

# **JAVA** FILMS



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Founded in 2005, Java Films rapidly established itself as one of Europe's leading independent documentary distributors, providing production support and distribution to both finished films and projects in development.

In 2013, it opened a separate department - Java Features - to handle its growing theatrical catalogue. Its films have won or been nominated for prestigious prizes like the International Emmys, BAFTAs or Goyas and premiered at festivals like Cannes, Sundance or Tribeca.

Java are also involved in financing and pre-sales. For more information, please see:  
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# New Films



In America, lobby groups, corporations and billionaires invest millions of dollars to ensure that the ‘right’ candidate wins elections. It affects everything from the selection of local officials to presidential elections and creates countless conflicts of interest, undermining what used to be a model democracy. And it has a serious impact on people’s daily lives. Drug prices are the highest in the world. Tax rates for the wealthy have fallen. Climate change is being denied. The impunity and extent of this is staggering. For many, this is nothing less than “legal corruption”.

Today, America “is just an oligarchy with unlimited political bribery”, said former president Jimmy Carter himself. Rules seem to have been designed to be bypassed, supposedly impartial judges are elected with the help of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars. We follow candidates on the field during the electoral process and hear from people whose lives have been directly affected.

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# FAST FASHION

Creating a dress for ten euros in Europe, in less than a fortnight. It's not only possible, but it's becoming the norm. Since the fashion industry went down the path of fast-fashion, it's always both faster and cheaper - no matter the consequences.

Let's start with those suffering the most: the workers. They work between 12 and 15 hours a day for salaries less than half the legal minimum wage. And in abominable working conditions. Chemical products in textile factories often poison the workers and local residents.

According to the brands, they no longer have time to create. In order to satisfy an insatiable consumer appetite, copying the competition's creations makes things go faster and cheaper - even if it means risking a court case now and then...

# moneybots

A FILM BY DANIEL ANDREW WUNDERER AND FRIEDRICH MOSER

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Time is Money. In high frequency trading the fastest data network makes the deal. Computers trade against computers solely committed to the logic of their algorithms. Essentially, they are warring bots – money bots.

In the beginning, the idea was to use greater predictability and faster infrastructure to increase the stability of financial markets. But the opposite has occurred: automation has made them more vulnerable. Moneybots love instability, where the greatest profits are to be made, and high-frequency trading is damaging the real economy.

And, as with all electronic systems, the moneybots can be hacked. Already there have been cases of flash crashes that destabilised the world's markets. How did it come to this? We go back to their roots in the casinos of Las Vegas, where young mathematicians created algorithms and the first wearable computer to outsmart the roulette....

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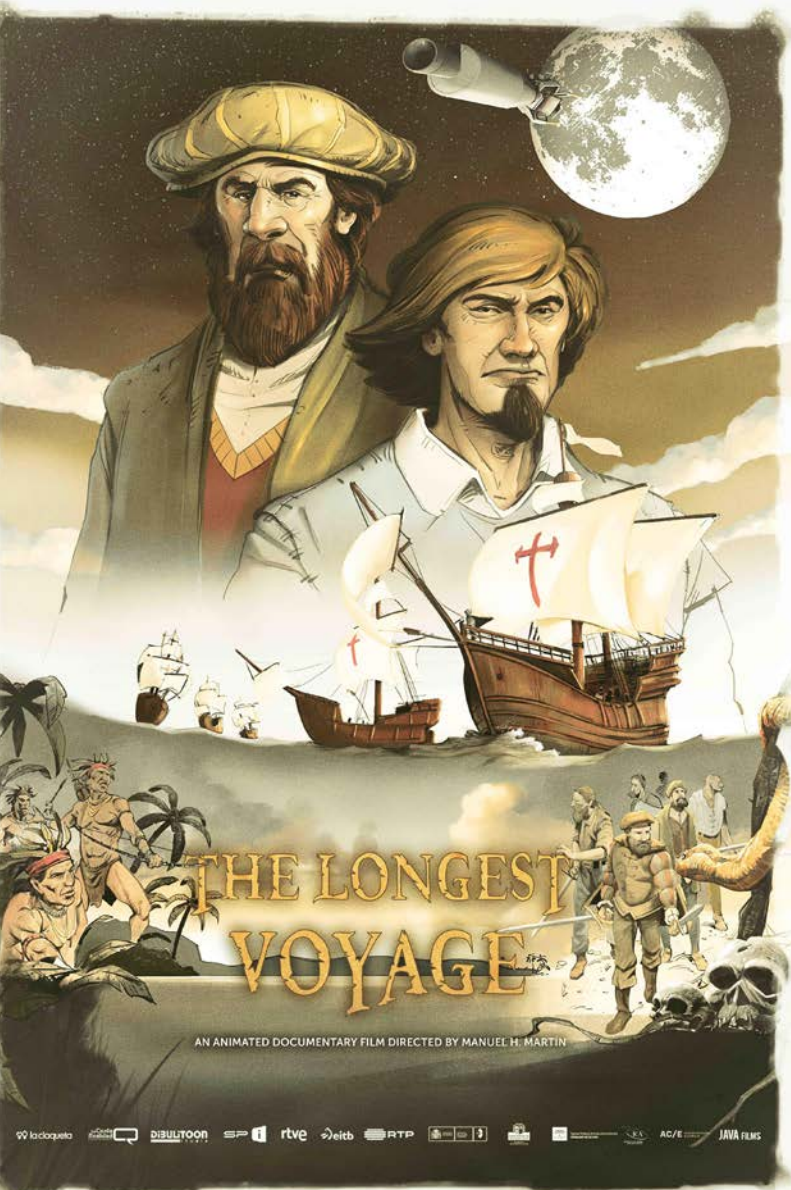


# THE PEOPLE VS. AGENT ORANGE

The Agent Orange catastrophe did not end with the war in Vietnam. Today, all over the world, a primary component of that toxic herbicide controls weeds in farming, forestry, parks — even on children’s playgrounds. The chemical wreaks havoc on the human genome, causing deformed births and deadly cancers.

After decades of struggle and tragic personal losses, two heroic women are leading a worldwide movement to end the plague and hold the manufacturers accountable. In France, Tran To Nga is suing the American chemical industry for poisoning her Vietnamese family. And in America, Carol Van Strum exposes the continuing use of toxic herbicides.

Incriminating documents disappear. Activists and their children are threatened and die. A helicopter technician secretly films the contamination of reservoirs, while a massive industrial cover-up continues....



In less than 15 years, a group of astronauts will make a trip into the unknown that will last for more than three years and pose enormous human and technical challenges. For many, the journey to mars will be the longest and most epic journey ever imaged. But is it really so?

In 1519, Magellan and Elcano set off on a journey that would end up circumnavigating the globe. It was a voyage that closed one chapter for mankind and opened another to the modern age. And, as this film will show, there are striking similarities between the two journeys. Different eras. The same adventure. Man and his will to discover new horizons.

*The Longest Voyage* is a voyage between science and history. A story from the present that will search through the past for the keys to the future. Mixing animation, interviews and graphics and from the award-winning team behind *30 Years of Darkness*.

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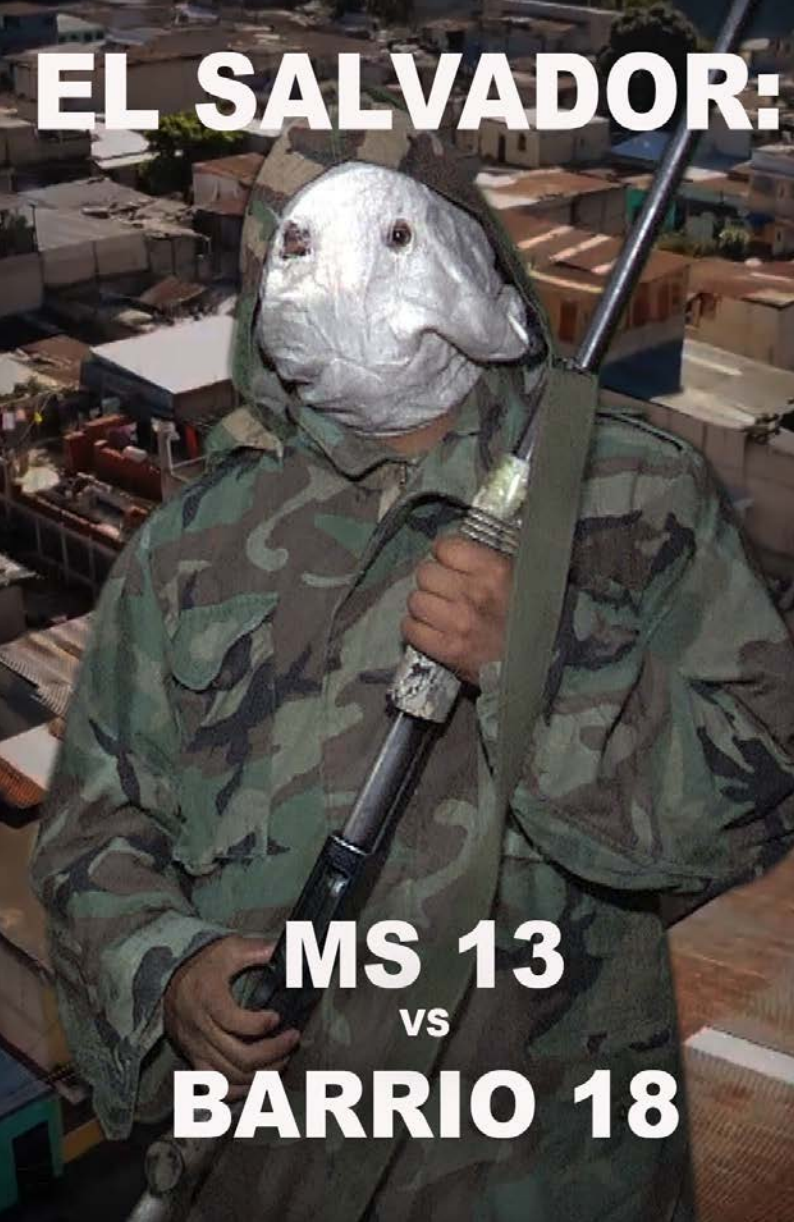


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It's thought that between 10 and 15% of athletes have been victims of sexual abuse. The number of children who are victims is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands, with abuse more likely to be covered-up at elite levels. Children who practice sports are twice as likely to experience sexual abuse or harassment than those who don't. The magnitude of this phenomenon probably exceeds the number of victims of pedophilia in the Catholic Church.

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Since the 1990s, El Salvador has been torn apart by a violent gang war. This tiny state in Central America is one of the most dangerous countries in the world.

Members of MS-13 and Barrio 18 fight a bloody war for control of the neighbourhoods. Julio, one of the leaders of Barrio 18, opens up before the camera and lets us film the violent induction ceremony for a new member. Forensic pathologist, Riccardo, specializes in the toughest crime scenes. This morning, he is investigating three dismembered bodies that have just been found in a ravine. His colleague Israel Ticas, a forensic criminologist, is working on a politically sensitive mass grave where 26 bodies were buried some 15 years ago.

We also filmed inside the high security prison of San Francisco Gotera. There, 1,700 gang members are held in deplorable conditions. Sworn enemies of rival gangs must learn to cohabit in the same cells.

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**LIGNE DE FRONT**

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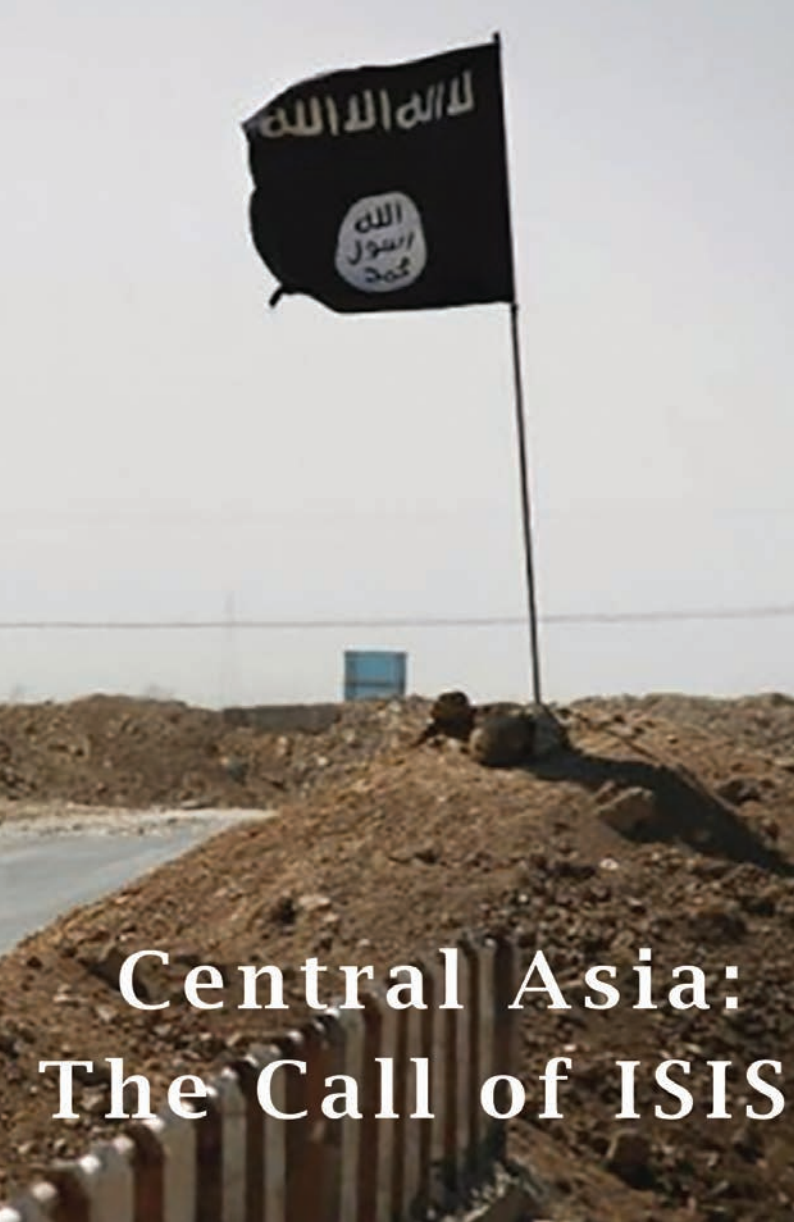
# **IN THE HEART OF THE SINALOA CARTEL**

The Sinaloa cartel earns an estimated three to twelve billion dollars per year. It's a huge business, with more than 200,000 people in Sinaloa alone, working directly or indirectly for organized crime.

We gained exceptional access to several factions of this cartel. In a clandestine laboratory, the “cooks” showed us how drugs are manufactured and then concealed in vehicles to enter the United States. Hired killers, like El Guero, show us their daily life as a sicario. Before each new mission, he prays to the goddess of death. In the poor neighborhoods of Culiacan, women like Jamilet do everything possible to seduce a drug lord.

In the past 15 years in Mexico, the drug war has claimed the lives of more than 230,000 people. 2019 broke all records with 35,000 murders. More than 50,000 people have ‘disappeared’. Isabel tries to find their bodies. She has just received the plan of a mass grave...





# Central Asia: The Call of ISIS

Colonel Gulmurod Khalimov, head of Tajikistan's elite Special Forces, was a man at the heart of the establishment. But in April 2015 he disappeared – only to reappear a few weeks later in an ISIS recruitment video calling on all Muslims in the former Soviet Union to come and join him. In the video, he criticised the corruption and incompetence of Tajikistan's leaders and promised to 'bring slaughter' to his former homeland.

Khalimov was the most prominent of the more than 2,000 Tajiks reported to have joined ISIS and his defection was unprecedented. His incredible story lifts the lid on Central Asia, a region in the throes of upheaval, and reveals the deep malaise pervading former Soviet societies. So what do young people looking for another life, and Khalimov, who could no longer bear the hypocrisy and corruption, have in common? A shared belief that ISIS is the best way to achieve an ideal of justice and purity.

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# PEDOPHILES 2.0:



## ON THE TRAIL OF THE PREDATORS

Along with use of the internet, cases of child sex abuse have exploded in the last ten years. Certain forums, meant only for children, have become the hunting grounds for sexual predators. And now there's a new practice on the darknet: the "live stream".

Today, more than 80% of adolescents use social networks. While many suspects are unmasked and condemned thanks to the contents of their computers, closing the sites on which they exchange photos is much more difficult. In the UK, groups of vigilante paedophile hunters pose as children to trap predators.

To avoid detection, more and more pedophiles turn to the darknet. There, the latest trend is the "live stream". From behind their computer screen, paedophiles pay for child abuse that is carried out live on camera. Most of these remotely-financed rapes take place in South East Asia. We join the police in the Philippines on a raid to rescue one victim.

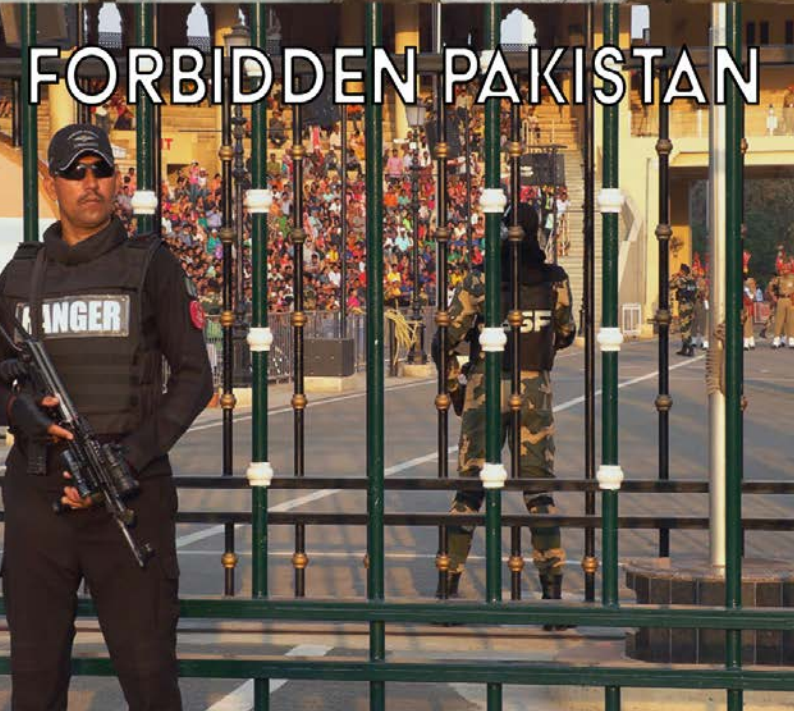
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# JOURNEY THROUGH A FORBIDDEN PAKISTAN



Pakistan, 'land of the Pure', remains a country of contradictions. We examine some of the undercurrents threatening its stability.

Up in the Himalayas, at an altitude of 6,000 meters, a bizarre sort of war is being waged. 1,000 Pakistani soldiers face off against 3,000 Indian ones for control of the Siachen Glacier. With 70% of both their populations dependent on this glacier for water, it's a key strategic asset. We join the Pakistani Special Forces on patrol.

Wedged between India to the East, Iran and Afghanistan to the West and China to the North, Pakistan has long served as a key ally for the Americans. But clerics like Mullah Abdul Aziz, who led a shootout against the army at a radical mosque, remain extremely popular. And the situation of Pakistan's two million Christians remains precarious. They live in fear of being accused of blasphemy.





# FIGHTERS OF THE EXTREME

In Russia and the former USSR, the extreme combat sport MMA has become a social phenomenon. More than a sport, MMA is a social elevator, a political tool and even an instrument of propaganda glorifying the Russian man: virile, invincible and ready to defend the fatherland.

Mixing politics and MMA is a specialty of this region. Ramzan Kadyrov, Chechnya's ultra-authoritarian leader, uses it as political weapon to enhance the region's image and his own reputation. He has developed his own professional league and built up a team of champions who fight under his colors.

In Russia, MMA can lead to anything, even political power. In Krasnogorsk, the town's Deputy Mayor, is something of a political anomaly. Jeff Monson is American, knows nothing about running a town, and doesn't speak a word of Russian. He is, however a former MMA star, and his path was smoothed by Vladimir Putin.



## BIKERS FOR TRUMP

With their big Harleys, bushy beards and jackets covered in slogans glorifying America, 'Bikers for Trump' have

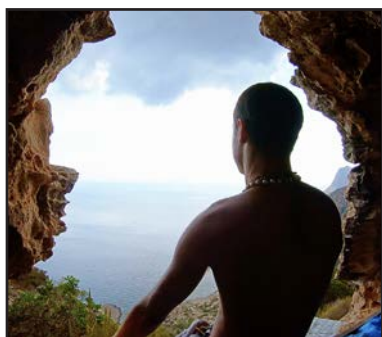
become a political force to be reckoned with. Four years ago, no one took them seriously. Then they played a pivotal role in the 2016 election. In this new campaign, the president listens to them more than ever.

They describe themselves as patriotic bikers whose sole purpose is to help re-elect President Donald Trump and pro-Trump candidates. For founder, Chris Cox, the stakes have rarely been higher. Not only is he fronting the bikers' campaign, he is also running for congress himself. But his recent claims that the coronavirus was a plot by the left to damage Trump does not appear to have helped. We join Cox and other bikers, crisscrossing the country on the campaign trail, and profile an often misunderstood side of America.

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## IBIZA: THE ISLAND OF TWO FACES

The small Balearic island of Ibiza attracts almost three million tourists every summer.

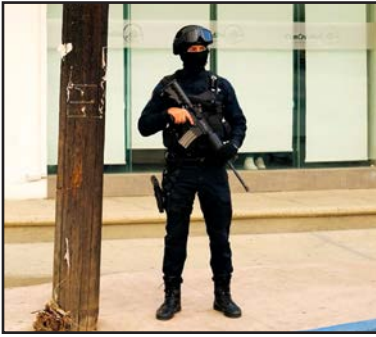
With its legendary nightlife and iconic DJs, it has the reputation as a kind of Disneyland for adults. But hardly anyone has seen all the different facets of this extraordinary island.

Far from the clubs, parties and tourists, there is a wilder and commercially unknown side of Ibiza. Deep within the natural world, the last remaining island rebels live in caves, hidden from the rest of the society. For them, the island has magical properties. Legend has it that the rock formation just off the coast of the island is one of the most powerful energetic centres in the universe.

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## LOS CABOS: TROUBLE IN PARADISE

The seaside resort of Cabo San Lucas, or simply, Cabo, has become a favourite vacation

spot for American multimillionaires..... and Mexican drug traffickers. Indeed Cabo is a strategic spot for the continent's cartels forming a bridge between place of production and the key American market. It regularly tops the list of the world's most dangerous cities.

We spent several weeks following some of the people drawn to Cabo. Here tourists relax and unwind without a care in the world. US millionaire, Bill, is an annual competitor in the world's most richest fishing tournament. Adrien and Alexander are fine wine connoisseurs. We also met members of a cartel, who act more discreetly than a few years ago. Though the murder toll has dropped, the number of mysterious disappearances has increased.

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## THE MED.: THE REFUGEE RAVEYARD

Almost 300 miles separates Libya from Sicily. This 300-mile stretch

is known as the refugee graveyard. But for many, a fate worse than drowning at sea is being locked up in one of Libya's numerous detention centres. There, there is a very high chance of being abused, tortured and raped.

We managed to get inside one of the most notorious centres in Zawiya. There, we witnessed firsthand the appalling conditions. We gained rare access. But there are those who try to help. Humanitarian organisations specialising in rescue aid have taken to the sea or the skies to patrol the area.

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## ARGENTINIA: MY BODY, THEIR CHOICE

Efforts to loosen the restrictive abortion law in Argentina may have failed but the country remains

firmly divided. In the blue corner, a traditional Catholic elite who see abortion as murder. In the green corner, a rising movement of women fighting for the right to safe and legal abortion. We followed key participants on both sides of the debate in the lead-up to the most important vote in Argentina's history: the decision on whether to legalise abortion.

Mariana Rodríguez Varela, known by her detractors as the Crazy Baby Lady, is the face of the Pro-Life campaign. With her army of plastic foetuses, she is passionately pro-life. But the stories of women who suffered illegal abortions in horrific conditions show the horrific reality behind the pro-life rhetoric.

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## BUREAU 39: KIM'S CASH MACHINE

How is it possible that North Korea finances a nuclear weapons programme large enough to

challenge the USA? The answer: Bureau 39, a legendary organization nestled deep inside the government apparatus. Its aim is to procure foreign exchange by any means possible to provide Kim Jong-un's regime with money.

Printing dollars, dealing drugs, smuggling arms, insurance fraud, human trafficking – nothing is too unscrupulous for the money makers.

Years of research have given us unique access to insiders. They reveal the most spectacular cases and breath-taking tricks of how North Korea has been circumventing UN sanctions to finance its nuclear arsenal for decades.

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## **CHAINED (AGORA II)**

After the euro and the refugee crises, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic was the third crisis

in a row for the European continent.

‘Chained’ narrates the five-year story of three successive crises in Europe with Greece in its epicenter. The country suffered an unprecedented reduction of its GDP by 25% – equivalent to a war. It also witnessed the devastation of the welfare state, the dismantling of the public health system, and the rise of inequalities and fascism.

‘Chained’ is the cinematographic mosaic of a European dystopia, posing critical questions regarding the future of director Avgeropoulos’ country, as well as Europe’s.

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## **CAMBODIA: THE FORGOTTEN TEMPLE**

Deep in the jungle of Cambodia, far off beaten tourist trails, lies a jewel

from the Khmer period: the Banteay Chhmar temple. Half devoured by jungle plants and long forgotten by people, the 800-year-old temple has been forgotten by the world.

On their own initiative, the villagers of Banteay Chhmar are slowly restoring of the temple. They dream of it becoming a destination for travellers who want to get to know the real Cambodia rather than a mass tourism destination, like Angkor Wat.

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## THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT

We all know that flying is bad for the climate. Before Corona, there were almost 200,000

flights every day. Corona has changed all that. It's predicted that the industry will not recover until 2022 or 2023. But does that mean that by 2022 we will again be emitting the same amount of CO2 as before? How can we combine environmental protection and our need for mobility? Do we need new aircraft and new aviation fuels – or should we simply fly less?

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## THE GANGS OF PNG

Police violently battling murderous gangs. Endemic violence, extreme poverty, obscene

wealth and corruption on all levels. Welcome to Port-Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Here the police wage a merciless war against the Raskols gangs. But for those with the right connections, PNG is also an el dorado. Thanks to its rich mineral deposits, the capital has experienced an unrivalled real estate boom in the past 10 years.

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## DENMARK: PROVOKING THE LIMITS OF TOLERANCE

With its reputation for tolerance and freedom and its enviable social

security model, Denmark is regularly named the best place in the world to live. But now, the Danish multicultural approach is being cast into doubt. The country has taken in the highest number of immigrants in relation to its population in Europe and tensions are rising between a visible Muslim community and an increasingly uninhibited far right.

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## GOD BLESS AMERICA

Despite being an officially secular country, religion is everywhere in the United States. 70% of

Americans are Christians and the majority of them voted for Trump. Evangelicals mobilized in their masses to get Donald Trump elected and they are now gearing up to do the same for the next election. Evangelicals have even created their own Bible-themed attractions, rewriting the science books to educate their children. Meanwhile, in Georgia, a Christian militia lives in fear of atheists, and prepares for urban war.

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## THE NEW GURUS OF AMERICA

In an America in search of meaning, gurus, healers, shamans and other modern wizards have become

the new providers of worth. Festivals, retreats and detox courses promising spiritual wellness are multiplying. But scams are common, some practices can be dangerous or even fatal and there's a thin line between guru and cult leader. James Arthur Ray is making his comeback after killing three of his followers. Meanwhile Uincult claims she has been sent by aliens to save us.

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## JACKPOT! MILLIONAIRES, WINNERS AND LOTTERY CURSES

In the United States, nearly 80 billion lotto tickets and scratch

cards are sold every year. Overnight these winners find themselves in charge of an astronomical fortune and at the centre of the limelight. The temptations are endless and the risks, elevated. Many winners, like Tim, end up later viewing their jackpot as the worst thing that ever happened to them. So what do the lives of the winners actually look like?

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## INSIDE EFFINGHAM PRISON

In Effingham Prison, Georgia, white supremacist gangs rule. Here 80% of the detainees are white - an anomaly in the American prison landscape. The 20 or so African-Americans all follow the rules imposed by the white gangs. We spent a month filming there and got close to several of the inmates. Housewife, Jenny, has just arrived, still in shock after receiving a 5 year sentence for drunk driving.

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## PRISON LIFE: JUSTICE IN JAPAN

We gained unprecedented access to two Japanese prisons to find out if accusations that the system is inhumane are true. Here inmates must march to their worksites attached by a cord. They are not allowed to look the guards in the eye and must be silent most of the time. The treatment of suspects in custody pushes many to confess to crimes which they did not commit, as was the case with one man who spent 46 years on death row.

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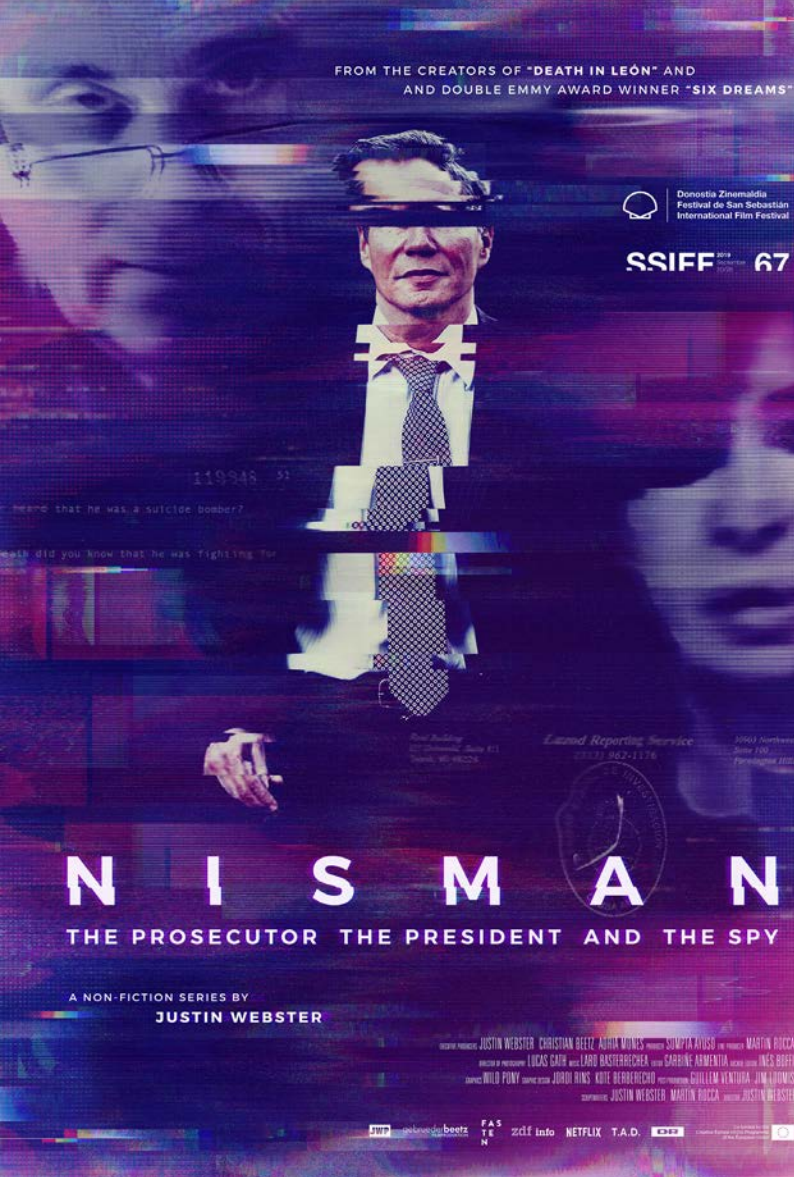
## PRISON FOR PROFIT

What happens when governmental tasks like detention and rehabilitation are left to market forces and powerful international uncontrolled corporations take over? In 'Prison for Profit', we follow investigative journalist Ruth Hopkins and the lives of former prisoners and prison warders from South Africa's Mangaung private prison, which is run by the controversial private security firm G4S. Leaked video footage filmed by prison guards shows the violent face of this notorious private prison from the inside.

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A dead body, terrorism and Iran, the CIA and the FBI, corrupt governments and mysterious cover-ups...

These are some of the ingredients of *Nisman - The Prosecutor, The President and the Spy* which will fascinate audiences eager to watch high-concept, gripping, complex, political crime stories with enormous international resonance.

This is a profoundly researched, character-driven story of crimes, spies and cover-ups. Triggered by a mysterious death, rival narratives of good and evil, of suicide or murder, and of truth itself, unfold through police investigations and political crises.

Overshadowing everything is the obscure and complex world of international intelligence services...

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## BEYOND THE GLITTER: CHILD LABOUR IN MICA MINING

Mica: it's the common ingredient in cosmetic products such as nail polish, foundation, mascara and lipstick. Unknown to hundreds of millions of consumers is the fact that products contain "dirty mica", extracted using antiquated methods, close to slavery, in one of the poorest regions of the world. In Jarkhand, India, under the constant threat of landslides and toxic dust, children dig through the earth with their bare hands.

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## THE MARRIAGE PROJECT

A quest for love inside a mental hospital in Tehran. Encourage the patients from a mental hospital to form relationships with each other, get married and live as a family. That's the bold new idea of the head of Ehsan House in Southern Tehran. As a selection committee begins evaluating patients, hidden affections come to the surface. Are the two patients chosen capable of having a relationship that leads to marriage?

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## EXTREME TOURISM

Travel agencies specialising in perilous holidays are offering organised trips to war zones and even areas struck by natural or nuclear disasters. We follow one group of tourists in Indonesia as they climb Anak Krakatoa, an erupting volcano. In Ukraine, adventurous tourists come from afar to visit Chernobyl, the site of the worst nuclear disaster in human history. Meanwhile, skiers in search of a 'different' experience brave the mountains of Hindu-Kush, Afghanistan.

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## **THE BATTLE FOR NOTRE DAME**

Monday 15th April, 2019. The world watches in horror as Notre-Dame,

Paris' iconic cathedral, burns. While news stations around the globe cover the events live and the streets fill with people in shock, an extraordinary story is taking place behind the scenes. Just a few key moments decided the fate of the Notre Dame, protecting it from total destruction. This film reveals the previously unknown events in an extraordinary battle to save the Cathedral.

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## **NOTRE DAME: EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL**

In the aftermath of the fire at Notre Dame, CFRT obtained rare

permission to film the interior of the cathedral, and unlimited access to the reconstruction. For two months, we filmed the clearing and the consolidation work, removing the gargoyles, stained glass and collection of exhibits. We follow the Cathedral's reconstruction and the key personnel charged with the responsibility of delivering President Macron's promise.

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## **EXTREME CONSTRUCTIONS: THE SECRETS OF STRASBOURG CATHEDRAL**

It was the highest building constructed during the Middle Ages and an architectural masterpiece. Built over hundreds of years, using new technologies and according to principles never tested before, Strasbourg Cathedral is radically different from any other Cathedral. For the first time, the researchers trace in 3D its incredible history.

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## STOLEN BLOOD ANTIQUITIES

Antiquities stolen from the Middle East have resurfaced in art markets all over the world. The pillaging

of archaeological artefacts began on an unprecedented scale with the destruction of Palmyra by ISIS and it continued with artefacts stolen from Iraq and Libya. Stolen antiquities have been exhibited at renowned galleries and sold around the world in online markets. In this investigation, we shadow European specialist police units and investigative archaeologists to reveal a sprawling criminal network.

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## GHOST WORKERS

We're at the beginning of an artificial intelligence revolution that promises to

change everything. But in order to run their applications, digital giants like Amazon, Google and Facebook, employ an army of invisible labour. These are disposable workers, paid as little as 10 cents an hour to feed information into computer systems. Others are hired and hidden out of sight to clean up social networks.

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## BHUTAN: THE DICTATORSHIP OF HAPPINESS

With its exquisite natural beauty, emphasis on 'Gross National Happiness'

and strong environmental protections, the small nation of Bhutan seems like a model for the rest of the world. But behind this idyllic façade there lies a more complex reality. Buddhism is the only religion tolerated by the Wangchuck dynasty who have ruled the country for the last century. This ultra-conservative regime is closely intertwined with the Buddhist faith.

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## OBJECTOR

Like all Israeli youth, Atalya is obligated to become a soldier. Unlike most, she questions the practices of her

country's military and becomes determined to challenge this rite of passage. Her courage moves those around her to reconsider their own political positions and power to effect change. 'Objector' follows Atalya to prison and beyond, offering a unique window into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the perspective of a young woman who seeks truth and takes a stand for justice.

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## CRASH

After the last financial crisis everyone agreed that the system needed to change. But since then, our sense of

distrust in the markets has grown. Now, with fears of another bust looming, what can be done to restore trust in the bankers? Since the 70s, the idea that self-regulation is the best and most efficient way to govern the markets has taken root. By looking back at past crises and examining the challenges faced today, this investigation reveals how we can retake control of the markets.

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## SLOW NEWS

Trump's tweets, the 'firehosing of falsehood', breaking news: we are drowning in information overload.

People believe everything and nothing at the same time. In different parts of the world, some journalists are building alternative models. They do not know each other but they want the same thing: to slow down. Meanwhile, in Milan, four journalists meet Peter Laufer, author of the Slow News manifesto. They have a mission: to connect the dots..

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## **PATAGONIA: THE NEW FAR WEST**

Millionaires from all over the world are moving in to make Patagonia their own personal playground. Lured by Patagonia's beautiful landscape and natural resources, they have bought up huge areas of land at low prices and see this as business opportunity, as much as anything else. But all this comes at a cost to the Mapuche people, Argentina's indigenous population, whose land is being stolen.

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## **SOMALIA: A COUNTRY IN FREEFALL**

With no state, no public amenities and almost daily attacks, the majority of Somalia is completely out of government control. The country lives under the rule of armed Islamists who take orders from Al Qaeda. Every year, the international community spends billions on aid and yet the country is weaker than ever. It is estimated that less than 20% of aid money actually reaches its intended recipients. Why?

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## **PREY**

A riveting and unflinching account of a survivor of sexual abuse and his lawyer as they take on the Catholic Church. We follow him as he pursues justice through a public trial in the hopes of forcing the dark and hidden story of clergy sexual abuse to light. The trial is not about guilt or innocence but about how much money the church must pay in compensation. For the plaintiff, it is about exposing the truth of how and why the sexual abuse of children went on for so long without the Church stopping it.

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## BEIRUT: LA VIE EN ROSE

We follow the lives of four members of the Lebanese Christian elite. In one of the world's most politically

unstable countries, they are a symbol of the former "Switzerland of the Middle East" - the last representatives of a golden age they are reluctant to give up. They live in a bittersweet oasis, a mix of an intense social life with the extravagance of bygone times. Through an elegant mise-en-scène, we witness the end of an era and a way of life whose days are numbered.

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## EXILED: THE ROHINGYAS

Myanmar is a country shaped by Buddhism and military dictatorship. One ethnic minority,

the Rohingya, is facing state organized campaign of killings since 1978. The transition to democracy, under Nobel Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, made things even worse. The problem is now called a genocide. 'Exiled' tells the story of Rohingya through the witness accounts of the radical Buddhist Monks, chief mastermind of a genocide and Rohingya.

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## ROHINGYAS: THE MECHANICS OF A CRIME

Hundreds of villages burned. Mass rapes and large-scale massacres. 700,000

Rohingya people forced into exile. At first sight, this surge of hate seemed to come from nowhere. But emptying a territory of its population in a few weeks requires a minimum of organisation and anticipation. It is a pre-meditated act and needs to be planned. We investigate the premeditated nature of ethnic cleansing against the Rohingyas.

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## VAN LIFE

Thousands of Americans have left everything behind to explore the USA from behind the wheel.

Far removed from previous generations, these #Vanlife travellers are nomadic workers, hyperconnected to the world around them. Left unfulfilled by the daily working grind, 32-year-old Katie travels solo in a van she's built herself. Emily's social media posts about her travels has garnered her and her partner Corey a large following, allowing them to live full-time off of their passion.

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## ON THE WILD SIDE

What drives people all over the world to hunt animals, often driving them towards extinction? How does

hunting affect our relationship with nature and impact fragile ecosystems? And how do hunting lobbies influence law makers and the media? Through the personal story of one ex-hunter, 'On the Wild Side' unites the global anti-hunting movement, while also providing an overview of hunting throughout history. Is it possible to end hunting forever?

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## CONSCIENCE POINT

The Hamptons: playground of the super rich. Epicenter of a luxury property boom, with

developers scheming for any scrap of land on which to make millions. Meanwhile the original inhabitants, the Shinnecock Indians, find themselves pushed to a point of near extinction, squeezed onto a tiny 750 acre reservation. This is the story of fighting the elite 1% at a time when so many are struggling to remain in gentrifying parts of cities.

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## CRACK IN PARIS

In recent years, the number of crack addicts in Paris has skyrocketed. Nicknamed the “drug of the poor”, due

to its affordable price, this powerful cocaine derivative can be bought and used in plain sight at the heart of the capital. In the north-east of Paris, the presence of crack-smokers poses real problems for local residents. The public parks are full of squatters and locals are constantly subjected to aggressive begging.

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2020 - 52 mins - Fr

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## GENERATION GRETA

They are aged between 12 and 24. They have grown up in a world with increasing droughts,

floods, fires. And they share a common fight: the climate emergency. In the wake of Greta Thunberg, the most famous of them all, these young women, aged between 12 and 24 years old, already possess the charisma and assurance of some of the history’s greatest political personalities. Who are these activists, set on changing the world? What hopes do they carry?

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2020 - 54 mins - Fr, Eng

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## CONGO: MILLIONAIRES OF CHAOS

The DRC is one of the poorest countries on the planet with one of the highest proportions

of millionaires. While 70% of the population lives on less than a dollar a day, 6% are millionaires. Businessmen, artists, former rebel leaders or evangelists, many have made fortunes in chaos. In the capital, Kinshasa, these new rich live in the heart of secure and luxurious enclaves. Elsewhere, children work hours a day, tens of meters underground, extracting coltan.

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2019 - 52 mins - Eng, Fr

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## FAT CAMPS

There are 14 million obese teenagers in the USA, four times more than 30 years ago. But for those who can afford it, there's a solution. Camp Pocono, two hours away from New York, is the biggest fat camp in the country. Every summer, 400 children are sent there and put through a tightly regimented routine, a strict diet and gruelling sessions of cardio. We follow some of them during their three month stay there. Will the camp meet all their expectations?

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2020 - 54 mins - Eng, Fr

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## OBESITY: AMERICA IN DANGER

Never in all its history has America been so obese. 160 million Americans are severely overweight. Faced with this staggering figure, healthcare professionals are trying to find new, more efficient and more aggressive treatments. But others champion body positivity. On social media, magazine covers and even through successful 'Miss Plus' beauty pageants, overweight Americans are learning to flaunt their curves and love themselves no matter their size.

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2019 - 52 mins - Eng, Fr

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## GLOBAL HOMOPHOBIA: THE ROOTS OF HATRED

We investigate the abuse suffered by the gay community all over the world. In Tunisia, gay people can be sentenced to three years in prison. Uganda is one of the 27 sub-Saharan countries in which homosexuality is repressed, punishable by lifetime imprisonment. While in America, 700,000 people have undergone 'gay conversion therapy' in a desperate attempt to change their sexuality.

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2019 - 52 mins - Eng, Fr

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## **BOLSONARO: THE STORY OF A BREAKDOWN**

On January 1st 2018, Jair Bolonsonaro was sworn in as president of Brazil. This film,

made one year later, hands the microphone to four young and engaged voters, from radically different backgrounds, who describe how their lives have changed. Genesis, a black and bisexual poet, uses her art to denounce the new regime's racist and homophobic discourse. Meanwhile Dav views his new president as a defender of the family views which he believes are threatened by gender theory.

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2020 - 52 mins - Fr

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## **FOOD FOR CHANGE**

Our plate is our most powerful weapon in fighting global warming and in protecting our planet.

Today, our diets play a major role in the threats weighing on the Earth. But alas, there is hope. Investigative journalist Benoît Bringer sets off on a global search for the women and men who are inventing a new dietary model — one which respects both humankind and nature. We see how we can each be a force for change and develop recipes for an economically viable dietary transition.

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## **AN AMERICAN SATAN**

Founded in 1966 by a lion tamer named Anton Szandor LaVey, the Church of Satan has often been

surrounded by mysteries, scandals and moral panics. Some of today's active members of the church and other free-styled Satanists share their views, memories, ritual practices and personal stories, discussing the false myths that still surround the movement. An immersive journey into one the most fascinating phenomena of American religious pluralism.

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2019 - 73 & 52 mins - Eng

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## THE BALLYMURPHY PRECEDENT

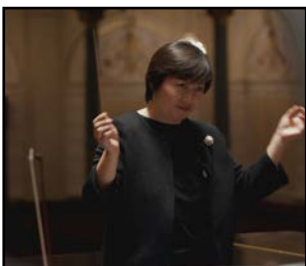
A powerful forensic investigation of one of the worst atrocities of the Northern Irish

“Troubles”. A shocking story which, until this film, was largely unknown outside of the North of Ireland. It tells how, over three days in one small Belfast housing estate in 1971, shootings by the British Army caused the deaths of eleven innocent Catholic civilians, including a priest and a mother of eight. As many as thirty more civilians were shot and injured.

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2018 - 84 & 52 mins - Eng

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## BEYOND THE GRACE NOTE

We look at the struggles and problems that many of the most famous female conductors

in the world have had to face pursuing their chosen profession. The job itself is demanding enough but there are extra hurdles that women have to face. A man can be decisive but a woman is seen as bossy or overbearing. And of course she cannot possibly tackle the more masculine classical repertoire like Beethoven or Verdi or Wagner or Rachmaninov....

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2019 - 56 mins - Eng

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## THE COCAINE HIGHWAY

Cocaine is one of the most profitable goods in the world. Sold for \$1,000 per kilo in Colombia, it

is worth €30,000 in Paris. To ship their goods from South America to Europe, traffickers are constantly finding different routes and new ways to thwart police surveillance. From clandestine laboratories in the heart of the Amazon jungle, we followed the trail across Colombia and Brazil to Casablanca, Madrid and finally Paris.

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2020 - 52 mins - Eng, Fr

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# Films in Development





Brexit was presented as a populist revolution against the elite. But in the years since the referendum, a group of men deep in the heart of the British establishment have been carrying out a coup of a different kind – using Brexit to try and turn Britain into a low-tax, low regulation, high finance utopia.

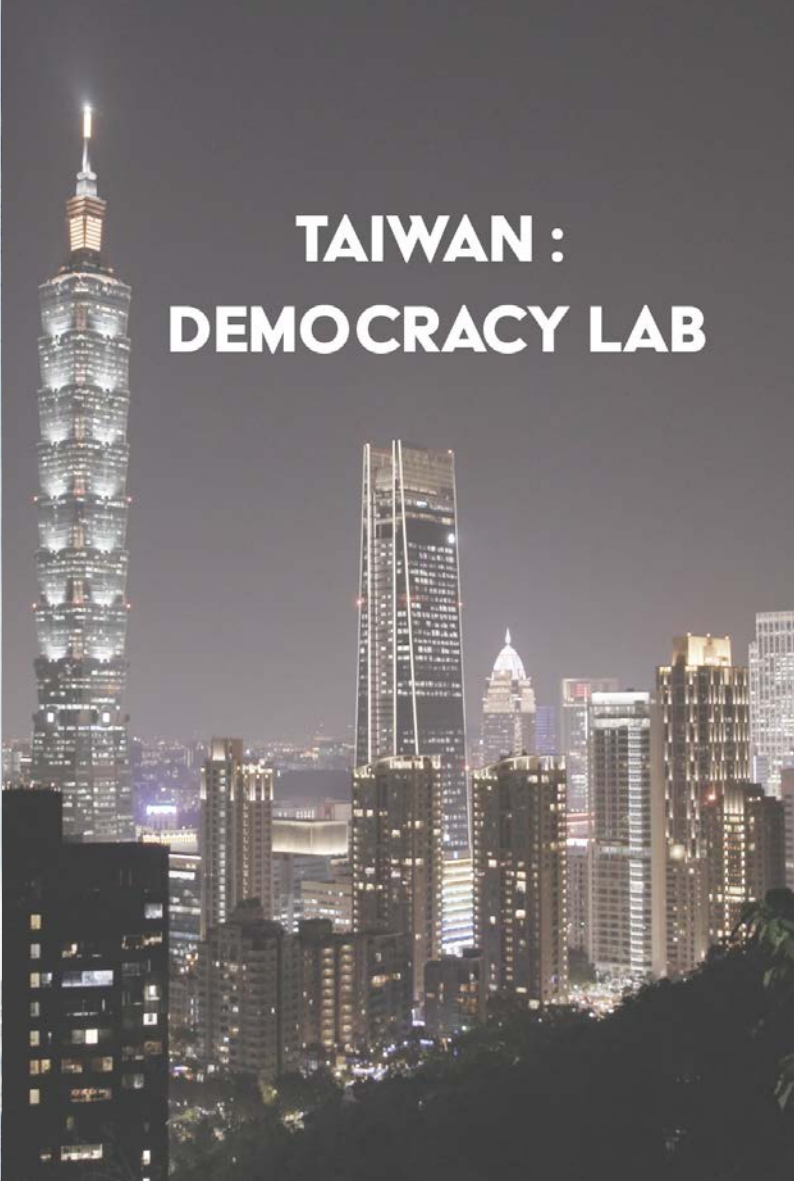
This revolution is funded by dark money – cash from unknown sources – which has been flooding into the British political system through mysterious front groups, opaque offshore firms, clandestine digital campaigns and corporate lobbyists in disguise.

Today dark money and shadowy influence operations continue to push an agenda that is anything but popular, and is deeply undemocratic. In this film we follow the dark money trails to find out: who are the men who bought Brexit, and what is their vision for Britain's future?

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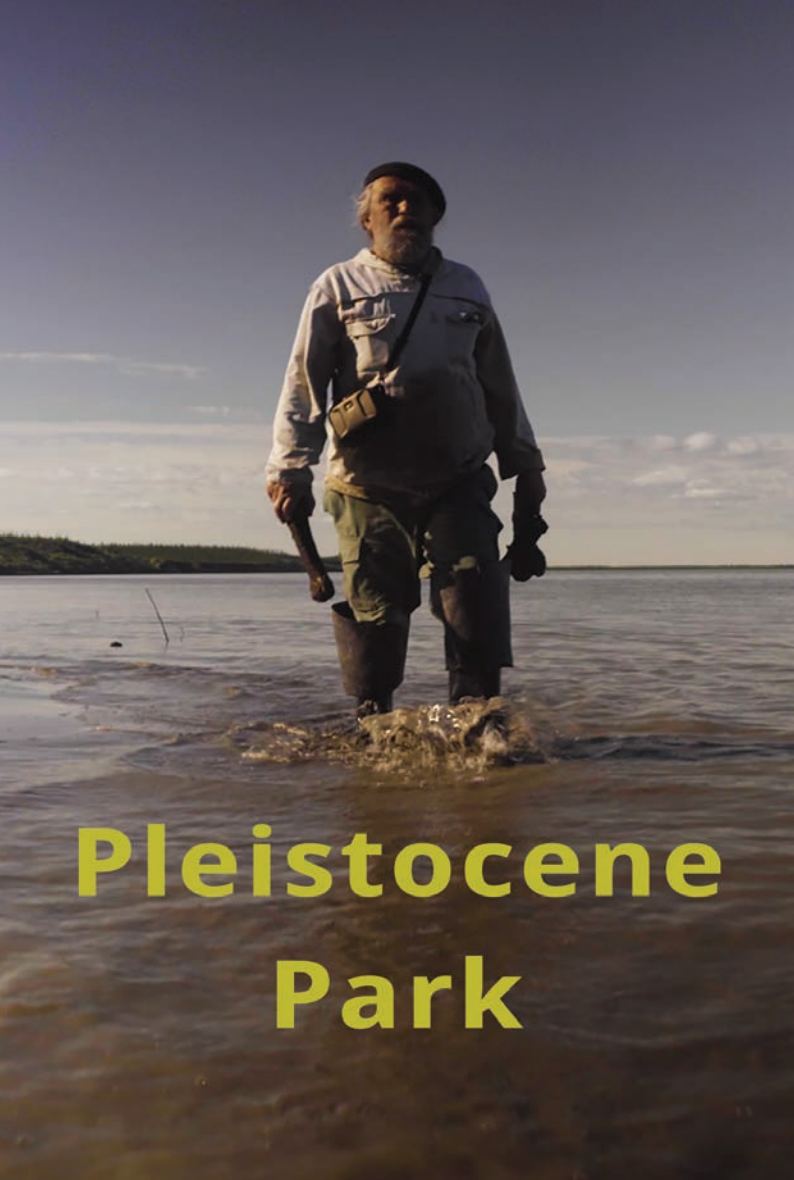


# TAIWAN : DEMOCRACY LAB

To China, it's a breakaway province that must return to the fold. To its 24 million inhabitants, it's a sovereign state, with its own constitution and democratically elected leaders. Now that Hong Kong has been brought into line, Taiwan remains determined to stand up as a vibrant, young democracy. But it won't be easy...

Since the Sunflower Movement in 2014, when the young came out to prevent an economic agreement with China, citizen groups have been fighting for the transparency of institutions. As Audrey Tang, Minister of Digital, explains, the idea, whenever possible, is to put the citizen at the heart of the political process and its decisions.

But this new generation is at odds with the old one, who experienced dictatorship and for whom democracy does not necessarily mean economic prosperity. Every day, Taiwan has to counter millions of cyber attacks that aim to destabilize its institutions and exacerbate divisions in society.



# Pleistocene Park

A Russian scientist on the border between genius and madman, a vanished ice age ecosystem, a climatic time bomb and a crazy plan to save the world.

Seeking no one's help and asking nobody's permission, in a remote corner in Siberia, Russian scientist Sergey Zimov and his son, Nikita, are scouring the planet for leftovers of the ice-age and transporting them, by whatever low budget means they can contrive, to Pleistocene Park. Sergey proposes that millions of horses, bison, yaks once again roaming Siberia can stabilise permafrost and prevent a catastrophic scenario of runaway global warming. But the park itself remains an extremely funky operation, dominated by swarms of mosquitos and mud pits rather than thundering herds.

We follow Sergey and Nikita for over eight years as they try to stave off a worst case scenario of global environmental catastrophe and reshape humanity's relationship with the natural world.

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Ready January 2021 - 90 & 52 mins - Eng

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# System Terror

In 'System Terror', filmmaker Astrid Schult unmaskes the insidious and anti-terror systems of the US and its allies.

From torture and egregious human rights violations to Guantanamo Bay and America's secret overseas prisons, she shows how the system to this day, hinders criminal prosecution, systematically covers up the crimes of US administrations and mercilessly terrorises its opponents.

In 'System Terror', we follow individuals who have worked from within the anti-terror system for 20 years, and those who fight against it, as well as those who have helped shape it in a myriad of ways: scientists, investigative journalists, lawyers, prisoners, prison guards, CIA and FBI agents and victims families.



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# FOOD FRAUD

## An Organised Crime

A Film by Bénédicte Delfaut



Horsemeat labelled as beef. Honey diluted with cheap sugar syrups. Counterfeit extra-virgin olive oil. Food crime is a multi-billion dollar industry affecting everything from the cheapest to most expensive ingredient. 10% of what we eat is thought to be adulterated.

In Italy, entire sectors of the food industry are controlled by the mafia. All over the world, well-organised criminal networks work together to penetrate complex supply chains. Replacing one ingredient with a much cheaper substitute or faking a label involves little danger or cost for the criminals. The profits are enormous. But what are the risks to the consumer? How can we identify food fraud? And what can be done to stop it?

In this investigation, we follow the food fraud brigades and reveal how little we know about what we're eating. A global investigation into the counterfeit food industry.

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Ready Spring 2021 - 52 mins - Eng, Fr

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# Order!

## Brexit's last Act

Four years on from the fateful referendum that marked the beginning of the end for Great Britain's membership in the European Union, and the story is still unfolding. The saga has so far comprised of three main parts: the referendum, Theresa May and Boris Johnson.

We are now entering the final act of this Shakespearean drama: the negotiation phase that will finally determine the future of British-EU relations. Since March 2020, Boris Johnson has been faced with the task of navigating his country through a global pandemic as well as through Brexit.

This film, made entirely from archive footage from the House of Commons, gives a clear picture of the dramatic nature of government debates and the glaring contradictions across parties. The debates that unfold here are emblematic of the ideological war underway between populism and liberal democracy, at play over Europe and in the rest of the world.

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# ERASMUS IN GAZA



A DOCUMENTARY BY

**CHIARA AVESANI &  
MATTEO DELBÒ**

MUSIC BY JESÚS DÍAZ EDITED BY ANTONIO LABBRO DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY  
MATTEO DELBÒ PRODUCED BY EVA FONTANALS, VITTORIO MORONI,  
RICCARDO CHIATELLI WRITTEN BY CHIARA AVESANI  
DIRECTED BY CHIARA AVESANI, MATTEO DELBÒ.

Riccardo, an Italian final-year medical student, is going on Erasmus. The destination: Gaza, a war zone. He wants to become a war surgeon and is writing his thesis on explosive bullet wounds.

Entering Gaza is not easy. He needs permission from three different authorities: the Israeli army, the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. And upon arrival, the pressure mounts: his experience will determine the success of the exchange programme. The imminence of war doesn't help and he starts suffering panic attacks.

And when war is rekindled, Riccardo has to make many difficult choices. In crossing the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, he also crossed the boundary between adolescence and adulthood.

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# #DIESELGATE

**HOW THE CAR INDUSTRY  
LIED TO US ALL**

**A FILM BY JOHAN VON MIRBACH**

It's the biggest scandal in German industrial history. For more than ten years, automobile manufacturers and suppliers working for lots of different companies lied to consumers and authorities by deliberately manipulating the exhaust emissions of their vehicles. With catastrophic consequences: Almost 20 million car owners worldwide were cheated. The reputation of Germany's car industry is ruined. And the consequences for human health and the environment are immense.

In this investigation, industry insiders reveal how this is the logical consequence of a culture of profit maximization at the expense of morality, decency and legality.

The main protagonists of our film are whistle-blowers fighting against powerful car bosses. An ex-engineer, an ex-manager, a lawyer – they all break their silence for the first time in front of the camera to reveal the criminal activities in Germany's car industry.

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