Freud

Freud is a German-language Netflix Original series in co-production with ORF, Satel Film and Bavaria Fiction. The series is directed by award-winning filmmaker Marvin Kren (4 Blocks), who also wrote the scripts together with Stefan Brunner (Tatort), and Benjamin Hessler (4 Blocks). Heinrich Ambrosch (A Fortunate Man) at Satel Film, Moritz Polter (Das Boot) of Bavaria Fiction and Marvin Kren (4 Blocks) are executive producers.

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 eight 45-minute episodes of the new Austro-German production.

Freud tells the story of the young psychoanalyst, Sigmund Freud (Robert Finster), in Vienna in 1886, just as his revolutionary theories are being met with strong opposition from colleagues and wider Austrian society. It is at this time that he meets the war veteran and policeman Alfred Kiss (Georg Friedrich) and notorious medium Fleur Salomé (Ella Rumpf) and unwittingly becomes part of a nerve-racking investigation into a murderous conspiracy.

Following the world premiere on ORF, Freud will be available on Netflix in the spring of 2020. Freud is supported by Creative Europe Media, Filmfonds Wien, Fernsehfonds Austria and the Czech Film Fund.

Produced by: Satel Film in co-production with Bavaria Fiction for ORF and Netflix
Cast: Robert Finster, Georg Friedrich, Ella Rumpf a.o.
In *Sløborn*, a coming-of-age-drama and post-apocalyptic disaster thriller merge into a modern epic. In a radical, uncompromising manner, the series raises the question of what happens to us modern people when the thin varnish of our civilization collapses.

Social workers Freja and Martin arrive on an island with a group of juvenile delinquents. But the quarrels among the adolescents are not the ones causing problems. When two bodies are discovered in a stranded sailboat on the North Sea island of Sløborn, growing signs indicate that the bodies carried with them a dangerous epidemic. At first the island inhabitants are too involved in their personal problems to comprehend the grave danger. However, 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. The action and interpretation power of state, religion and family vanish into thin air and all the authorities — parents, teachers, mayor, police and pastor — lose their influence — or checkmate themselves. 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?

Show runner of the ZDF co-production is Christian Alvart, who together with producer Adolfo J. Kolmerer also directs the ambitious disaster series. Alvart was also responsible for the German Netflix production *Dogs of Berlin* and worked behind the camera for all of the *Tatort* episodes with Til Schweiger.

**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.
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: Pubispe for RAI Italy
Cast: Alessandro Gassman, Maya Sansa, Andrea Sartoretti, Luigi Fedele a.o.
Grow

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 an, 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). Jakob, 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.
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.

From the acclaimed producers of Bron, Top Dog focuses primarily on the clash between Stockholm business attorney Emily Jansson and Södertälje 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 Hilborg a. o.
Thicker than Water, Season 3

Three years have passed since the Waldemars’ guest house burned down and Konrad’s tragic death. Fresh from prison, Lasse returns to Åland to claim his share of the compensation the Rosén family is being forced to pay out. The now pregnant Jonna has also returned. For her part, Liv receives a chilling diagnosis while Oskar plans to follow his dream to buy a vineyard in Argentina.

Standing in the way is Mikael Rosén, who will use all his political connections to thwart the Waldemars. The siblings may end up with nothing at all. Worse still, a car accident and its repercussions bring strife to the next generation of Waldemars.

As the past continues to cast a long shadow over the Waldemar clan, intrigue, tragedy, and drama plagues the island throughout this gripping third series.

Produced by: Nice Drama for Viaplay
Cast: Joel Spira, Ailette Opheim, Björn Bengtsson a.o.

Wataha, Season 3

As the third season begins, border guard officers detain two migrants trying to flee from Poland to Ukraine. Following their trail, Rebrow accidentally stumbles across a crime scene. The violent crime leaves Poland reeling. Markowski opens an investigation, while Rebrow asks Dobosz for assistance, suspecting that there may be more to the case than meets the eye. Dobosz is busy climbing the career ladder in Warsaw, but reluctantly returns to Bieszczady Mountains.

Rebrow is once again facing dilemmas. He has returned as a border guard officer, but his past continues to haunt him. Not everyone is glad he is back. Many still see him as suspicious, operating on the edge of the law. And now a new player has appeared on the radar – Tatiana Barkova – the new boss of the Ukrainian smugglers.

Produced by: HBO Europe
Cast: Evgeniya Akhremenko, Dagmara Bak, Karol Bernacki a.o.
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Miniseries

Dunkelstadt

Miniseries / Crime + Suspense 6 x 45’ Available

In the brand new crime series Dunkelstadt, Doro Decker is a brilliant private detective. She’s a downright modern sleuth with hacker qualities and the unique ability to elicit information from people or trigger particular behavior. A social engineering whiz so to speak. Her skills make her exceptional at solving the grimmest criminal cases, but they’re a woeful disadvantage in her personal life.

Decker is played by Alina Levshin, who made a name for herself in Dominick Graf’s critically acclaimed In Face of the Crime and her powerful role in the neo-Nazi drama Combat Girls. The contemporary series Dunkelstadt sets itself apart from other crime dramas with a distinctive film noir aesthetic style and storytelling narrative.

Produced by: Zeitsprung Pictures in co-production with AT-Productions for ZDFneo

Family History

Miniseries / Drama 6 x 45’ Available

A teenager from a good home disappears the evening of a school fest without a trace. No witnesses, no clues. But interestingly the search for her isn’t the subject of Family History.

The story of the six-part event miniseries picks up when she suddenly returns 10 years later without any apparent memory of what happened that night or the time before, and explores how the surviving relatives have managed without her.

The mysterious family drama is set against the backdrop of an apparent crime and is told in a compelling narrative form: At the beginning of each episode, it dives into the night of the disappearance and each character experiences the night from a different perspective. The creatives behind the event series are X Filme producers Michael Polle and Uwe Urbas, and one of Germany’s most successful directors, Kai Wessel.

Produced by: X Filme Creative Pool for ZDF
Cast: Christian Berkel, Henriette Confurius, Claudia Michelsen, Hildegard Schmahl, Rick Okon, Emily Cox, Ula Lir a.o.
Rookies looks at the popular subject of police work from a refreshing new perspective. The series follows a young group of police academy recruits in and out of the classroom. With training officers at their sides, they each strive to hold their own as they must apply their theoretical knowledge to solve their first real homicide case. The recruits face many challenges — in their work and private lives. And the looming question is always: Will they get accepted into the homicide division?

Produced by: Studio TV Film

The successful classic whodunit series from Frankfurt returns with private detective Leo Oswald and attorney Benni Hornberg. The duo investigates the widest variety of criminal cases. Although they have completely different personalities, they combine their skills to keep innocent people out of jail or help those already behind bars. Their most recent case finds them looking into the murder of 18-year-old Adem Jasari. Benni’s client allegedly attacked and fatally injured Adem while intoxicated.

Produced by: Odeon Film
Cast: Wanja Mues, Antoine Monot, Jr, Bettina Zimmermann a. o.

Heldt is back! Detective Heldt often goes rogue when he’s investigating, while Chief Inspector Grün plays by the book as a matter of principle. And then there’s Prosecutor Ellen Bannenberg – she keeps Heldt in check, but their affair is getting more difficult for them to keep secret. In the latest episode, Heldt promises to help a desperate mother find her missing 18-year-old daughter. He quickly gets a lead and thinks he’s found her behind the wheel of a stolen car. But it’s trickier than that...

Produced by: Sony Pictures Cologne
Cast: Kai Schumann, Janine Kunze, Timo Dierkes a. o.
Mr. and Mrs. Cop

Separate your work life from your private life the saying goes, but it just so happens that Chief Detective Yvonne Wills, who has the best connections to Berlin’s underworld, and her husband Heiko, a respected case analyst, rise to peak form when they collaborate. And that’s what their boss wants them to do. In Dance of Death, the couple meets an old friend whose daughter is in the hospital in critical condition. Their evening ends prematurely when a deputy secretary’s vehicle blows up.

Produced by: EIKON Media GmbH, Berlin
Cast: Alice Dwyer, Johann von Bülow, Tim Kalkhof, Birge Schade, Stephan Bissmeier, Tom Radisch a. o.

Murder Up North

Welcome to Sylt, an idyllic North Sea island with its thatched roofs and well-kept gardens, yet hidden behind the idyllic façade, a murder takes place. Homicide inspector Carl Sievers and his devoted team investigate with patience and psychological prowess. Sievers and the Deadly Love: Inspector Ina Behrendsen has recently fallen in love with Leo Fischer, a seal conservationist. After a seal rescue on the beach, Ina finds Leo there — beaten to death!

Produced by: Network Movie Hamburg
Cast: Peter Heinrich Brix, Robert Atzorn, Julia Brendler, Oliver Wnuk, Mina Tander, Waldemar Koubus, Julia Köhler a. o.

Nordholm — The Girl on the Beach

Inspectors Simon Kessler and Hella Christensen are unalike but effective as they take on cases in the fictitious small town of Nordholm. The Girl on the Beach is the third two-parter of the series. During a high school party on the Nordholm beach, a young student disappears. Her body is found on the cliffs the next morning. Kessler suspects a link between the student and a girl who was murdered in Hamburg. Christensen, who has recently retired from the force, investigates on her own initiative.

Produced by: Network Movie Hamburg

Schwarzach 23

The Germingers — a family of cops — are at the center of this light-hearted detective series. And the stubborn bunch all live in the same house. A bomb threat turns out to be a false alarm in the latest episode of Schwarzach 23, but the bus passenger is dead. Franz Germinger and his sister discover that the passenger was injected with insulin although he wasn’t diabetic. In the meantime, Erika Germinger is released from detention and no one notices it’s not her son Franz picking her up, but a double.

Produced by: TV60 FILMPRODUKTION
Cast: Maximilian Brückner, Friedrich von Thun, Marlene Morreis, Gundi Ellert a. o.
Unterleuten
Miniseries / Drama
3 x 90'
Available

Unterleuten is a village set in the backwoods not far from Berlin in a state once part of the former GDR. 30 years after Germany’s reunification, the village is an uneasy mix of those who profited from the fall of the Wall and those who lost out, all living side-by-side as friends, enemies and neighbors. Then there are the newbies from the West, whose dream to breed horses together with their fear of pollution and the sighting of rare birds lead them to abandon Berlin and head to this idyllic hamlet in the sticks.

Chaos ensues when the mayor announces surprise plans for a wind farm and introduces the Bavarian consultant and the engineering firm who plan to confiscate private property for the second time in the town’s history. As secrets are unveiled, the whole town begins to turn on itself and the outsiders. But who will win?

Produced by: Network Movie Hamburg

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 humour. 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.

Spring Fever is part of ZDF’s Herzkino series — where family life begins and love never ends.

The most recent movie No Fear for Life reached an outstanding 6 million viewers — a market share of 16.4 percent.

Produced by: TeamWorx, Seven Dogs Filmproduktion
Cast: Simone Thomalla, Carolyn Genzkow, Marco Girnth a. o.
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Love + Romance Collections

Cecelia Ahern

Collections / Love + Romance 4 x 90'

The Cecelia Ahern collection features film adaptations of published works from the best-selling Irish author (P.S.: I Love you) who has a knack for seeing and celebrating the strength of the human spirit in the most trying of times. Her novels are popular around the globe because of their universal appeal and message of hope. Whether it is searching for your roots, finding closure after a break-up or letting fate take its path, the movies send viewers on a magical and romantic journey.

Produced by: TV60 Filmproduktion
Cast: Yvonne Catterfeld, Julia Richter, Sebastian Ströbel, Roman Knizka a. o.

A Summer in...

Algarve

Collections / Love + Romance 38 x 90'

Intriguing women find friendship, love, adventure and themselves while travelling to the most beautiful locations.

Algarve

A trip to the Algarve was meant to be a break for the marine biologist Julia. Instead, it turns out it’s the perfect place to dive into tackling both professional and private challenges.

Mykonos

Jana thinks she’s going on a fun mother/daughter vacation, but her mother arranged for them to meet up with her father during the trip. A man Jana hasn’t had contact with in years.

Produced by: Cameo Film- und Fernsehproduktion and Ariane Krampe Filmproduktion GmbH
Cast: Bea Brocks, Giovanni Funasti, Valerie Huber, Ann-Kathrin Kramer, Michael Fitz a. o.

Fairy Tale Cinema

Collections / Love + Romance 4 x 90'

The Fairy Tale Cinema series gives beloved fairy tales a modern-day twist. Mrs. Holle’s Garden comes from the legendary Brothers Grimm. Mia works in the garden and absolutely loves her job. It’s time for her mother to pass on the reins, but she favors Mia’s business-minded sister Marissa as the new director. Frau Holle is a mystical character who acknowledges the garden as a place of real treasure and treats it accordingly. Can she help Mia and her mother make the right decision?

Produced by: sabotage films GmbH
Cast: Cornelia Froboess, Klara Deutschmann, Lavinia Wilson, Lena Stolze, Jean-Yves Bertelot a. o.

Katie Fforde

Collections / Love + Romance 39 x 90'

The Katie Fforde romantic series is set in the lush Hudson Valley of New York and based on the novels by the best-selling author. In Hotel Mama, Helen Carter decides to quit her job and goes back to medical school. Her professor has little understanding for late bloomers and a very critical eye on her. And when her adult son moves back in, his stay gets in the way of her studies and a burgeoning romance. It’s never too late to chase your dreams, but does Helen have the courage to see it through?

Produced by: Network Movie Hamburg
Cast: Rebecca Immanuel, Mignon Remé, Alexander Wipprecht, Jascha Baum a. o.
A Cold Winter’s Night

Sylvie sits in the passenger seat when her husband Maxim, a prospective judge, hits 17-year-old Finn. Maxim leaves the seemingly unharmed boy at a bus station. But Finn has internal injuries and dies. His brother Mike is guilt-ridden for having let him leave the club alone. He wants to find out what really happened. At the funeral, he meets Sylvie and an intimate relationship develops between the two of them. Director Johannes Fabrick nimbly delves into the fascinating subject of human guilt.

Produced by: Hager Moss Film GmbH
Cast: Laura de Boer, Anton Speiker, Franz Pätzold, Ulrike Kremer a.o.

A White Family Christmas

A White Family Christmas is an ensemble film about family, Christmas and everything in-between. Directed by Till Franzen (A Quiet Love). The adult siblings Annika, Sanne and Bastian are surprised to hear that they won’t celebrate Christmas in Hamburg like always. Their parents have arranged a last-minute trip to a cabin in Norway. Little do they know, there’s a secret behind it. The holidays start off well enough, but close quarters and family dynamics soon bring out old conflicts.

Produced by: Relevant Film

We Graduate From High School

Gundula and Gerald are spared nothing in the comedy series, based on the novels by Andrea Sawatzki. In We Graduate From High School, Gundula’s daughter Ricarda is on the brink of not graduating unless she completes a drama class, but the instructor has gotten sick. To Ricarda’s chagrin, Gundula volunteers to step in. On another front, Gundula’s brother Hadi and his highly pregnant wife Rose announce that they’re now neighbours. Gerald is already fed up with them. Everything goes wrong, as always!

Produced by: Ziegler Film GmbH
Cast: Andrea Sawatzki, Axel Milberg, Uwe Ochsenknecht, Judy Winter, Thekla Carola Wied a.o.

The Summer After Senior Year

Bastian Pastewka, Fabian Busch and Hans Löw play three friends who never had that magical summer after graduating high school. Over twenty years ago, their favorite band was touring – and they missed it. But now the band is on tour again – and this time there are no excuses. The three men hit the road for their long-awaited adventure, not knowing their old friendship will be put to the test, and that each of them will face uncomfortable truths.

Produced by: Ziegler Film GmbH
Cast: Bastian Pastewka, Fabian Busch, Hans Löw, Pegah Ferydoni, Charly Hübner a.o.
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