ilka, lives. Ilka is attractive, confident, and worldly. She's the head secretary for Hotel Deputy Director Ronaldo Schäfer in Hamburg. She helps Marie take the plunge into big city life and gets her a job in the secretarial pool at the hotel. Soon, their friendship is put to the test as the two become rivals competing for professional recognition and the favor of the charming hotel boss, Ronaldo.

In addition to stories about these two very different women, *Girlfriends* offers an eclectic cast of characters navigating interweaving friendships, love stories, relationship problems, workplace harassment, and much more.

The work clique of friends includes competitive Nicole, who gets into fierce debates with her superiors, scheming Daniela, who secretly drinks on the job, seductive Renee, a compulsive liar, single mom Vera who's looking for her dream man, and sad Elfie who sneaks out at night to fulfill a secret passion. Outside of the group of girlfriends, we meet Ben, an unsuccessful musician, Frank the plastic surgeon who drives a fancy sports car, the war correspondent Zoltan, and many hotel guests and regulars.

As the series progresses over seven successful seasons, the relationship between Marie and Ronaldo grows and flourishes, but not without bumps along the way.

Produced by: Objectiv Film

Cast: Marielle Millowitsch, Walter Sittler, Dagmar Laurens, Manon Straché, Wilfried Dziallas a.o.

ZDF Retro-Series

**Hotel Paradise**

Series / Love + Romance	27 x 52'
SD	Available

The Lindemanns run the family-owned hotel on the Spanish island of Mallorca. Their two sons Frank and Michael work at the reception desk and Grandpa helps out as well. Frank had a horrific accident and is since paralyzed; Michael is a motorcycle aficionado and popular with the ladies.

Grandpa bought the hotel from another hotel owner, Agostino Kroll, who was having money problems at the time. Now that he's flush again, he wants Hotel Paradise back at any cost, which causes trouble for the family. Meanwhile, there's another interesting character on the island, Klaus Feller. Klaus had financial difficulties of his own and committed insurance fraud. He faked his own death and he and his wife split the paid-out life insurance. What a mess when his ex-wife, her new boyfriend, and former client of his show up on the island!

Produced by: KLINGSOR Tele-, Musik- und Filmgesellschaft

Cast: Klaus Wildbolz, Grit Boettcher, Patrick Winczewski, Axel Malzacher, Friedrich W. Bauschulte a.o.

**Island of Dreams**

Series / Love + Romance	21 x 45'
SD	Available

In this fantasy series, a merciful host on a magical tropical island receives guests looking for solutions to their deep-seated problems.

Professor Gregor Sartorius, invariably dressed in a white suit, is a gracious and merciful host who welcomes guests to the tropical Island of Dreams somewhere in the Pacific. People come here looking for healing from traumatic experiences in their pasts. The professor and his young daughter Sandra offer a warm, sympathetic ear and lead guests to a waterfall with magical powers. The rushing water facilitates a kind of vision or dream that helps the guests understand and process their problems. Visitors leave the beautiful island enlightened and optimistic.

Popular German actors are regular guest stars on *Island of Dreams*, a German adaptation of the popular US series *Fantasy Island*.

Produced by: Polyphon

Cast: Rolf Henninger, Andrea Heuer, Walther Reyer, Renate Schröter, Knut Hinz, Roger Hübner, Julia Bauer a.o.

