



COLOGNE INDEPENDENT

## Company Profile

We have been producing feature films, documentaries and series with unusual stories for the German and international market for over 20 years. We look for special topics, want to entertain artistically, work with international talents and stand for diversity. We have realized more than 50 films with German and European filmmakers. Many films have been made as international co-productions, have won awards at festivals and have been shown in cinemas. The producers of COIN FILM are Christine Kiauk (managing director) and Herbert Schwering (board member of Film und Medienverband NRW) and are members of the ACE Producers network. COIN FILM is based in Cologne, Lower Saxony and Hessen.

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### *in development*

#### **THE ASSISTANCE (DIE ASSISTENTIN) (WT)**

Feature Film  Mystery  90 min.  Script/dir.: Jutta Brückner  Cast: Corinna Harfouch, Sandra Hüller  
 Co-production: Telfim/CH

#### **LIEBHABERINNEN (WT)**

Feature Film  Drama  90 min.  Script: Caroline Kox, Antonio de Luca  Director: Caroline Kox  
Based on Elfriede Jelinek's novel of the same name  Cast: Birgit Minichmayr, Hannah Schiller  
 Co-production: Velvet Films (BE)

#### **BOTTROP BOYZ & GIRLS (WT)**

Feature Film  Comedy  90 min.  Script: Stefan Brüggenthies  Director: Thorsten M. Schmidt  
 Co-production: Velvet Films/BE

#### **OUT OF LINE (GEGEN DEN STRICH) (WT)**

Series  Comic-Documentary  12x15 min.  Writer/ Director: Johannes F. Sievert



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## Awards

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### **TWO TIMES TWO • Short Feature by Andrey Paounov**

2024 In The Place – Internat. Kurzfilmfestival / Main Award „Best National Film“

### **LOST TRANSPORT □ Feature Film by Saskia Diesing**

2023 Filmfestival Türkei Deutschland / Hanna van Vliet – Best Actress

### **MONTE VERITÀ □ Feature Film by Stefan Jäger**

2022 Augenblick Filmfestival / Young audience Award  
2022 ataff Film Fesztivál / Best Production Design  
2022 Austrian Film Award / Nominee Best Production Design  
2021 Locarno Int. Film Festival / Nominee Variety Piazza Grande Award  
2021 Fünf Seen Film Festival / Nominee Audience Award  
2021 Kinofest Lünen / Nominee Lüdia

### **VATERSLAND □ Feature Film by Petra Seeger**

2021 Festival des deutschen Films, Ludwigshafen / Nominee Rheingold Audience Award  
2020 Festival Cologne / Nominee Filmpreis NRW

### **BAGDAD IN MY SHADOW □ Feature Film by SAMIR**

2020 55<sup>th</sup> Solothurner Filmtage / Prix du Public  
2020 23rd Swiss Film Awards / Best Editor  
2020 Best Screenplay and Best Film Nominee 23rd Swiss Film Awards  
2019 24th Arabian Sights Film Festival Washington, DC / Audience Award

### **COBAIN □ Feature Film by Nanouk Leopold**

2018 Netherlands FF - Golden Calf / Best Music, Best Supporting Actor  
2018 Crossing Europe Linz / Best Film - Youth Jury  
2018 Lecce European Film Festival 2018 / Best Screenplay

### **DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL BURNED OUT AND EMPTY? □ Feature Film by Lola Randl**

2018 Best Actress Award for Lina Beckmann  
2018 Pre-Nominee German Film Prize

### **MR GAY SYRIA □ Documentary by Ayse Toprak**

2018 Festival Mix Milano / Best Documentary  
2018 IFEMA Film Festival / Audience Award  
2018 Boston's Wicked Queer FF / Best Documentary Jury Award  
2018 Roze Filmdage Amsterdam / Best Documentary  
2018 Zinegoak FF / Diversity and Human Rights Award  
2017 Verzio IHRDFF / Special Mention for Human Rights Film  
2017 Chéries Chéris Paris / Grand Prix  
2017 Tirana IFF / Best European Documentary  
2017 Sevilla FF / Ocana Award to Freedom  
2017 Chicago IFF / Silver Hugo  
2017 Sarajevo FF / Human Rights Award  
2017 Lovers Film Festival Turin / Special Jury Mention

### **THE INVENTION OF LOVE □ Feature Film by Lola Randl**

2016 Nominee German Film Awards  
2016 Nominee Grimme Awards  
2016 Filmfestival Münster / Best Director

### **THE SMALL AND THE WICKED □ Feature Film by Markus Sehr**

2015 Nominee German Director's Prize



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**IRAQI ODYSSEY** □ **Documentary by Samir**

- 2015 **Oscar Academy Awards** / Swiss nomination for Best Foreign Language Film
- 2015 **IFF Berlin** / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Public Award for Best Documentary
- 2014 **Abu Dhabi** / Best Asian Film

**NENA** □ **Feature Film by Saskia Diesing**

- 2015 **IFF Minneapolis St. Paul** / Emerging Filmmaker Award
- 2015 **IFF Berlin** / Special Mention
- 2014 **Nederlands FF** / Best Director and Best Actress

**SUPERNOVA** □ **Feature Film by Tamar van den Dop**

- 2014 **8th IFF Xining** / Grand Prix of International Cinema

**IT'S ALL SO QUIET** □ **Feature Film by Nanouk Leopold**

- 2013 **Netherlands FF - Golden Calf** / Best Editor

**BROWNIAN MOVEMENT** □ **Feature Film by Nanouk Leopold**

- 2011 **Netherlands FF - Golden Calf** / Best Director and Best Script
- 2011 **Ludwigshafen FDDF** / Best Actress

**MADE IN DEUTSCHLAND** □ **Documentary by Hans-Erich Viet**

- 2009 **Filmfest Emden** / DGB Prize

**IL GIARDINO** □ **Short Film by Michael Ester**

- Rating: Highly Commended
- 2009 **Murnau Short Film Prize**

**LOVE AND OTHER CRIMES** □ **Feature Film by Stefan Arsenijevic**

- 2009 **Silk Road IFF** / Best Director
- 2008 **IFF Tiflis** / Best Film
- 2008 **Serbian Film Prize IBIS**
- 2008 **Crossing Europe** / Audience Award
- 2008 **GoEast Festival** / Best Director
- 2008 **IFF Sofia** / Best Director

**WHATZ UP?** □ **Documentary by Bettina Braun**

- 2013 **Grimme Award** for the Trilogy
- 2006 **German Child Welfare Award**
- 2005 **film+ Award** / Best Documentary
- 2005 **Cologne Conference** / Phoenix Prize Best Documentary
- 2005 **Turkish-German FF** / Best Documentary
- 2004 **Duisburger Filmwoche** / Audience Award

**SARATAN** □ **Feature Film by Ernest Abdysaparov**

- 2005 **IFF Marrakesch** / Etoile d'Or

**THE CROCODILES OF THE WANDAOGO FAMILY** □ **Documentary by Britta Wandaogo**

- 2003 **German Short Film Award** / Special Award
- 2003 **IFF Bolzano** / Best Documentary

**DO FISH DO IT?** □ **Feature Film by Almut Getto**

- Rating: Highly Commended
- 2003 **German Film Award** / Best Script
- 2003 **German Film Award** / Sophie Rogall nomination as Best Leading Actress
- 2002 **German Film Critics Award** / Best Script
- 2002 **Schwerin Film Festival** / Audience Award
- 2002 **Max Ophüls Prize** / Best Director

**LOVE BLACK WHITE** □ **Documentary by Britta Wandaogo**

- 2002 **German Social Award**
- 2001 **Civis Media Award**

**MILK AND HONEY FROM ROTFRONT** □ **Documentary by Hans-Erich Viet**

- 2001 **German Film Prize** / Nominee Best Documentary

**Filmography Feature Films / Series**

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- 2023** □ **TWO TIMES TWO (WT)**  
BG/GER □ Short Film □ 10 min. □ Writer/ Director: Andrey Paounov □ Co-production: Chicken Milk/ BG
- 2022** □ **THE TRAP**  
BG/GER □ Feature Film □ 93 min. □ Script: Bojan Papazpv □ Director: Nadejda Koseva □ Co-production: Borough Film/ BG
- 2022** □ **LOST TRANSPORT**  
NL/LUX/GER □ Feature Film □ Historic Film □ 98 min. □ Script/dir.: Saskia Diesing □ Cast: Hanna van Vliet, Anna Bachmann, Eugénie Anselin □ Co-production.: Keyfilm/NL, Amour Fou/LUX □ World Sales: Global Screen □ Festivals: San Francisco Jewish Film Festival (Premiere), Film Festival Cologne
- 2022** □ **CLEAN THING**  
GER Series □ Dramedy □ 8 x 10 min. □ Script: Michael Gantenberg □ Director: André Erkau □ by WDR □ Cast: Ben Münchow, Cristina do Rego, Benno Fürmann, Samuel Finzi, Timur Bartels, Khalid Bounouar
- 2021** □ **MONTE VERITÀ**  
CH/A/GER □ Feature Film □ Drama □ 110 min. □ Script: K. Naraks □ Director: Stefan Jäger □ Cast: Maresi Riegner, Hannah Herzsprung, Julia Jentsch, Max Hubacher, Joel Basman □ Co-produktion: Telfilm/CH, KGP/A □ Distribution: DCM □ Festivals: Locarno (Premiere)
- 2020** □ **VATERSLAND**  
GER/BE □ Feature Film □ Drama □ 106 min. □ Script/dir.: Petra Seeger □ Cast: Margarita Broich, Bernhard Schütz, Stella Holzapfel et al. □ Co-prod.: FilmForm Köln, Velvet Films/BE □ German distribution: W-Film
- 2019** □ **BAGHDAD IN MY SHADOW**  
CH/GER/UK □ Feature Film □ Drama □ 104 Min. □ Script: Samir, F. al Jamil □ Director: Samir □ Co-production.: Dschoint Ventschr/CH, Ipso Facto/UK □ German distribution: NFP □ Sales: Global Screen □ Festivals: IFF Locarno 2019 (Premiere), Hof IFF, Black Nights FF et al.
- 2018** □ **COBAIN**  
D/NL □ Feature Film □ Drama □ 94 min. □ Script: Stienette Bosklopper □ Director: Nanouk Leopold □ Copro.: Circe Films/NL □ Festivals: Berlinale 2018 (Premiere) □ Distribution: W-Film □ Sales: Beta Cinema
- 2017** □ **DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL BURNED OUT AND EMPTY?**  
GER/NL □ Comedy □ 93 min. □ Writer/Director: Lola Randl □ Cast: Lina Beckmann, Charly Hübner, Benno Fürmann □ Coproduction: Circe Films/NL □ Distribution: Farbfilm □ Festivals: IFF Munich 2017 (Premiere)
- 2015** □ **THE SMALL AND THE WICKED**  
GER □ Feature Film □ 94 min. □ Script: Xao Seffcheque, Martin Ritzenhoff □ Director: Markus Sehr □ Cast: Christoph Maria Herbst, Peter Kurth, et al. □ Distribution: Movienet Film □ Festivals: IFF Munich 2015
- 2014** □ **NENA**  
NL/GER □ Feature Film □ 90 min. □ Writer/Director: Saskia Diesing □ Cast: Uwe Ochsenknecht, Abbey Hoes et al. □ Coproduction: Keyfilm/NL □ World Sales: Incred. Films □ Festivals: Utrecht 2014 (Premiere), Berlinale 2015, Abbey Hoes / Shooting Star 2015
- 2014** □ **THE ROBBERS**  
LUX/GER/BE □ Feature Film □ 81 min. □ Script: E. Malabry, F. Hoffmann □ Director: F. Hoffmann & P. Cruchten □ Cast: Maximilian Schell et al. □ Coproduction: Red Lion/LUX, Novak Prod/BE □ Distribution: Farbfilm □ Festivals: Opening film Max Ophüls Preis 2015 (Premiere)
- 2014** □ **SUPERNOVA**  
NL/GER/BE □ Feature Film □ 106 min. □ Writer/Director: Tamar van den Dop □ Cast: Tamar van den Dop, Bob Schwarze, Gaite Jansen □ After the novel „Wir retten Leben“ by Do van Ranst □ Coproduction: Revolver/NL, Ijswater Films/NL, Epidemic Film/BE □ World Sales: Wide Management □ Festivals: Berlin/ Generation 2014 (Premiere), IFF Xining, Utrecht, et al.



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**2013** □ **THE INVENTION OF LOVE**

GER/LUX □ Feature Film □ 90 min. □ Writer/Director: Lola Randl □ Cast: Maria Kwiatkowsky, Sunnyi Melles, Mario Adorf, Samuel Finzi et al. □ Coproduction: Red Lion/LUX □ Distribution: NFP □ Festivals: Munich 2013 (Premiere), Zürich, Oldenburg, Münster, LOLA@Berlinale

**2013** □ **IT'S ALL SO QUIET**

NL/GER □ Feature Film □ 90 min. □ Writer/Director: Nanouk Leopold □ Cast: Jeroen Willems et al. □ based on the novel by Gerbrand Bakker □ Coproduction: Circe Films/NL, Isabella Films/NL □ Distribution: Edition Salzgeber □ World Sales: Films Distribution □ Festivals: Berlinale/Panorama 2013 (Premiere) et al.

**2012** □ **THE RHINO AND THE DRAGONFLY**

GER □ Feature Film □ 80 min. Script: Lola Randl/ Philipp Pfeiffer □ Director: Lola Randl □ Cast: Mario Adorf, Fritz Haberlandt et al. □ Distribution: NFP □ Festivals: IFF Munich 2012 (Premiere), Zürich et al.

**2010** □ **BROWNIAN MOVEMENT**

NL/GER/BE □ Feature Film □ 96 min. □ Writer/Director: Nanouk Leopold □ Cast: Sandra Hüller et al. □ Coproduction: Circe Films/NL, Serendipity Film/BE □ Distribution: Filmlichter □ World Sales: Films Distribution □ Festivals: IFF Toronto 2010 (Premiere), Berlin/Forum, Crossing Europe Linz

**2008** □ **IL GIARDINO**

GER □ Short Film □ 11 min. □ Script: Thorsten Wacker □ Director: Michael Ester □ Cast: Dirk Back et al. □ Prädikat: besonders wertvoll □ Festivals: Lünen 2008 (Premiere) Short Cuts Cologne, Max-Ophüls Preis

**2008** □ **TOKYO!**

F/GER □ Feature Film □ 100 min. □ Writer/Director: Michel Gondry, Leos Carax, Bong Joon-Ho □ World Sales: Wild Bunch □ Festivals: Cannes/Un Certain Regard 2008 (Premiere) et al.

**2008** □ **LOVE AND OTHER CRIMES**

GER/SRB/A/SLO □ Feature Film □ 105 min. □ Writer/Director: Stefan Arsenijevic □ Cast: Anica Dobra et al. □ Coproduction: Art&Popcorn, KPG, Studio Arkadena □ Distribution: Alpha Medienkontor □ World Sales: Matchfactory □ Festivals: Berlinale/Panorama 2008 (Premiere) et al.

**2008** □ **DAYS IN-BETWEEN**

GER □ Feature Film □ 104 min. □ Writer/Director: Lola Randl □ Cast: Sylvana Krappatsch, André Jung, Samuel Finzi et al. □ Distribution: Filmlichter □ World Sales: Media Luna □ Festivals: Berlinale/Perspektive 2008 (Premiere), Sofia, Karlovy Vary

**2005** □ **LOST AND FOUND**

GER/BIH/BG/EST/RO/SRB/U □ Feature Film □ 99 min. □ Writer/Director: S. Arsenijevic, N. Koseva, M. Laas, K. Mundruczó, C. Mungiu, J. Zbanich □ Distribution: Kurzfilmagentur □ World Sales: Bavaria Int. □ Festivals: Berlinale/Forum 2005 (Premiere), Belgrad, Sofia, Pusan, Linz, Karlovy Vary, Sarajevo, Edinburgh, Umea, Rio de Janeiro, Warschau, Taipeh

**2005** □ **CRASH TEST DUMMIES**

A/GER □ Feature Film □ 93 min. □ Writer/Director: Jörg Kalt □ Coproduction: Amour Fou/Wien □ Distribution: MFA □ World Sales: Outlook/Wien □ Festivals: Forum/Berlinale 2005 (Premiere). Diagonale/Graz (opening), Durban, Karlovy Vary, Warschau, Marrakesch et al.

**2005** □ **SARATAN**

GER/KS □ Feature Film □ 84 min. □ Writer/Director: Ernest Abdyschaparov □ Coproduction: Kyrgyzfilm Studio, Viet-Filmprod. □ Festivals: Berlin/Panorama 2005 (Premiere), Emden, Festroia, Karlovy Vary, Pusan, Warsaw, Haifa, Rio de Janeiro, Almaty, Sao Paolo, Marrakesch et al.

**2002** □ **DO FISH DO IT?**

GER □ Feature Film □ 103 min. □ Writer/Director: Almut Getto □ Cast: Timo Mewes, Sophie Rogall et al. □ Rating: Highly Commended □ Sales: mdc Int. □ Festivals: Saarbrücken 2002 (Premiere), Berlin, Schwerin, Karlovy Vary, Umea, Kairo, Ljubljana, Oulo et al.



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## Filmography Documentaries

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**2020**  **IN THE MAELSTROM OF WAR – THE STORY OF A GERMAN FAMILY**

**GER**  Feature documentary  119 Min.  Script/dir: Christoph Boekel  Co-prod.: Baumfilm

**2020**  **THE INVENTION OF A MURDERER**

**GER**  Documentary  52 Min.  Script/dir: Jens Becker, Dominik Wessely

**2019**  **IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE – MARIO ADORF**

**GER**  Feature documentary about Mario Adorf  98 min.  Writer/Director: Dominik Wessely  with: Senta Berger, M.v.Trotta  Festivals: Berlinale 2019 (Premiere)  Distr.: NFP  World Sales: Magnetfilm

**2017**  **MR. GAY SYRIA**

**GER/F/TR**  Feature length documentary  94 min.  Writer/Director: Ayse Toprak  Coprod: Les Films de Antoine/F, Toprak Films/TR  Distribution: COIN FILM  Festivals: Sheffield 2017 (Premiere), Sarajevo FF

**2015**  **THE BARBER AND THE BOMB**

**GER**  Feature documentary  90 min.  Director: Andreas Maus  Script: Maik Baumgärtner, Andreas Maus  Distr.: Real Fiction  Festivals: Leipzig 2015 (Premiere), Saarbrücken, Linz

**2014**  **IRAQI ODYSSEY**

CH/ **GER**  Feature documentary  162 min.  Writer/Director: Samir  Coproduction: Dschoint Ventschr/CH  Festivals: Toronto International FF 2014 (Premiere), Zürich, Abu Dhabi, Solothurn, Berlinale/Panorama 2015

**2013**  **WHERE THE COLD WIND BLOWS**

**GER**  Feature documentary  80 min.  Writer/Director: Janina Jung  Coproduction: KHM  Festivals: DOK Leipzig 2013 (Premiere)

**2009**  **MADE IN DEUTSCHLAND**

**GER**  Feature documentary  103 min.  Writer/Director: Hans-Erich Viet  Coproduction.: Viet-Filmproduktion  Festivals: Munich 2009 (Premiere), Emden, Haugesund et al.

**2007**  **LOST IN LIBERIA**

**GER/CH**  Feature documentary  90 min.  Writer/Director: Luzia Schmid  Coproduction: Dschoint Ventschr, Zürich  World Sales: Accent Films/Montreux  Festivals: Nyon 2007 (Premiere), Wellington, Solothurn

**2006**  **CONSPIRATORS**

**GER**  Feature documentary  80 min.  Writer/Director: Paul Meyer  Festivals: Kassel 2006 (Premiere), Warschau, Krakau et al.

**2005**  **DID YOU EVER FALL IN LOVE WITH ME?**

**GER /AT**  Feature documentary  89 min.  Writer/Dir: Douglas Wolfspurger  Rating: Highly Commended  Coprod.: Epo-Film/Wien  Dist.: GMfilms/Berlin  Festivals: Locarno 2005 (Premiere)

**2004**  **WHATZ UP?**

**GER**  Feature documentary  80 min.  Writer/Director: Bettina Braun  for ZDF/Das kleine Fernsehspiel  Distribution: COIN FILM/real fiction  Festivals: Duisburg 2004 (Premiere/opening film), Berlinale, Nürnberg, Cologne Confer., Emden, Sheffield, Kassel

**2003**  **THE CROCODILES OF THE WANDAOGO FAMILY**

**GER**  Feature documentary  61 min.  Writer/Director: Britta Wandaogo  Festivals: Femme totale 2003 (Premiere), Bozen, Kassel, Münster.

**2000**  **MILK AND HONEY FROM ROTFRONT**

**GER**  Feature length documentary  116 min.  bw  Writer/Dir: Hans-Erich Viet  Coproduction: Schwering-Viet Film  Distribution: Basis Film  Festivals: Berlin 2001 (Prem.), Munich, St. Petersburg. et al.



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## Producers

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### CHRISTINE KIAUK

Communication scientist (M.A.) and advertising merchant. Managing Director COIN FILM. 1995 - 2004 project management and press work for film and cultural events, production assistant for film productions, editor for film funds. Since 2001 producer and line producer for numerous feature films and documentaries as well as international co-productions at COIN FILM. Lecturer for film schools, focus on „Line Producing/Internat. Producing“, Member of the German Film Academy and ACE Producer (Ateliers du Cinéma Européen).

### HERBERT SCHWERING

Journalist and M.A. in communication science, politics and education, 1988-90 festival director "Filmzwerge Münster", author / producer for various film productions. In 1993 founding of ICON FILM. 1994-97 managing director of Filmwerkstatt Münster. In 2007 change of company's name to COIN FILM GmbH. 1998-2003 lecturer at the Academy of Media Arts Cologne, focus on "Creative Production". Board member of the Film and Media Association NRW, member of the German Film Academy, the European Film Academy, and Ateliers du Cinéma Européen (ACE). Since 2018 member of the Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia. Since 2022 professor for "Creative production for film and TV" at h\_da Darmstadt.