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THE SWARM

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The big-budget series based on Frank Schätzing's bestseller and one of the most relevant topics of our time. Created by executive producer Frank Doelger (GAME OF THRONES), Oscar-nominated producer Marc Huffam (THE MARTIAN, SAVING PRIVATE RYAN) and Ute Leonhardt (KILLING EVE).

Around the world, strange happenings, borne out of the oceans: Whales destroy boats, deep sea crabs attack beaches, mussels block container ships. An unknown ice worm destabilizes continental slopes and triggers tsunamis. A deadly pathogen spreads into the drinking water. Across the globe, lives are increasingly imperilled, the situation worsening by the day – and yet, nobody can draw a connection between the seemingly random attacks. Except for a group of scientists who come together through their shared sense that something bigger is at play: an intelligent life force, dwelling in the deep – capable of manipulating the ocean, and everything that resides in it. A being which has borne witness to our destruction of the seas and has decided to drive us to extinction. But hardly anyone believes their findings. And so, the group are forced to undertake a life-threatening mission, tracking the intelligent life force within the Arctic Ocean. It is a mission they know may claim their lives...

Series | 8 x one hour | Thriller | EN

Starring Cécile de France, Alexander Karim, Leonie Benesch,
Takuya Kimura, Sharon Duncan-Brewster

Directed by Barbara Eder, Luke Watson, Philipp Stölzl

Produced by Schwarm TV Productions (JV of Intaglio Film & ndF IP) for ZDF,
France TV, Rai, ORF, SRF, Viaplay Group & Hulu Japan,
co-produced with Bravado, in association with Viola Film



BABYLON
BERLIN

Season 4 of the multi-awarded international hit series set in Berlin, a hotbed of crime and politics, sex and drugs, emancipation and extremism.

Berlin, 1930. The Golden Twenties have culminated in the global stock market crash. At the dawn of the new decade and the looming Great Depression, times have undeniably changed. Ever less can afford the dance on the edge of the volcano. Only some have profited from the crash, like industrialist Alfred Nyssen, who invests his profits and has ambitions that aim for nothing less than the whole world and beyond. Many have used the chaos in the city to their advantage, like the American mobster Abe Goldstein, who's shamelessly flaunting his riches while looking for a lost heirloom. Others have drastically fallen down the social ladder into homelessness and despair, like Toni, who roams the streets of Berlin with a group of young peers, fighting for survival – a fact that makes her sister Charlotte worry and even risk her job. All the while, Gereon's investigations lead him into the boxing milieu – and politically, uncomfortably close to Hitler's SA. Yet some are still trying to restore order. It remains questionable to what avail, as the Nazis' march to power is in full swing...

Series | 40 x one hour (4 seasons) | Period Crime Drama | DE

Starring Volker Bruch, Liv Lisa Fries, Peter Kurth, Matthias Brandt, Hannah Herzsprung, Lars Eidinger

Directed by Tom Tykwer, Achim von Borries, Henk Handloegten

Produced by X Filme Creative Pool in co-production with ARD Degeto, Sky and Beta Film

As Sisi and Franz become parents at last, politics are not the only thing that put their love to the test, when Sisi escapes the golden cage to Hungary.

An heir to the throne at last! But what should be a joyous moment for Sisi and Franz is soon overshadowed by renewed power struggles in Europe: Bismarck threatens to drive Austria into a new war. Sisi tries with all her might to be there for her husband and her people. And although she loves Franz and demonstrates her diplomatic talent over and over, Sisi's life remains that of a bird in a golden cage. Yet, when she has to travel to Hungary on a political mission, she manages to rediscover the light-heartedness of her childhood for the first time in many years. The untamed, endless expanses of the Hungarian puszta, the hard, simple life of the people, and a man with whom one can steal horses. While Franz discovers his sensitive side at the Viennese court, Sisi still successfully resists the growing attraction to Count Andrassy. But when Sisi ends up in captivity with Andrassy, of all people, she finally must ask herself how long she can remain steadfast...

Series | 12 x one hour (2 seasons) | Period Drama | DE

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

Directed by Sven Bohse, Miguel Alexandre

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



Sisi



Good Detectives.
Great Partners.

HUDSON & REX

The St. John's Major Crimes Unit has a team that is well-rounded and equally well established to deal with kidnappings, homicides, and hostage situations – but what really sets them apart is Detective Hudson's partner and former K-9 dog Rex.

Detective Charlie Hudson has a team he can count on, for the St. John's major crimes unit has all it takes! Always on Charlie's side: former K-9 German Shepherd Rex, who has saved Charlie's life in more than one way. He's the heart of the unit that is aided by Dr. Sarah Truong, the young and attractive Head of Forensics – who might become more than just a colleague to Charlie. Headed by the hard-boiled Superintendent Joe Donovan, who never cracks under pressure, and completed by Jesse, the tech analyst, who's an absolute computer genius, it is Rex, who keeps the team's spirits high in face of St. John's seedy elements they have to hunt down every day. It's not only Charlie's tireless dedication that makes this unit special – Rex's keen, super-human senses, stealth, and agility are often what helps them to wipe out the crime that washes up on St. John's shore. From kidnapping, homicide and hostage situations, to fraud and corruption in high places, Charlie, Rex and their team are a force to be reckoned with.



Series | 84 x one hour (5 seasons) | Crime | EN

Starring John Reardon, Mayko Nguyen, Kevin Hanchard,
Justin Kelly, Craig Arnold

Directed by Felipe Rodriguez, Alison Reid, John Vatcher

Produced by Shaftesbury, Pope Productions and Beta Film
for Rogers Media / Citytv

The brilliant but idiosyncratic Professor is back! Season 2 of the multi-awarded high-end primetime crime series starring Ben Miller, produced for ITV and PBS.

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

Series | 12 x one hour (2 seasons) | Crime | EN

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

Directed by Dries Vos

Produced by Eagle Eye Drama for ITV and PBS

Professor T



A reverse whodunnit from the makers of HIERRO, 2021's most watched show on Movistar Plus+.

When high school teacher Tomás finds the bloodied, dying mayoress of his hometown high up on his local cliffs, he not only becomes obsessed with the case but turns into its first suspect. Though solving the case is local cop Maite's job, Tomás doesn't care if his own private investigation gets in her way. Solving the case might just give Tomás' life the purpose he has been silently dreaming of for so long. Though clashing more than once, the two of them come close as can be to finding the murderer: Norma, Tomás' very own physiotherapist. She killed the mayoress in a fit of rage after finding out one of her many dark secrets – one that lies many years behind but one that has deeply affected her and her family. A twist of fate has it, however, that Norma remains undiscovered; her former fear and powerlessness turn to empowerment and confidence. Then a second murder stirs up the waters. Now an unlikely team, Maite and Tomás resume the hunt for a murderer who is closer than they imagine.



Series | 12 x one hour (2 seasons) | Crime | ES

Starring Javier Cámara, Mónica López, Jorge Bosch

Directed by Jorge Coira

Produced by Movistar Plus+ in collaboration with Portocabo

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RAPA

FROM THE CREATORS OF HIERRO





PRISON ISLAND

Created and co-written by best-selling author Michel Bussi.

Armed activists take the population of a small island hostage. Now, these ordinary people thrown into an extraordinary situation have to become heroes – or not...

A peaceful island turns into a prison, when a group of armed activists take the whole population of the quaint, isolated place off the coast of Brittany hostage one morning. They are highly organized – yet their motives remain a secret. Who are they? What do they want? Who can stop them? There's only one thing Alpha, their leader, hasn't taken into account: Five passengers of the shuttle that links the island to the mainland manage to escape and hide. As the islanders face this extraordinary, deadly situation, secrets surface, sources of conflict. But who among them will become a hero, a coward, or a traitor? Who is the stranger who returned after ten years of absence? Will Chris, Dorian, Kelly, Mado, Alex, and the others succeed in thwarting Operation Ocean Storm? Will Candice find the love of her life? And are the goals of the activists really as bad as their actions make it seem?

Series | 6 x one hour | Thriller | FR

Starring Déborah François, Margot Bancilhon, Pierre Perrier, Kévin Azaïs

Directed by Elsa Bennett, Hippolyte Dard

Produced by CinéTévé for France 2

Based on the hugely successful YA book trilogy by the same name, this mysterious thriller series is enhanced by its true-to-life characters and set in the visually stunning South of Spain.

Cárdena, a sleepy town in Spain's Andalusia region. Julia and her father, police lieutenant Miguel Ángel, have recently moved here, after her mother unexpectedly passed. But the town's peace is suddenly interrupted, when one day, tragedy strikes: 17-year-old Aurora, the local high school's "invisible girl", is brutally murdered during the town's summer fair. And despite her father explicitly telling her no, Julia cannot idly sit by and do nothing. She starts her own investigation, using her gift of seeing more than meets the eye. Little by little, Julia discovers that everyone is hiding secrets, everyone seems guilty, and everyone is a suspect. Uncovering improper affairs and dangerous behaviors by adults and teens alike, Julia must risk her own life to catch her classmate's killer – who might just strike again...

Young Adult Series | 8 x one hour | Thriller | ES

Starring Daniel Grao, Zoe Stein, Marta Vallés,
Javier Córdoba, Rebeca Matellán

Directed by Norberto López Amado, Aritz Moreno

Produced by Morena Films



THE
INVISIBLE
GIRL



SAVING THE FUCKING PLANET

Daniel and Elin are two young, star-crossed lovers on the opposite side of an issue: the climate crisis. But will their love prevail despite their differences?

Daniel has hit a rough patch. Just expelled from university, he's now back home with his sick mom. Without a job, Daniel likes to spend his time trolling environmentalists on the internet. To him, they are utterly naïve: Here and now is what matters. When he meets law student Elin on a night out, it quickly turns into much more. Who is this awesome girl? They don't know it yet, but they are on the opposite side of the same issue: While Elin is an avid climate activist from an indigenous family, whose lives and livelihood are threatened, Daniel is about to get a job when the local copper mine is said to reopen – a bright spot to him. Yet despite this, they are drawn to each other like moths to a flame. While the brewing conflict around the mine causes a rift through the community, Daniel makes a fateful decision, threatening to destroy everything... With all that divides them, can Elin and Daniel ever find each other?

Young Adult Series | 6 x half hour | Drama | NO

Starring Sigurd Lakseide, Aili K. Eira

Directed by Rebecca Wirkola Kjellmann

Produced by Fenomen TV Film & Scene

When a teenage boy disappears in the desolate blocks of New Belgrade, his twin sister's search uncovers a supernatural mystery that reaches decades into the past.

New Belgrade. Once a model city in what was communist Yugoslavia. Now, the blocks loom dark, nothing left of the former glory. When 14-year-old Rastko, a model student and promising basketball player, disappears without a trace in these blocks, his shy twin sister Milica is the only one who seems to notice. Neither her parents nor the police are of help. It's up to her to find him. Milica is joined by her best friend Bogdan, an awkward, socially inept boy, and Darko, a small-time drug dealer. And while the media raise a panic over Rastko's disappearance, the police turn in circles and the desperate parents reach for mediums and clairvoyants. Searching for Rastko, the three teenagers draw a connection between the frequent disappearances of children and the urban legends of New Belgrade's underground passages, uncovering a dark mystery. Because the trace leads to Block 27 – which was never built...



Young Adult Series | 6 x one hour | Drama | SB

Starring Branko Djuric, Stefan Lazic, Veljko Ilincic

Directed by Momir Milosevic, Milica Tomovic

Produced by Firefly Productions for Telekom Srbija

block27





PALE MOUNTAINS

When a mysterious serial killer roams the streets of Bolzano, an Italian police inspector with a painful past and an assistant DA of German origin join forces to catch him.

Bolzano, Southern Tyrol. Though part of Italy, many speak German here. It's a city with two faces. On one side, those of German heritage – precise, rigorous, and well off. On the other, Italians – loud and passionate. But both sides are equally shaken when a ruthless serial killer comes back, targeting German-speaking victims. He has been active years ago, when Paolo, an Italian police inspector, lost a leg and his girlfriend trying to catch the “Monster of Bolzano”. For Paolo, it has become a personal obsession. He has to join forces with Eva, a young and ambitious assistant DA of German origin. Her father used to be the DA on the same case – now she must prove herself. Eva also has an obsession, one that has nothing to do with the case: defending a young artist called Mathilde. But what is it with the young woman, that has Eva risking everything for her? Only one thing seems for sure: The monster will strike again...

Series | 4 x two hours | Crime | IT, DE

Starring Elena Radonicich, Matteo Martari, Richard Sammel, Lavinia Longhi

Directed by Davide Marengo, Giuseppe Bonito

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

A story of forbidden love set in Lviv at the dawn of the 19th century. While young Anna dreams of true love, she finds it in a place where no one wants her to when she meets the older Count Adam.

Lviv, at the dawn of the nineteenth century. Young Anna is living a simple life, helping her uncle in the bakery, while her brother is in the seminary. Yet, Anna dreams of something much grander: true, mutual love. Her family has a different idea for her. She is supposed to marry the wealthy tradesman Marykan – and while he is in love with her, she cannot muster the same feelings for him. Then everything changes, when Count Adam Rodzinsky arrives to visit his sick uncle Witold. First, Anna is afraid of the older Adam. But then, she develops feelings for him, especially when they start to cross paths more and more frequently. Turns out, Adam was once married to a distant relative of Anna's, but the relationship ended in tragedy. Anna reminds him of his former beloved. Yet as their love blossoms, it remains forbidden...

Series | 10 x one hour | Drama | UK

Starring Olena Lavrenyuk, Pawel Delag, Lesya Samaeva,
Oleg Stalchuk, Taras Tsimbalyuk

Directed by Irina Gromozda

Produced by Solar Media Entertainment for STB



CARDAMOM COFFEE

The needs and desires of four very special young women clash with the rules of a society that is giving them a chance – but can both sides keep their promises?

Marga, Nati, Angeles, and Patri, four young women in their twenties and thirties, have finally made it to their first own shared apartment. So far, so normal. Really? The truth is, nothing's "normal" for these very distinguished individuals. Because each of them has a specific mental challenge and the flat share is a social test-run. So, their well-meaning social worker Laia has her hands full balancing out each of the girls' issues with a society that has long determined the rules without them. The resulting conflicts are as hilarious as they are dramatic. But will there be enough time and tolerance to deal with Nati's anger fits, Marga's "uncontrollable" sexuality, and Angeles' gambling addiction? Only Patri seems to be on the right path to blending into a society that keeps throwing rocks in their way – and vice versa, of course. Or should they? For watching these mavericks fight for their individuality evokes the question of whether we ourselves are fighting enough for ours...

Series | 5 x half hour | Dramey | ES

Starring Anna Castillo, Natalia de Molina

Directed by Anna R. Costa

Produced by Movistar Plus+ in collaboration
with Destrucción y Salvación

original **M+**

SIMPLE A SERIES BY Anna R. COSTA



HOMICIDE HILLS

FRESH FORCE



New cops, new cases: The reboot of the witty crime series about an unlikely trio trying to solve bizarre crimes in a rural police department with their unorthodox approach.

When detective and new captain Marie quite unexpectedly shows up at her assigned precinct in the hilly hinterlands, jaws drop and cultures clash. No one here fancies an overambitious city girl who only kicks up dust. Let alone her two new colleagues Heino and Jennifer, who are used to taking it easy here. But no sooner has Marie pitched her tents, uhm, camper, than crime has this little village firmly in its grip: three potato princesses who are prone to go over dead bodies to save their inheritance... not only the pastry gets scorched in a quest of the new cake queen ... a wayward variant of the werewolf walks abroad... love and peace can quickly turn into blood and thunder of Hippies gone wild... certainly equine nobility does not save from human nemesis. And while murder never sleeps, Marie's temporary punitive transfer could turn long-term – because after all, love is not a crime...

Series | 6 x one hour | Crime Comedy | DE

Starring Katharina Wackernagel, Sebastian Schwarz, Eva Bühnen

Directed by Markus Sehr

Produced by Claussen+Putz Filmproduktion for ARD Degeto

When the Minister of Defense is held at a hospital ward, hostage negotiator Daniel finds himself in the middle of a deadly political intrigue when his pregnant girlfriend is among the captives.

If you'd ask his superiors, hostage negotiator Daniel hasn't been on his A-game recently. And they wouldn't be wrong because Daniel is secretly facing some personal demons. But he tries to keep it together, especially for his girlfriend Lena, who will soon give birth to his child. But things turn from bad to worse, when none other than the Minister of Defense is kidnapped by former soldier Kornan – and held at the very same hospital ward, where Lena is visiting her mother. Soon, it seems clear that Kornan's motives are very personal. Facing his unpredictable demands on the one hand and the pressures of the highest political leaders on the other, Daniel tries hard to save the hostages. But time is running out relentlessly, and Daniel must make a quick decision: follow orders from the highest places or help the kidnapper clear his name. One thing is for sure: Kornan is not the only one playing a dangerous game...

Series | 8 x one hour | Thriller | CS, SK

Starring Ján Koleník, Alena Mihulová, Ester Geislerová, Milan Bahúl

Directed by Michal Kollár

Produced by Czech Television, KFS Production, TV JOJ



ULTIMĀTUM

THE WALL



When Detective Sergeant Céline Trudeau returns to her childhood home, a village near an abby, the beauty of the Indian Summer is disrupted by an old trauma. 30 years ago, her cousin and best friend Veronique was murdered here. Now, Céline and Alex set out to track down her killer, who was never found. The suspects are old friends and neighbors, an ex-boyfriend – and even members of her own family. In this small, tightly woven village, protected by the silence of the monks, Celine’s quest shakes the power of those who call the shots in the region... And soon, her own life is in danger.

Series | 25 x one hour (3 seasons) | Crime | FR

Starring Isabel Richer, Alexandre Landry,
Jean-Philippe Perras, Maripier Morin

Produced by Pixcom

ROCCO SCHIAVONE

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



Series | 14 x two hours or 28 x one hour (5 seasons) | Crime | IT

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

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

Makari

SICILIAN MYSTERIES

After having lost his high-powered job in Rome, Saverio returns to Sicily, to a place he held dearest since childhood: Makari. Among the crystal-clear sea, breathtaking landscapes, old acquaintances, and new friends, he rediscovers a great passion: that of the writer. Here, there is no shortage of stories to tell. In fact, a series of strange murders catch Saverio's interest. Like a true bloodhound, he starts sniffing out the criminals, never giving up on the search for the truth. But Makari will offer Saverio not only the opportunity to test himself as a writer-investigator. It might just offer him true love as well...



Series | 7 x two hours (2 seasons) | Drama | IT

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

Produced by Palomar in collaboration with RAI Fiction

Supernormal

original M+



Ever since she was kicked out from the bank, Patricia seems to have found her total fulfillment in caring for her kids, having a new one, and backing husband Alfonso's career. Total fulfillment? Yeah, right! When she meets Pitu, a successful businesswoman strikingly akin to who Patricia once was, "Patricia 2.0" declares herself an independent financial analyst and takes on Pitu as her first client. And when the façade of her new parallel life starts to crumble, she can count on her motherly assistant Marisol, her trusted bag of tricks, and even Alfonso, to be just one step ahead of all those old and new rivals.

Series | 12 x half hour (2 seasons) | Damedy | ES

Starring Miren Ibarguren, Diego Martín, Gracia Olayo, Peter Vives, Bárbara Goenaga, Mariona Terés

Produced by Movistar Plus+ in collaboration with Secuoya

The king of sports' first true-crime series, told like a thriller, hosted by UEFA Champions League winner and Real Madrid legend Pedja Mijatović.

Football is the greatest show on Earth. Goals, emotions, suspense – its key elements of dramatic storytelling are what brings joy to so many. But behind this universe hides another: killings (of players and referees), kidnappings, suicides, extortion, fraud... Stories that seem like a movie, but are real and play out in all corners of the world. The “B-side” of football we’re still quite unaware of: a true-life, behind-the-curtain side of football that is even more dramatic than the game itself. Hosted by UEFA Champions League winner and Real Madrid legend Pedja Mijatović, these stories of Diego Maradona, Johan Cruyff, Robert Enke, Jose Antonio Santamaria, Andres Escobar, and many more come to life. Using devices from fictional storytelling, cinematic techniques, and re-enactments, this is not like a documentary, but like a thriller: a roller coaster ride with all the twists, climaxes, and cliffhangers so well-known from the game itself.

Documentary Series | 11 x one hour | True Crime | ES

Hosted by Pedja Mijatović

Directed by Fernando Urena

Produced by HBO with Beta Entertainment Spain and Chef sin Desperdicio

The king of sports' first true-crime series

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shots

Hosted by
Pedja Mijatović

Series Cycle

The Net

The Net - Prometheus

The Net - Promised Land

The Net - Power Play



THE NET is a new innovative concept: A series cycle consisting of standalone, character-driven series, forming one epic global universe. Set in the world of international football, the most beautiful game in the world. And the corruption surrounding it.

THE NET represents a new model of international drama series. Consisting of three individual series, and more to come, each can be watched standalone, follow their own local stories, genres, and target groups – but they can also be discovered as a whole experience, catering to many audiences at the same time. Each series explores unique aspects of the multi-million dollars business that is international football: from the grounds to the playing field, the boardroom to hotel room, from intimate stories of personal grief and obsessive love to desperate battles for power, control, revenge, and success. Yet they all connect to a single narrative universe and to an unparalleled global passion for the game. Each journey of each protagonist intersects in unexpected ways, with some characters reappearing in other series, revealing hidden motives and new perspectives. It is a thrilling, glamorous, exhilarating, dangerous world where winning isn't about goals or trophies, it's about survival.

Notorious doping hunter Georg is offered to run a new high-performance clinic in the Alps. But soon, he uncovers secrets that make him doubt the intentions of the clinic and not only point towards the future, but also into his own past.

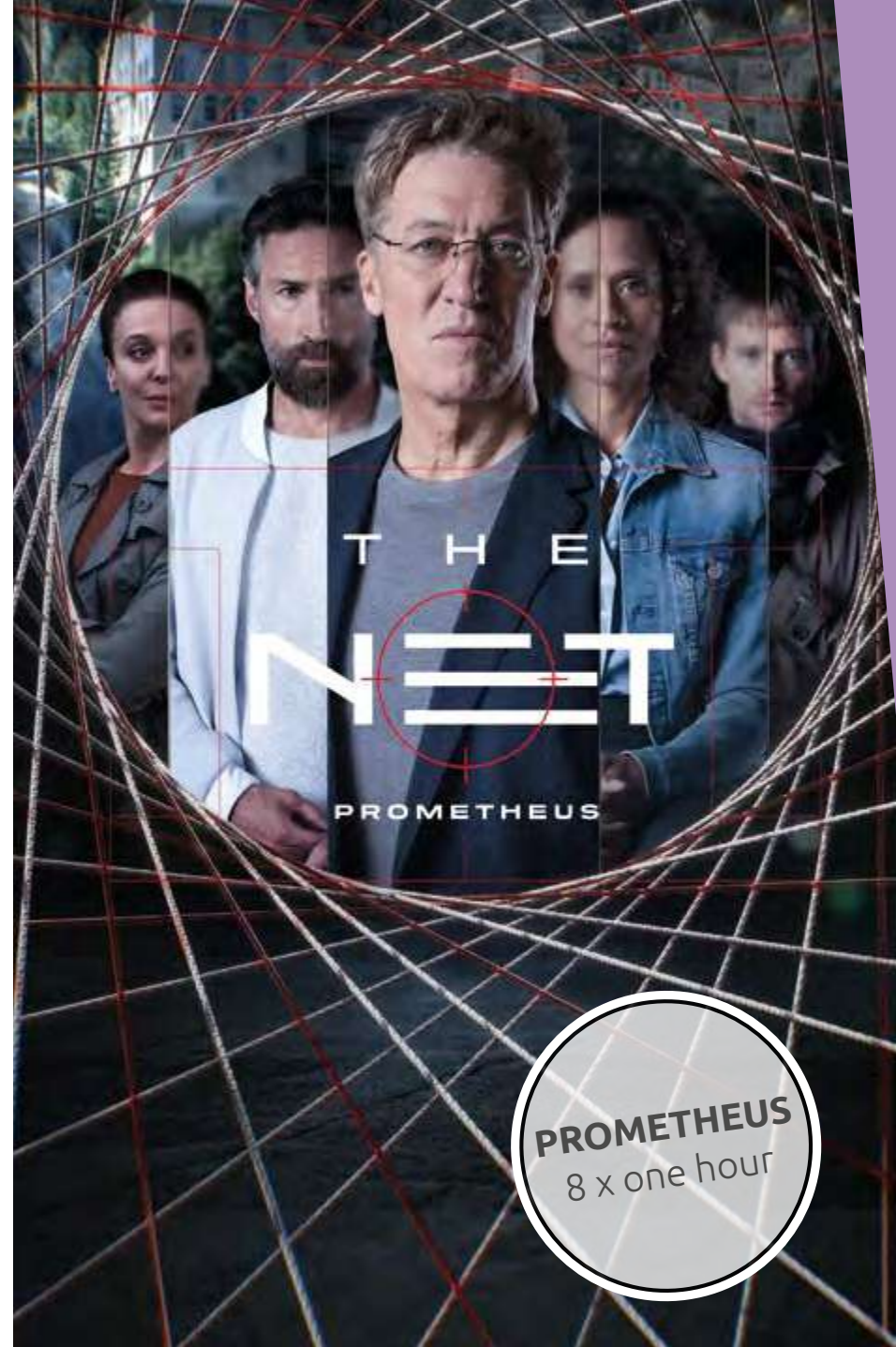
Georg Trotter is a doctor and former doping agent who gave up his career after a tragic car accident badly injuring his wife Diana and killing his beloved son. Known as notorious doping hunter and „bloodhound“, Georg is offered to run a new, hypermodern, high-performance clinic in the Alps. There, the staff is supposed to get injured football players back into shape in record time with high-tech training methods and help young talent to become the best footballers in the world. They promote clean sports without illegal tricks; a job that seems to have been made for Georg. But soon, he has doubts: Is it really about the well-being of the players and that of the sport? The closer Georg looks behind the fancy facade, the more secrets he uncovers, which not only point towards the future, but also into his own past.

Series | 8 x one hour | Thriller | EN, DE

Starring Tobias Moretti, Angel Coulby, Amanda Abbington, Tom Wlaschiha, Benjamin Sadler

Directed by Andreas Prochaska, Daniel Prochaska

Produced by MR-Film in co-production with ServusTV, ARD Degeto and Das Netz GmbH



PROMETHEUS
8 x one hour



After losing her fiancé in a car accident, idealistic lawyer Lea discovers the dark truth behind it, leading her to the highest levels of the corrupt global football business.

Lea is a lawyer in Berlin with a strong sense of justice and an instinct for people. But her world is turned upside down when her fiancé David dies right in front of her eyes. It seems he was on the run from someone unknown. What's more, another death seems to be connected: The best friend of right-wing hooligan Marcel was killed the very same day. Lea and Marcel form an unlikely team to get to the bottom of it all. As David worked as a successful player scout, their investigation soon leads to the highest ranks of the glamorous world of international football. One thing is for sure: David had to pay for something he knew.

Series | 8 x one hour | Drama | DE

Starring Birgit Minichmayr, Max von der Groeben, Tom Wlaschiha, Raymond Thiry, Eva Mattes

Directed by Rick Ostermann

Produced by Sommerhaus Serien GmbH in co-production with ARD Degeto, Das Netz GmbH and hugofilm features GmbH

When a family-run Florentine football club has to be saved, the owners are forced to sell half of it to Chinese investors. But this desperate move invites the ire of a powerful enemy and throws the family into turmoil.

Florence, Italy. Vincenzo's family can look back on a long history of their football club, and while they still dream of success, its future now seems all but dire. Vincenzo holds on to hopes of proving a worthy son to his father, leading his club to glory – but it is a rocky road ahead. He's not the only one with dreams: Beautiful Mariam, a sports reporter who's mostly noticed for her looks, not least by Vincenzo, dreams of a career as a renowned journalist. The club's old-school football coach dreams of getting the team back on track – with outdated methods. Then, there is Maurizio Corridoni, the scheming pope of Italian football and member of the WFA, who dreams of bringing football back to what it used to be: Italian clubs with Italian owners and Italian players. But when Vincenzo is forced to sell 50% of the club to Chinese investors, he is unaware that he is inviting the ire of a powerful enemy... Will all these dreams just serve as a set-up for disappointment?

Series | 6 x one hour | Drama | IT

Starring Gaetano Bruno, Alberto Paradossi, Massimo Ghini, Tom Wlaschiha, Raymond Thiry, Beatrice Arnera

Directed by Volfango De Biasi, Lorenzo Sportiello

Produced by Cross Productions in co-production with Das Netz GmbH



POWER PLAY
6 x one hour

M o v i e s

Nazi Hunter - Journey Into Darkness

Baltic Files

Death Comes to Venice

Three Wheels, One Summer

Burger Wars

Based on true events: After WW2, a British war crime unit torn between a desire for revenge and the call for justice investigates the murder of twenty Jewish children by the Nazis.

Germany, 1945. A British war crime investigation unit is met by an adamant wall of silence upon their arrival. Part of the team is Sigmund Freud's grandson Walter, who escaped the Nazis by fleeing from Vienna to England. Desperately but determined, he and his team try to find out what happened to the Jewish children who were deported from Auschwitz to Hamburg and murdered. Gradually, Walter is hit by the whole extent of the cruel medical experiments on these children. Yet the perpetrators stonewall, admitting only what is already known. Walter and the others are in a moral dilemma: Torn between the desire for revenge and the call for justice, is there just punishment for these unspeakable crimes? A true, historic drama of the hunters and the hunted, the lost children, and their last days, where the compelling testimonies of the survivors who had to bear witness to the horrors compose a haunting call to never forget.



Movie | two hours | Drama | DE

Starring Robin Sondermann, Franz Hartwig, Konstantin Lindhorst, Patrick Güldenbergr, Peter Sikorski

Directed by Raymond Ley

Produced by Spiegel TV GmbH and Aspekt Telefilm-Produktion GmbH
in co-production with: NDR, SWR, rbb, HR, RAI

N A Z I H U N T E R

JOURNEY INTO DARKNESS





BALTIC FILES

After Chief Inspector Svenja is transferred to the German-Danish border, a body on the beach and a cold case raise the stakes for her and her gambling-prone new colleague Antoine.

When Chief Inspector Svenja needs to look after her father, a vacancy in her hometown precinct at the German-Danish border comes in handy. But there's little time to get used to her new colleague Antoine's casual tone, let alone his soft spot for gambling. Immediately upon Svenja's arrival, a body is found on the Baltic beach. It is the owner of a boatyard. Did he have to die because of a fight over money with his business partner? Then, telling photos are found on the victim's phone point to a motive that goes back to a family tragedy spanning decades and borders. And all the while, Svenja must prove herself in the shadow of her ex-cop father, who can't get over her brother's suicide. For Svenja and Antoine's first case, the stakes are high...

Movie | two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Katharina Schlothauer, Eugene Boateng, Teresa Harder, Max von Pufendorf

Produced by filmpool fiction for ARD Degeto

When art conservator Lukas drowns in the Canale dei Marani in Venice, his widow Anna does not believe it was an accident – and uncovers a conspiracy to steal a Botticelli painting...

When the body of art conservator Lukas is found floating in the Canale dei Marani in Venice, Detective Santo wants to quickly put the case to rest. He does not believe it was foul play. But Anna, Lukas' widow and mother of their 11-year-old son, vehemently disagrees. This was no accident! The last piece Lukas worked on, Botticelli's hauntingly beautiful "Ideal Portrait of a Lady", has vanished – and Lukas made a copy. Did he get involved with art robbers? Together with Rafael, Lukas' best friend, Anna sets out to find the painting. Both are sure: If they find the work of art, they can also find who is responsible for Lukas' death...but they have set their sight on the missing Botticelli as well.

Movie | two hours | Thriller | DE

Starring Alwara Höfels, Julia Stemberger, Christopher Schärf

Produced by Epo-Film for ARD Degeto and ORF

DEATH COMES TO VENICE





Flake is in love with his classmate – but he’s too shy to tell her! Yet, things are soon shaken up when he goes on a road trip with a small-time drug dealer and a bitter wheelchair user...

Flake is shy, an outsider, and named after the keyboard player of the band Rammstein. Thanks, mom and dad! What’s worse, he is unable to declare his love for his classmate Leonie. When he takes the blame for an accident Leonie causes, he ends up doing community service – and then meets Kim, a small-time drug dealer, and Philipp, a bitter wheelchair user. This turns into a tour de force through the countryside, in an aging moped car, at 30 miles per hour. But what they lack in speed they sure make up for in crazy adventures, involving a right-wing prepper, a sexworker, and unknowingly carrying a bunch of cocaine. Will Flake make it to Lake Constance to declare his love for Leonie?

Young Adult Movie | two hours | Comedy | DE

Starring Jakob Schmidt, Emma Floßmann, Daniel Rodic, Wilson Gonzalez Ochsenknecht, Johanna Hens

Produced by Giganten Film Productions for ARD/ SWR/ Arte

BURGER WARS



Hilde, a former employee in the fast-food restaurant run by her son Tommie, wants to open her own burger joint after her unexpected dismissal and puts the family peace at risk.

Fired! Without notice! By her own son! But chef Hilde doesn't cave in. No, she summons up all her courage to finally venture her own business: a burger restaurant, where every bite tastes like home. In the kitchen, Hilde, once the youngest canteen manager in the GDR, is still the best there is. While the self-proclaimed entrepreneur mobilizes her friends to take full risks, she is not only met with enthusiasm. After all, there is already a burger joint in the economically challenged region, whose boss is none other than Hilde's son Tommie! This surely won't help to mend their relationship... But for Hilde there's no turning back: If not now, when?

Movie | two hours | Comedy | DE

Starring Steffi Kühnert, Martin Brambach, Lasse Myhr, Anne Kanis

Produced by Ariane Krampe Filmproduktion for ARD Degeto

Movie Cycles

Amsterdam Undercover

Masuria Murders



When a German undercover cop's case leads him to Amsterdam, he soon finds himself investigating the highest levels of organized crime, politics, and big business...

Alex has never been big on rules. His work as a German undercover cop taught him: Sometimes, you have to act fast to save lives. While he is good at what he does, he is nevertheless thinking of quitting and settling down. Then, his last case brings him over the border to Amsterdam. After having spent years infiltrating the drug mafia there, his colleague and lover Katja is close to bring them down. But has she switched sides? Alex's "unconventional" methods soon oust him from the German police and together with his Dutch colleague and new friend Bram, he has a talent of sticking his nose into the affairs of the ruthless and powerful...

Movie Cycle | 6 x two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Hannes Jaenicke, Alice Dwyer, Fedja van Huêt, Sascha Alexander Geršak, Sven Gerhardt

Produced by Ziegler Film Köln for ARD Degeto

MASURIA MURDERS

NEW
EPISODES
AVAILABLE

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

A death in the family draws forensic scientist Dr. Viktoria Wex back from Berlin to her childhood home in Poland. But this is not the only reason for her return: Haunted by the recent murder of her husband Felix, Victoria is determined to find out who killed him and why. At the same time, she is running away from her feelings. Eccentric and obsessive, Viktoria teams up with Leon, the handsome police officer next door, to solve the murder that brought her back to idyllic Masuria. And while she just can't seem to get away from her childhood home, her past, as well, has a way of catching up with her.

Movie Cycle | 6 x two hours | Crime | DE

Starring Claudia Eisinger, Sebastian Hülk, Karolina Lodyga

Produced by Odeon Fiction for ARD Degeto

Feature Films

Dear Thomas

Diabolik

The Forger

The Odd-Job Men

My Son



DEAR THOMAS

Winner of 9 German Film Awards, including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actor.

A declaration of love to East-German author, poet, and film director Thomas Brasch.

The GDR is still young, but Thomas doesn't fit in already. His father wants to help build the new German state above all, but Thomas would rather become a writer. He is a dreamer, obsessive, and a rebel. His very first play is banned, and he is expelled from film school. When the Soviet tanks roll through Prague in 1968, Thomas protests in the streets of Berlin. His father betrays him to the Stasi, sending him to prison. Released on parole, Thomas works hard, loves and suffers, and writes about love, revolt, and death. But with no prospect of being heard, he leaves for the West with the woman he loves. Yet, he does not allow himself to be taken in by the acclaim found there: Thomas is far from being at peace.

Feature Film | 2.5 hours | Period Drama | DE



Directed by Andreas Kleinert

Starring Albrecht Schuch, Jella Haase, Ioana Iacob, Jörg Schüttauf, Anja Schneider

Produced by Zeitsprung Pictures in co-production with NDR, BR, WDR and Arte



Suspenseful crime action in the finest 1960's Bond style.

Based on the comic book series, which sold over 150 million copies.

The fictional city of Clerville, 1960's. The infallible Diabolik, a gentleman gangster whose real identity is unknown, has dealt another blow to the police, escaping yet again with his black Jaguar E-type. Meanwhile, there is great anticipation in town for the arrival of Lady Kant, a fascinating heiress who'll be bringing a famous pink diamond with her. The priceless jewel does not elude Diabolik's attention, who, in an attempt to put his hands on it, gets enchanted by the woman's irresistible charm. But now the very life of the master thief is in danger: The determined and incorruptible Inspector Ginko and his team have finally found a way to draw him out into the open, and this time Diabolik will not be able to get out of it alone.

Feature Film | two hours | Crime | IT

Directed by Manetti Bros

Starring Luca Marinelli, Miriam Leone, Valerio Mastandrea

Produced by Mompracem in co-production with Rai Cinema, Astorina



The Forger

Based on an incredible true story

Starring Louis Hofman from Netflix cult hit DARK.

21-year-old Cioma Schönhaus won't let anyone take away his zest for life, especially not the Nazis. But he has the misfortune of living as a Jewish person in 1940s Berlin. Since the best hiding spots are in plain sight, Cioma decides to go out into the light to escape deportation. Using the identity of a marine officer he created for himself, he throws himself into the city's nightlife and even finds a fragile hope for love during the darkest moments of the war. Throughout the day, he forges IDs with just a brush, some ink, and a steady hand – and saves the lives of many others. His talent puts him in more and more danger, though, and at some point Cioma's only hope to survive is one last forged ID – with his own name on it.

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Feature Film | two hours | Period Drama | DE

Directed by Maggie Peren

Starring Louis Hofmann, Jonathan Berlin, Luna Wedler, Nina Gummich, Marc Limpach

Produced by DREIFILM in co-production with Amour Fou and Network Movie Film- und Fernsehproduktion

THE ODD-JOB MEN



A gripping, funny, semi-realistic look at six decisive days in the life of a plumbing squad as they go from client to client, door to door, day to day, in Barcelona.

Moha, Valero and Pep work in a small plumbing and electricity company in the outskirts of Barcelona. Moha, the youngest, is on a one-week trial period with the company. He is shy but does surprisingly well with customers. Moha is set to replace Pep, who is about to retire. However, Valero is not at all comfortable with Pep retiring. He doubts Moha has what it takes, or that customers will accept a Moroccan worker. Maybe six days are not enough to make somebody change, to make him overcome his prejudices. Maybe it's not enough time to make a new friend. But it's possibly enough to discover that we have to live together: one small step for a plumber, but a giant leap for mankind.

Feature Film | two hours | Comedy | KT, ES



Directed by Neus Ballús

Starring Mohamed Mellali, Valero Escolar, Pep Sarrà

Produced by Distinto Films in co-production with El Kinògraf
in association with Slot Machine



An energy-filled mother-son road movie.

Starring European Shooting Star Jonas Dassler (THE SILENT REVOLUTION).

Growing up is never easy. It's hard for teenagers and possibly even harder for their parents. After Jason barely survives a skate accident, his relationship with his mother Marlene is being put to the test. While Jason continues to feel invincible, Marlene wants to protect him more than ever. When Marlene decides to take Jason across Germany to Switzerland for rehab, a challenging journey full of obstacles begins for the two. At the end of the trip, it is all about how much fear one should allow and how much one must be prepared to risk for freedom.

Feature Film | two hours | Tragicomedy | DE

Directed by Lena Stahl

Starring Jonas Dassler, Anke Engelke, Hannah Herzsprung

Produced by Akzente Film & Fernsehproduktion and Warner Bros. Entertainment

K i d s & F a m i l y

Hui Buh and the Witch's Castle

Immenhof - The Promise

Journey to Yourland

Camp Newton

Totally Meshugge?!

Rumors

The Postman from Space



The sequel to HUI BUH - THE GOOFY GHOST, sold to over 60 territories.

For over 500 years now, the ghost Hui Buh has been stirring things up at his Castle. His friend King Julius is not the only one who finds Hui Buh's poor attempts at scary hauntings terribly annoying. The chaotic atmosphere reaches an all-time high when young witch Ophelia appears at the gates, claiming to be Hui Buh's long-lost niece. She is in possession of the Necronomicon, an ancient, evil, and powerful book of spells – so full of possibilities! Hui Buh isn't the only one dying to get his hands on it. The evil witch Erla has kidnapped Hui Buh's sister, a good witch, and also tries to capture Ophelia. So, Hui Buh must go all the way into the eerie witch's forest, to save his family...

Kids & Family Feature Film | two hours | Family Entertainment | DE

Directed by Sebastian Niemann

Starring Michael "Bully" Herbig, Christoph Maria Herbst, Rick Kavanian

Produced by Rat Pack Filmproduktion in co-production with Warner Bros. Pictures



The sequel to IMMENHOF - ADVENTURE OF A SUMMER.

A visually stunning and gripping adventure for horse lovers worldwide.

Turbulent times for our three Immenhof sisters: While Charlie attends art school, Lou and Emmie mind the ranch. Their Cousin Josie pitches in, a hip big-city girl, who knows nothing about horses. The first challenge arises when their neighbor Mallinckroth asks them to hide his champion racer Cagliostro at Immenhof, after he was poisoned by unknown assailants. Josie is stunned. What kind of gangland hot spot is this place, anyway? When Lou realizes Cagliostro isn't safe despite all the high-tech spy cams, and Mallinckroth wants to race the weakened stallion no matter what, she runs away with the 18 million Euro racehorse...

Kids & Family Feature Film | two hours | **Family Entertainment** | DE

Directed by Sharon von Wietersheim

Starring Leia Holtwick, Ella Pääfgen, Caro Cult, Heiner Lauterbach, Max von Thun

Produced by Rich and Famous Film in co-production with Leonine



When a mysterious shining stone calls 10-year-old Riki for help, he embarks on a mission to save a fantastic universe from certain doom – and proves that a good heart goes a long way.

When Riki and his mom move to a dreary new neighborhood, there's no time to be sad about his absent dad or worry about his weak heart. Instead, SOS signals from a mysterious shining stone prompt the imaginative 10-year-old to venture into the breathtaking universe of Yourland: Alongside his new friends, bossy Emma and a talking monkey, Riki must battle evil ravens and robots, and decide whom to trust to save Yourland from certain doom – and proves that a good heart goes a long way...

Kids & Family Animated Feature Film | 85 min | Adventure | EN

Created by Peter Budinský

Produced by BFILM in co-production with plutoon, The Pack, BFILM.cz and RTVS Slovakia



The science nerds from Camp Newton may be top of the notch when it comes to flying drones. But will the kids get their stranded alien friend Hoshi's UFO into the air?

When Sara and her friends start a new summer of research at Camp Newton, the science nerds think their biggest challenge will be a drone construction contest. Instead, they can't believe their eyes when they come across the extraterrestrial Hoshi, who crashes his flying saucer right at their feet. An alien? Seriously? The kids are eager to help Hoshi, who is hunted by the shady "Agency". But they also know: Only if you trust your friends and keep your promises, fortune favors the brave!

Kids & Family Series | 13 x 25 min | Adventure | ES

Starring Ava Salazar, Hugo Morenilla, Adrián Checa, Manuel Baldé, Yanai Cruz

Produced by Álamo Audiovisual in co-production with Secuoya Ficción and Dopamine SL



Pre-teens Benny, Charly, and Hamid are besties. As their school's misfits they always have each other's backs... until the day Benny learns that he is Jewish.

A 12-year-old dream team of underdogs: Benny is a good-hearted basketball ace, Hamid draws comics like Picasso and Charly fights for animal rights. They have each other's backs against bully Lennart. But when Benny learns that he's Jewish, their friendship is put to the test, as Hamid was taught to mistrust Jews. When his brother Raduan also harasses Benny, Hamid doesn't stick up for him. That's when Charly realizes she has to keep things from spinning out of control. Will she succeed?

Kids & Family Series | 6 x 25 min | Drama | DE

Starring Nelly Hoffmann, Louis Guillaume, Mika Ullritz, Anatole Taubman, Hassan Akkouch

Produced by Tellux Film and Sad Origami in co-production with ZDF



A year filled with secrets, gossip, and big emotions kicks off for the local 10th graders, when bullying victim Erik moves to the island.

When Erik is bullied and beaten up by his “friends”, his mom moves with him to a small island to finish 10th grade. Erik hides his past and soon hangs out with Mathias, Sarah, and their friend Thea, the local influencer. She wants to date Erik, but when he refuses, Thea starts false rumors about him. Is he back to where it all began? Then Mathias finds out that Thea also lies about her past. But when one door closes, another one opens – and Erik is kissed by someone totally unexpected...

Kids & Family Series | 30 x 10-12 min | Drama | NO

Starring Teo Tomczuk, Sisilja Skeistrand Garen, Benjamin Johannes Ebbesen, Alisah Sussmann, Tobias Vassnes

Produced by Mothership Entertainment



THE POSTMAN FROM SPACE

Bob is not a mailman like any other, but really, he’s quite ordinary!

Bob is the top postal carrier at the Planetary Post. On board his trusty old spaceship, there is only one rule: “The mail is sacred!” But when Odile, his plucky, fun-loving new colleague, is assigned to his ship, Bob’s tranquil routine is turned upside down. Now, Bob’s days have become filled with surprises! And although he strives to maintain order, Bob will do anything to make sure his intergalactic deliveries reach their destinations – no matter what planet or crazy alien might come his way!

Kids & Family Animated Series | 9 x 5 min | Adventure | FR, EN

Created by Guillaume Perreault

Produced by La Pastèque Productions in co-production with Urbania TV

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