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Founded in 2005, Java Films rapidly established itself as one of Europe's leading independent distributors, providing pre-sales and distribution for documentaries. We pride ourselves on our strong, personal relationships with our producers and clients and place this at the centre of everything we do.

At Java, we're passionate about stories that explain the big issues of tomorrow. We only work with non-fiction and specialise in current affairs investigations, human rights, history and environmental films. Our boutique feature department takes on 6 – 8 feature documentaries a year, while our TV department works with approximately 60 – 80 titles per year.

Our priority is to ensure that our films are widely seen and accessible to everyone. To that end, Java is divided into three departments, which work closely together. Our festival department focuses on securing suitable premieres and a long, non-theatrical run for our films. This typically runs for 12 – 36 months and is made up of both festival, non-theatrical and company screenings. Our digital department concentrates on placing films on all types of VOD platforms, as well as managing social media marketing and working with designers and outreach teams to create suitable artwork and visual assets. Meanwhile, our sales department works on securing TV broadcasts, educational deals and inflight sales, through output deals and detailed market knowledge.

In 2020, our documentaries screened at 115 festivals around the world, winning 32 awards & special mentions.

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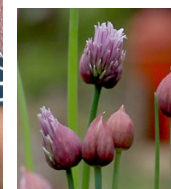
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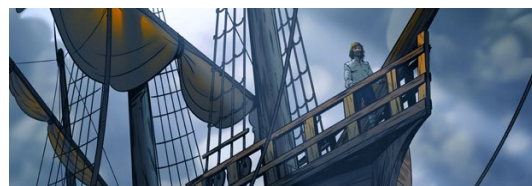
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HIGHLIGHTS





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Dying to Divorce

Filmed over five years, 'Dying to Divorce' takes viewers into the heart of Turkey's gender-based violence crisis and the recent political events that have severely eroded democratic freedoms. Through intimately shot personal stories, the film gives a unique perspective on the struggle to be an independent woman in modern Turkey.

More than one in three Turkish women have experienced domestic violence and the number of femicides is rising. But some Turkish women are fighting back. Ipek Bozkurt, a courageous lawyer, is determined to challenge this misogynistic violence by putting abusive men behind bars.

Working with a group of activists, Ipek is fighting to get justice for two survivors of horrific violence – Arzu, married off at 14 to a farmer ten years her senior and Kubra, a successful and glamorous TV presenter. From very different backgrounds, both were lucky to survive the attacks by their partners.

Ipek's fight is not only against a legal system which regularly gives light sentences to male perpetrators but an increasingly repressive government whose unprecedented crackdown on dissenting voices leaves Ipek, like thousands of other lawyers, fearing imprisonment.

- 2021
- 82 & 60 mins
- ENG
- **Producers:**
- Sinead Kirwan
- Chloë Fairweather
- Elisabeth Kleppe
- **Director:**
- Chloë Fairweather
- **Commissioned by:**
- WDR/ARTE, NRK, DR



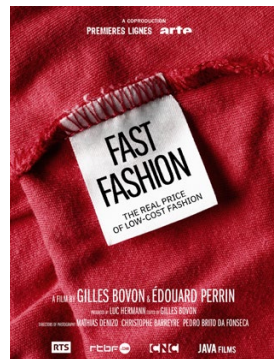
The Longest Voyage

2022 marks the 500 year anniversary of Magellan and Elcano's landmark circumnavigation of the globe. It was a turning point in history: an incredible three year voyage that opened the gateway to the modern age. Before, man saw the world in a completely different way. It was considered much smaller. Seas were thought to be inhabited by monsters. There was no concept of how the world was connected.

In circumnavigating the globe and charting our world, Magellan and Elcano opened the door to man's next challenge: the journey into space. Like Magellan, the astronauts of today are journeying into the complete unknown. And there are striking similarities between the modern exploration of space and the age of the great explorers. Both the Space Race and the Age of Discovery were races between two superpowers that divided the world. Both involved extremely dangerous journeys, posing enormous human and technical challenges, that changed humanity forever.

'The Longest Journey' is an animated documentary from the award-winning team behind '30 Years of Darkness'. The first journey to the moon and the first voyage around the world. Twin stories on two of humanity's greatest ever achievements. Different eras. The same adventure. Man and his need to discover new horizons.

- 2021
- 77 & 52 mins
- ENG, SPA
- **Producer:**
- La Claqueta
- **Director:**
- Manuel H. Martin
- **Commissioned by:**
- RTVE, RTP



Fast Fashion The Real Price of Low-Cost Fashion

The planet is being overwhelmed with clothes. Close to 56 million tonnes of clothes are sold every year. In Europe, the amount purchased has almost doubled since 2000. Thanks to fast disposable fashion, you can constantly renew your wardrobe.

But producing clothes at such a low price has a very high environmental cost. Textiles are the second most polluting industry in the world, after oil.

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 models makes things go faster and cheaper – even if it means risking a court case now and then...

- 2021
- 90 & 52 mins
- ENG, FR
- **Producer:**
Premières Lignes
- **Directors:**
Gilles Bovon
Edouard Perrin
- **Commissioned by:**
ARTE



Ghosts of Afghanistan

The West invaded Afghanistan to topple the Taliban with promises of democracy, freedom and women's rights. It was a disaster. Hundreds of thousands of people were killed. Corruption and abuses are endemic. Now the foreign troops are withdrawing. And the Taliban, far from defeated, are poised to return to power. What went wrong with "the good war"?

As a young and idealistic war correspondent, Graeme Smith followed the troops into battle in Afghanistan. Now he returns to a place that gave him nightmares to see if there is hope for peace.

Shaharзад Akbar, the country's top human rights investigator calls out abuses by both the Taliban and the government. She advocates seeking peace with the insurgents. But Hamdullah Mohib, the president's National Security Advisor, denounces what he fears could be a surrender at the peace talks and warns of more bloodshed to come. Outspoken women at Kabul University are determined to hold onto their hard-won new rights and liberties. But in Kandahar, burka-clad women explain why they're not afraid of the Taliban.

But the turmoil and uncertainty Smith finds in Afghanistan today leaves him with surprising hope. After years of covering the war, he discovers people who, for the first time, are debating how to win the peace instead of fighting the forever war. Maybe this time the killing will end. But for now, the streets remain dangerous...

- 2021
- 90 & 60 mins
- ENG, GER
- **Producer:**
Galafilm
- **Directors:**
Julian Scher
Graeme Smith
Natalie Dubois
- **Commissioned by:**
TVO, ZDF



Shadow Game

Every day teenagers who have fled their war-torn countries try to cross Europe's borders in search of protection and a better life. They travel through a shadow world of minefields, bears, fast-flowing rivers, smugglers and border guards, desperately trying to win what they call 'The Game'.

Now that fences have gone up all over Europe, seeking asylum has become almost impossible. Reaching their final destination has become more difficult than ever. Risking their lives, the teenagers undertake a treacherous journey that often takes months or even years. Along the way, they grow up fast. Their journey takes them through the whole of Europe: from Greece to North Macedonia, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, from Italy to France and the Netherlands.

'Shadow Game' is a mosaic story in which the experiences of many young refugees on the road are forged together into one universal tale: a modern Odyssey. Will they overcome the numerous obstacles they face? And will they find a new home?

- 2021
- 90 & 55 mins
- ENG
- **Producer:**
- Witfilm
- **Directors:**
- Eefje Blankevoort
- Els van Driel
- **Commissioned by:**
- KRO-NCRV



Taiwan vs China A Fragile Democracy

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 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 counters millions of cyber attacks that aim to destabilize its institutions and exacerbate divisions in society.

- 2020
- 52 mins
- ENG, FR
- **Producer:**
- Little Big Story
- **Director:**
- Alain Lewkowicz
- **Commissioned by:**
- ARTE



TRICKED INTO SURGERY:
India's Hysterectomy Scandal

Tricked into Surgery India's Hysterectomy Scandal

In India, the average age of women having a hysterectomy is just 34. Many are a lot younger. Thousands of women are being tricked into expensive and unnecessary operations to remove their wombs by unscrupulous private doctors. As well as leaving their families burdened with heavy debt, the operations push the women into early menopause, often leaving them weak and unable to work.

In the sugar growing region of Beed, one in three women has had their wombs removed. Many of them, like Prabarvati, went to the doctor with period pain, backaches or bladder infections and were told that the only solution was an urgent hysterectomy. Prabarvati was just 26 when she had the operation. Years later, she suffers from crippling pain and appears decades older. Her daughter had to stop going to school and start working the cane plantations to help the family survive.

Other women were pushed into having the operation by cane cutting contractors, who are reluctant to hire women that menstruate. There is a belief that women who haven't had the operation are less productive.

But there are those trying to stop the hysterectomies. Manisha Tokle has spent the last six years denouncing the system and educating women about their bodies.

- 2021
- 52 mins
- ENG, FR

- **Producer:**
Babel Press

- **Director:**
Mathilde Cusin

- **Commissioned by:**
France 2



Julian Assange
The Price of Truth

- 2021
- 53 mins
- ENG, FR

- **Producer:**
Premières Lignes

- **Directors:**
Nicolas Vescovacci,
Luc Hermann
Paul Moreira

- **Commissioned by:**
LCP, RTS, RTBF

Julian Assange The Price of Truth

The decision not to extradite Julian Assange to the United States is unlikely to be the end of his long struggle. For the past 10 years, Premières Lignes has investigated Assange and the WikiLeaks network, regularly filming new interviews. They met with Julian Assange's father, who regularly goes to Belmarsh prison near London, where his son is imprisoned. They also spoke to his lawyers who denounce Assange's arbitrary detention.

During that time, Wikileaks was under constant pressure from the U.S. government. But the site continued to publish compromising documents which came to illuminate and shape our world. In 2016, its interventions in the US elections played a crucial role in the election of Donald Trump.

Today, Julian Assange and WikiLeaks are at a turning point in their history. For his detractors, Assange is a spy and traitor who deserves his fate. For his supporters, the attack on Assange is a serious and unprecedented attack on the freedom of information, protected by the First Amendment. If he ends up extradited, who's to say *The Guardian* or *Der Spiegel* could not also be prosecuted for collaborating with WikiLeaks?



Nasrin

Narrated by Academy Award-winner Olivia Colman and secretly filmed in Iran by women and men who risked arrest, this film follows the work and life of renowned human rights lawyer, Nasrin Sotoudeh.

In the courts and on the streets, Nasrin has long fought for the rights of women, children, LGBTQ, religious minorities, journalists, artists and those facing the death penalty. She was arrested in June 2018 and sentenced to 38 years in prison, plus 148 lashes. But even from prison, she has continued to challenge the authorities.

Featurings acclaimed filmmaker Jafar Panahi, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi, journalist Ann Curry, exiled women's rights activist Mansoureh Shojaee and Nasrin's equally courageous husband Reza Khandan.

"Eye opening.....vivid....extraordinary." - The Hollywood Reporter

"Breathtaking" - The New York Times

"A movie that really has to be seen" - Newsweek

"Fascinating and moving." - France 24

- 2020
- 90 & 58 mins
- ENG, FR, ESP, ITA, GER

- **Producer:**
- Floating World Pictures

- **Director:**
- Jeff Kaufman



Love and Sex in Russia

It's a country of contradictions, where love and sex clash with customs and patriarchy. Where traditional values and large families are glorified but 40% of children grow up without a father and domestic abuse isn't a crime. Welcome to Putin's Russia.

Xenia and Kyrill are about to get married and everything from the way the ceremonial bread is broken to their wedding rings leaves no doubt about their future roles. Kyrill's ring is gold because "the man should shine", while Xenia's is silver to represent the woman's position as serene shadow. "Men are stronger than women, not only physically but also intellectually", explains Kyrill. Xenia agrees, accepting that if they were ever to disagree, Kyrill would have the final word.

But even in Putin's Russia, not all relationships resemble Xenia and Kyrill. Anzol, Irene and Belka live happily in a threesome in a house they share with Anzol's 62 year old mother. They even run monthly conferences on polyamory. Meanwhile Tanya, dubbed the leader of Russia's sexual revolution by the Moscow press, organises 'kinky parties' for 700 - 800 people.

- 2020
- 52 mins
- ENG, FR

- **Producer:**
- La Famiglia

- **Directors:**
- Barbara Necek
- Anastassia Metral

- **Commissioned by:**
- M6



The World Beyond Silence

Spring 2020. Suddenly the world stands still. On every continent, people find themselves in a lockdown. The world as we know it is has suddenly changed. What will come next is uncertain.

Filmed over a year in twelve different locations, from the Amazon to Kuala Lumpa, Nairobi to New York, this film profiles the year when everything changed. Stories of hope and despair, empathy and ignorance, resilience and a feeling that everyone has had to face: the sense of our own mortality. Twelve intimate portraits from twelve places in a fragile world.

The residents of an indigenous village in the Amazon seal themselves and construct a building for the infected. A mother sees her baby taking its first steps and longs for her family. A married couple, on the brink of separating, are forced to isolate together. A homeless pizza delivery man tries to find a place to live while navigating covid controls. A young woman returns to the world of her ultra-orthodox childhood. A nurse buries an old woman in a foreign country.

Twelve stories about the resilience of humanity in a world beyond silence.

- 2021
- 90 & 52 mins
- ENG, GER
- **Producer:**
- Sunday Filmproduktions
- **Director:**
- Manuel Fenn
- **Commissioned by:**
- ZDF/3SAT



Clean Hands

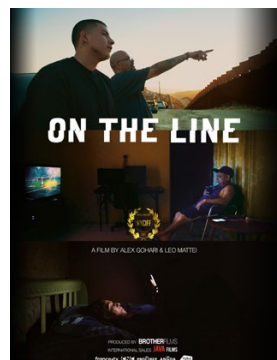
What happens when your wildest dreams come true?

The four Lopez children, aged between 6 and 10, live with their parents on La Chureca, Central America's largest garbage dump. They have never been to school and, unlike their parents, don't fully grasp what they don't have. The dump is the only world they have ever known. Then a philanthropist hears of the family's plight and builds them a small house in the country with land they can farm.

But what should be an amazing opportunity for everyone turns into a much more complex tale of love and loss, rescue and salvation. As the family adjusts to their new life, past demons come back to haunt them. Their mother, in particular, struggles to adapt. Relationships that, on the dump, seemed rock solid fray and tear. When things take an unexpected dark turn, their very future as a family appears in jeopardy.

Shot over the course of seven years, 'Clean Hands' is a multi award-winning account of family, extreme poverty and the hope and innocence of children.

- 2019
- 98 & 52 mins
- ENG
- **Producer:**
- Broadway Bill
- Productions
- **Director:**
- Michael Dominic



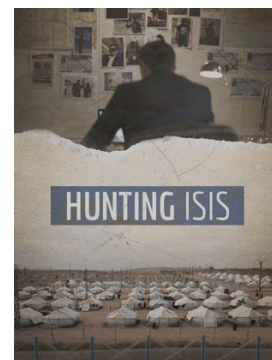
On The Line

Every year, over 100,000 Mexicans living in the USA are deported to Mexico. Many of them have grown up and spent decades in America, working, paying taxes, starting families. Some can't even speak Spanish. In a matter of days, they find themselves torn away from their children and loved ones and escorted across the border. Unable to return home and unable to appeal their deportation.

The border town of Tijuana has become an airlock between two worlds, where the broken lives of migrants end up. For many of these deportees, the only work available is in relocated American call centres. They spend their days answering calls from American consumers, pretending to be working from America, and their evenings looking at the lights from across the border, trying to maintain some of contact with their families left behind.

Rocio, Richard and Sergio are just three of those affected. We follow them for nearly a year as they struggle to make sense of the situation they are now in and rebuild their lives.

- 2020
- 68 & 52 mins
- ENG, FR
- **Producer:**
- Brother Films
- **Directors:**
- Alex Gohari
- Léo Mattei
- **Commissioned by:**
- France 2



Hunting ISIS

At the Al-Roj camp in Syria, hundreds of women and children live in squalid conditions while the world decides what to do with them. They are the wives and children of ISIS fighters, captured when the caliphate fell. Among them are hundreds of westerners who desperately want to come home. For the moment, there is little indication of that happening. But what about the fighters who weren't captured?

It's estimated that half the foreign fighters who left Europe to join ISIS have already returned to their countries of origin. Posing as refugees or travelling on fake passports, others were able to flee the caliphate for the West and rebuild new lives. But a handful of men are on a mission to find them.

Ahmad Ramadan, 33, leads a secret network aimed at tracking down these former jihadists and holding them to account for their crimes. Today, he's on the trail of a fighter believed to be now living in Germany. A video provided by an informer shows him training as a truck driver. Thanks to this network, high profile members, like jihadi spokesman Abdul Kader el Raqqauqi, have been arrested in Europe. But the members themselves pay a heavy price and are themselves the target of ISIS reprisals.

- 2021
- 52 mins
- ENG, FR
- **Producer:**
- Yemaya Productions
- **Director:**
- Daham Alasaad
- **Commissioned by:**
- M6



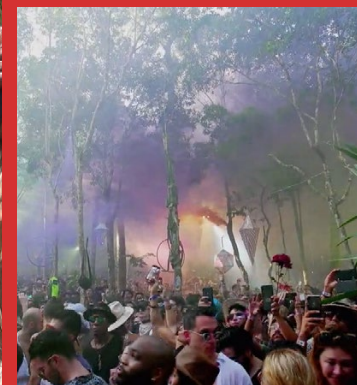
Erasmus in Gaza

Riccardo, an Italian final-year medical student, is going on Erasmus. The destination: Gaza, a war zone. His friends are shocked. However, it is important to him as 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 the Hamas.

Upon arrival at the Islamic University, he is welcomed by the chancellor and interviewed by the local and international media. Riccardo starts to feel the pressure: his experience will determine the success of the exchange programme. The imminence of war doesn't help and he starts suffering panic attacks.

This improves as Riccardo makes friends with some young Palestinians, who advise him how to handle his anxiety. But when war is rekindled, Riccardo has to make many difficult choices. In crossing the border between Israel and the Strip, Riccardo also crossed the boundary between adolescence and adulthood, a journey of personal struggle that will test whether or not he truly has the strength to pursue his dreams.

- 2021
- 75 & 52 mins
- ENG, SPA
- **Producer:**
- Eva Fontanals
- **Directors:**
- Chiara Avesani
- Matteo Delbò
- **Commissioned by:**
- Al Jazeera Doc



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Green Warriors: Coal in the Lungs



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Every year, 500,000 Europeans die prematurely due to air pollution. One of the main causes of this pollution is coal, still used in many countries. And this air pollution has no borders. It contaminates the entire continent.

Everywhere, citizens are fighting for the right to air that is safe to breathe. But lacking tangible evidence, their calls for regulation are easily dismissed. Together with scientists, a team of journalists sets out to search for evidence of air pollution.

In Poland, 75% of electricity is produced from coal. Rybnik, Poland, is one of the most polluted cities in Europe. Here, even before Covid, children wore masks to play outside and were advised to spend most of their time indoors to avoid breathing the toxic air. A shocking study conducted for this investigation reveals that children here have 425% more black carbon in their bodies than children in Strasbourg. It made headlines across Europe and even attracted the attention of the Polish government.

The study also showed that children in Strasbourg, a city with average levels of air pollution for a European metropolitan city, still have nearly a million particles of Black Carbon per millilitre in their urine. Will the powerful coal lobby resist these revelations?

Green Warriors: Soil Threat



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Over the last 50 years, our use of phosphate-based fertilizers has quadrupled. These are essential to modern agriculture, used especially for growing potatoes.

Most fertilizers come from Morocco, where the pollution from phosphate mines is poisoning local drinking supplies, causing birth defects in animals and health problems in children. But also present in most phosphate-based fertilizer is cadmium, a toxic heavy metal linked to kidney and bone disease.

A team of journalists, in collaboration with European scientists, set out to search for evidence of the extent of pollution in Morocco. They also want to see if the cadmium in these fertilizers is contaminating potatoes and entering the food chain. Their revelations will make the news and change the law.

In this investigation, the Green Warriors team reveal the implications of our addiction to cheap fertilizer.

Green Warriors: Cursed Uranium



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

In this episode, we follow the uranium path from Niger to Europe to reveal the extent of the radioactive pollution created.

In the Niger desert, home to some of the largest uranium reserves in the world, lies the Areva mine. Every year, Niger produces over 2,500 tonnes of yellow cake, a uranium concentrate, creating tonnes of toxic waste. Close to the mine is the village of Arlit, where radioactivity levels exceed those of the Chernobyl Prohibited Zone. Dust from the mine is carried on the winds into people's houses, endangering their lives and killing local wildlife.

From Niger, the Uranium is shipped to the Orano plant in Narbonne, France, which has become the gateway of uranium to Europe. Here it is purified before being sent on to nuclear plants, a process which again causes tonnes of toxic waste. Near the plant, radioactivity levels are 50 times normal and campaigners call for tighter regulation.

The Green Warriors team take dozens of samples from residents in both Arlit and Narbonne to learn more about uranium pollution. Their findings trigger a political debate and are used as evidence in a lawsuit against the mining company.

#Dieselgate: How the Car Industry lied to us all



2021 - 90 & 52 mins - ENG, GER

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. 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.

The main protagonists of this 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.

We closely follow these protagonists and accompany them in their often very personal fight against injustice and cover-ups. The film concentrates on their personal accounts and interweaves news reports and official statements, exposing the discrepancy between what we were lead to believe and what really happened.

The Teen Gangs of Paris



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

A 14 year old girl killed in a gang fight with a dozen other teenagers in February. A 15 year old boy left in a coma after a vicious gang beating. Another 14 year old girl beaten, pushed into the Seine and left to drown by two classmates. In the past months, Paris has witnessed a wave of extreme youth violence.

We meet the members of these bands, who explain how and why they defend their territory. This spiral of deadly violence has been blamed on the economic crisis, lack of social protection and increasing use of social networks. But social networks are also being used to stop the violence. Police scrutinize them, intervening as quickly as possible to prevent the brawls from turning into tragedies.

Nathalie Birimta's son was 17 when he was stabbed to death in 2018 in a brawl between two rival gangs. She has since created the collective "Fighting Mother" and intervenes as soon as she is alerted that a brawl is likely to occur. Rapper Adama Camara spent five years in prison after gang fights. He now tours colleges, telling his story to young people, to prevent them from making the same mistakes as him.

Thailand: Tourism in the Age of Corona



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

To protect itself from coronavirus, Thailand completely closed its borders for six months before reopening them slowly. Today, anyone who wants to visit must first complete a 14 day quarantine in a designated hotel. As a result, Thailand officially has less than 100 deaths from Covid-19.

But for an economy largely dependent on tourism, what is the impact of this policy? How has the shutdown affected the environment?

For those willing to go through the quarantine, a unique experience awaits. Thailand is once again a paradise of totally deserted sublime beaches with luxury hotels available at knockdown prices.

From the mythical archipelago of Koh Phi Phi, immortalised in the film 'The Beach' with Leonardo Di Caprio, to the mountainous jungles of the north of the country via Pattaya, the world capital of prostitution, the disappearance of mass tourism has had unexpected consequences everywhere.

Miracle Babies: Uterus Transplants



2021 - 90 & 52 mins - ENG, FR

One in every 4,500 women is born without a uterus. Until recently, it was impossible for these women to carry their own children but breakthroughs in science have made womb transplants possible. In this exclusive report, filmed over nearly three years, we follow the first transplant in France.

Over 250 couples volunteered to participate in this experiment. Doctors selected Deborah, 33, and her mother, 59, who will donate her uterus, because of their compatibility and perfect health. The first stage is for Deborah to undergo IVF. The resulting embryos are then frozen, to be implanted after the transplant.

Weeks later, Deborah and her mother return to hospital for the transplant. The operations are extremely complex and take more than 16 hours. Then Deborah has to remain in hospital for two weeks to make sure her body does not reject the organ. Finally, in July 2020, the embryos are implanted. Nine months later, her miracle baby is born.

Twenty births have taken place globally since the first procedure was carried out in Sweden in 2014.

Arles: Treasures of The Rhone



2021 - 90 & 52 mins - ENG, FR

The ancient city of Arles, once a major commercial hub in the Roman Empire, still holds many secrets. Some of them are buried in the bed of the Rhône.

Little by little, working in complete darkness, archaeologists and scuba divers are braving its treacherous currents to uncover the remains of a mysterious Roman shipwreck and its cargo. For fear of looters, they work in total secrecy. Their investigations lead us to the 4th century AD - the golden age of the city of Arles and a time of great upheaval in the Roman Empire. During this period, the Empire switched to a new religion and these findings shed new light on the internal struggles between the sons of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor in history.

How did this ship sink? Who was destined to receive the treasure onboard? Will the archaeologists succeed in putting together the pieces of this incredible puzzle and unravel the enigma of the treasures of the Rhône?

Russia's Cyber Army



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, GER

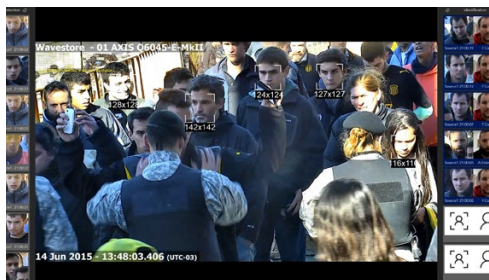
They interfere in other countries' elections, penetrate government networks and steal millions of dollars. In this report, we investigate Russia's cyber army.

When Olga Maltseva worked for a troll farm the rules were very clear: "Russia is always good. Everyone else is bad." But the trolls are just the tip of the iceberg. Because for years, Russia's hackers have played a leading role in the global underworld. "There are at least 150,000 cyber criminals and hackers in the Russian-speaking world. At least!" claims Sergei Pavlovich. In the 1990s, he was part of a close knit group of hackers, before being imprisoned and going clean.

But many hackers in Russia are allowed to operate unchallenged. Maxim Jakubets is the FBI's number one most-wanted hacker with a bounty of five million euros on his head. But far from being on the run, Jakubets lives a comfortable life in Russia.

For years now, the Kremlin has been systematically trying to use the well-trained hackers for its own benefit. In exchange for freedom and protection, they do the dirty work of the state.

Everything We Know About You



2020 - 45 mins - ENG, CAT

Every minute, over 200 million emails are sent, 7,000 purchases take place on Amazon and 4 million google searches are made, all leaving digital fingerprints. Add to that the trail left by cell phones, credit cards, security cameras and the growing 'internet of things' and an incredible amount of detail about our personal life can now be inferred by computers. But with more and more decisions taken by algorithms, is there a risk we might fall into a "technocracy"?

Companies like Amazon, Facebook and Google make their money by selling user profiles to advertisers. But this can involve real risks for the people concerned, especially in countries where certain sexual, religious or political leanings carry stiff penalties. Over 500,000 facebook members in Saudi Arabia are tagged as having 'homosexual interest' and advertisers can specifically target them. On a more mundane level, every second, people are wrongly profiled and can be denied mortgages or opportunities on the basis of these false profiles.

So what can be done to minimise the risk posed by big data while maximising the benefits? This film investigates.

Power, Profit and Populism: The Battle for Hard Brexit



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, GER

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 trail to try and identify the men who bought Brexit. What is their vision for Britain's future?

Order! The Final Act



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Four years on from the fateful referendum that marked the beginning of the end for Great Britain's membership in the European Union, the story is still unfolding. The saga has so far comprised of 3 main stages: the referendum, Theresa May and Boris Johnson.

Britain is now in political and moral crisis, more destructive than any other since the Second World War. This film, made from archive footage, gives a clear picture of the dramatic nature of government debates and the glaring contradictions across parties. And all from the House of Commons, the birthplace of Western Parliamentary democracy, where the peoples' voice is heard, but discussed only amongst Honourable Members and the elite.

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.

Eat, Grow, Love



2018 - 90, 53 & 6 x 25 mins - ENG

Most of us dream of eating healthier and have a strong desire to get back in touch with mother nature. Our time today is precious, we lead such hectic and stressful lives and consume because of convenience. We've become distracted and detached from nature.

What if a simple set of design principles known as permaculture could help us to have the knowledge to grow our own food, on our windowsill, back garden or even our roof without it taking up all of our precious time? Permaculture can help us design systems to grow our own food in the most highly productive and regenerative manner possible.

'Eat, Grow, Love' focuses on six individuals from across the globe who have all found that the answer to their problems lies in permaculture.

Cancer Conflict



2021 - 98 & 52 mins - ENG

It's estimated that up to up to 90% of cancer patients look for alternative or complimentary treatments, a decision that doubles the risk of death. But in a world of misinformation, how can patients make an informed choice? And what are the consequences of turning away from experts?

We follow two cancer patients. Grant, who has chosen evidence-based treatment not available to him from his local health service, and Surinder, who has chosen to turn her back on conventional treatment and to trust entirely in alternative medicine. Their moving personal stories are supported by testimony from doctors who explain the treatments Grant and Surinder have chosen, and the terrible risks that they are both running.

Grant and Surinder are just two examples of the difficulties and dilemmas faced by hundreds of thousands of families fighting cancer every day. When your life is on the line, how far would you go?

Made in France



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Are firearms manufacturers responsible for crimes committed using their weapons?

During the Gaza War in 2014, an Israeli missile partially created by a French company hit three Palestinian children on the roof of their own house. The families of these children demand those responsible to be punished. But how can they fight against this French company, the third largest exporter of weapons in the world?

"An accomplice to a crime is a person who knowingly assisted or facilitated it." This is the legal argument taken by Joseph Breham, the lawyer who represents the relatives of the children that were killed. This gripping documentary follows step by step the family's battle for justice – a fight between David and Goliath that could change the way arms manufacturers do business.

Eutopia



2020 - 62 mins - ENG, FR

An estimated three million hauliers roam the roads of Europe, literally driving Europe's economy. They transport virtually everything we buy or use but the drivers themselves are often exhausted, overworked and underpaid. Many transport companies exploit EU loopholes to use Eastern European drivers on local contracts with little or no social security benefits to work in Western Europe.

5 am in Bratislava. Marek and his colleagues will be driving to Belgium, over a thousand kilometres away. They'll be away from their families for months, living out of their trucks and sleeping in parking lots. For a salary that is only half of what some of their colleagues from the West get for the same job.

Filmed in a dozen countries, this film investigates the working conditions of truckers across Europe and what could be done to improve them.

In the Heart of the Sinaloa Cartel



2020 - 58 mins - ENG, FR

Whether it's opium, cocaine, marijuana or fentanyl, trafficking drugs earns the Sinaloa cartel an estimated three to twelve billion dollars per year. It's a huge business, with more than 200,000 people in the region of Sinaloa alone, working directly or indirectly for organized crime.

We gained exceptional access to several factions of the Sinaloa cartel. In the heart of a clandestine laboratory, the "cooks" show us how drugs are manufactured and then concealed in vehicles to enter the United States. An important leader of the cartel, protected by his heavily armed men, agreed to meet with us and explains how the organization works.

Hired killers, like El Guero, describe their daily life as a sicario. Before each new mission, he prays to the goddess of death. In the poor neighborhoods of Culiacan, money from drug traffickers turns heads, like Jamilet's. The young woman does everything possible to seduce a drug lord.

Many adolescents dream of joining the cartel. Luis, 17, is ready to drop out of school to become a hit man. But tragedies are numerous. In the last 15 years, the drug war has claimed the lives of more than 230,000 people.

El Salvador: MS-13 vs Barrio 18



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

With its sandy beaches, Spanish colonial architecture and volcanic lakes lined with restaurants, El Salvador has all the assets of a dream tourist destination. Yet foreign visitors are rare. This tiny state in Central America is one of the most dangerous countries in the world.

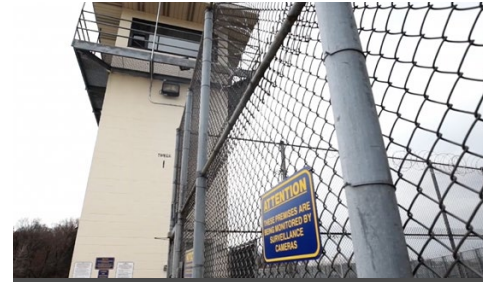
Since the 1990s, the country has been torn apart by a violent gang war. Members of MS-13 and Barrio 18 fight a bloody war for control of the neighbourhoods. Julio, one of the leaders of Barrio 18, lets us film the violent induction ceremony for a new member.

Forensic pathologist, Riccardo, specializes in the toughest crime scenes. This morning, he is investigating three dismembered and decapitated 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 the high security prison of San Francisco Gotera. Inside, 1,700 gang members are held in deplorable conditions of hygiene and overcrowding.

Welcome to the world of the Salvadoran mareros, a ruthless universe where death punctuates daily life and where people murder for a fistful of dollars.

Inside Maryland's Prison



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

In Maryland, zero tolerance is the new norm. Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, who is also warden of Frederick prison, prides himself on his tough reputation. Here, inmates are dressed in striped prison uniforms and every aspect of their life is strictly controlled. The Sheriff has invested half a million dollars in a state-of-the-art system which allows guards to monitor the slightest movements of the prisoners in real time.

But despite the tight regulations, gang leader Blake has found a way around the surveillance. "The Sheriff thinks that they're in control but they really have no idea". He claims that some of the guards work for them. A few years ago, in a different jail, his gang was able to set up an alcohol, drugs and cell phone trafficking ring with the help of some wardens.

At Jessup, the local women's prison, mother and daughter Natasha and Chamal are hoping to qualify for early release. They received 20 and 28 year sentences after being involved in a fight that broke a man's legs. Chamal was just 16 at the time. But in deeply conservative Maryland, clemency is not a vote winner. What chance do they stand?

A Disturbing Rap



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

For the lucky few, rap has become a way of escaping the ghetto and becoming a star. But at its roots is racism, police violence and the misery of the ghettos. How did this street music become mass culture? Has rap sold its soul as a marketing product?

The Crown, Baltimore. In an underground club, 26-year-old Butch Dawson expresses his anger at the daily violence in Baltimore's neighbourhoods. For Butch and his friends, rapping is both a way of denouncing this violence and a means of getting away from it. Soon he will soon be leaving his home state of Maryland to tour.

The world's largest rap festival takes place in New York City. Over a hundred artists play to 60,000 people. But a few days before the festival, the NYPD called for the removal of five artists from the programme. They claimed that if these artists were allowed to play, there was a greater risk of violence. Months later, one of the rappers on their list was murdered.

Street violence often catches up with rappers. They die young. According to a study conducted by an Australian university, more than half of these deaths are homicide. To understand the connections between rap and gang violence, we travelled across America, speaking to artists, fans and police.

Japan: Inside the Closed World of Sumo



2020 - 56 mins - ENG, FR

In Japan, sumo isn't just a sport. It is almost a religion with its stars hailed as demigods. But it's also a world closed to outside influence, where scandals are immediately covered up, and women are considered unclean.

Sumo is the only sport in the world where professional athletes live together 24 hours a day in schools known as Heyas. Life in a heya is strictly hierarchical, with younger students expected to clean up after the senior ones. It's a quasi monasterial life that leaves no time for girlfriends or other interests.

Women are traditionally regarded as unclean and banned from entering the sacred sumo dohyo ring. But this prohibition was taken to extremes in April 2018, when female firstaiders trying to revive a stroke victim who had collapsed in the dohyo were ordered to immediately leave the ring. The event made headlines around the world and the sumo association was forced to apologise.

But most scandals in the sumo world are effectively covered up. In 2007, a 17 year old student was beaten to death at a Heya after he tried to run away. Even though his body was covered with bruises the police accepted the school's explanation that he had died from overtraining and closed the case. It was only a second investigation by the victim's family that revealed the truth.

Hikikomori: The Locked Generation



2020 - 52 & 70 mins - ENG, FR

They are becoming more and more numerous but we do not see them. Some disappear into solitude without anyone noticing. These are the 'Hikikomori'.

Hikikomori is a Japanese word used to describe reclusive adolescents or adults who withdraw from the public world and seek extreme degrees of isolation. The phenomenon first gripped the population of Japan in the 1990s, thought to be triggered by the economic crisis and academic pressures imposed by society.

Today, this expression of modern suffering seems to be spreading elsewhere in the world, particularly in France, where it has been recognised by medical experts only recently.

In both France and Japan, we follow psychiatrist Marie-Jeanne Guedj as she endeavours to understand Hikikomori and treat those who are suffering from the condition.

The Gangs of Papua New Guinea



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Police violently battling murderous gangs. Endemic violence, extreme poverty, obscene wealth and corruption on all levels. Welcome to Port-Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Last summer, a settling of scores between tribal clans left 32 dead. But that is nothing compared to what's going on in the city. Here the police wage a merciless war against the Raskols gangs. In 2020, Port Moresby was ranked the 2nd most violent capital city in the world, just behind Caracas, Venezuela.

Women in particular pay a high price for this violence. 80% of men admit to beating their wives regularly. One in two women will be raped during their lifetime. There are only a few shelters they can turn to and their attackers are rarely prosecuted.

Corruption is also rife and for those with the right connections, PNG is an El Dorado. Thanks to its rich mineral deposits, the capital has experienced an unrivalled real estate boom in the past 10 years.

The Last Days of Saddam Hussein



2017 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

More than a decade after his death, the ghost of Saddam Hussein still haunts Iraq. His execution, which was meant to signal a new start for the Iraqi people, instead became seen as a charade of Shi'ite revenge that would push the country into civil war and lead to the formation of ISIS.

But the man who would eventually become Public Enemy Number One of George Bush's America started out as a friend and ally to the West. In the 1980s, when he went to war with his neighbour, Ayatollah Khomeini's recently formed Islamic Republic, he was seen a key asset for America. The USA turned a blind eye to his dictatorship. The turning point came during the first Gulf War in 1991. Saddam Hussein was allowed to remain in power but weakened, demonized and vilified. But in a post-9/11 America, Saddam Hussein became the prime target.

'The Last Days of Saddam Hussein' traces the rise and fall of the implacable Iraqi dictator. We hear from his family and key members of the Bush administration, from his lawyers and supporters to analyse what really happened behind the scenes....

Tulum: Mexico's Hipster Paradise



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

With its 6th-century Mayan ruins overlooking crystal blue waters, Tulum has long been a hidden gem for backpackers and hippies alike. But in recent years, this has changed. Hotels, each more extravagant than the last, are multiplying. The once-sleepy Mayan town now attracts nearly 2 million visitors per year. And in Tulum, as in the rest of Mexico, powerful drug cartels impose their rules...

In a jungle treehouse, high above the ground, Benjamin is settling into his new hotel room. Forget about showers, air conditioning or even light bulbs. Here, it's all about reconnecting with nature. But this simple life is reserved for only the wealthy. A room here costs \$1,000 a night. Supper at the hotel's restaurants runs to \$600 per person.

Niki and her friends have come to Tulum to party. The Day Zero festival, which takes place in the jungle, attracts people from all over the world. But the arrival of these partygoers has seen an increase in drug trafficking. As a result, turf wars between gangs have grown year on year. In 2020, there were over 30 shootings.

And the arrival of mass tourism in Tulum has had other devastating consequences. The main forest that surrounds it is home to one of the richest biodiversities in the world. Now this jungle is under threat, cleared to make room for new developments.

Costa Rica: An Ecological Paradise?



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

With its majestic forests, breathtaking natural waterfalls and unspoiled nature, Costa Rica has become a mecca for environmental tourism. Home to 7% of the world's biodiversity and designated a "Champion of the Earth" by the UN in 2019, it has achieved the feat of doubling its forest area in just 30 years. But not everything in this tropical paradise is green.

It's the opposite of mass tourism. A quarter of the country has been designated a national park and only 1% of those are open to visitors. Those that are can only be accessed for a few hours a day. 'Nature is our green gold,' explains tour guide Sonore Willis. 'We have to conserve and protect it.' Costa Rica was one of the first countries to understand that ecology can pay off big. As well as reforestation, it has invested heavily in the development of renewable energies. The country produces all of its electricity from wind or solar power.

But the country's economy is also dependent on intensive agriculture and it uses a record rate of pesticides per cultivated hectare. This has serious health consequences for the workers who work there. Another problem is the poaching of baby turtles. A special police force has been created to fight this new form of crime.

USA On The Brink



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Facing a pandemic, an unprecedented economic and social crisis, the United States seems to be on the brink. We followed middle-class Americans who now find themselves on the poverty line.

Marc and Selene, had to close their restaurant and are struggling to pay the rent when their young son breaks his arm. Now they have to find an additional \$11,000 in order to have it treated.

A few months ago, Steven was making \$ 70,000 a year as a business executive. Today he lives with his wife in their car. But he refuses to give up his belief in capitalism and the American dream and is sure better days are coming. Meanwhile, Kirin faces deportation after losing her job as a cashier.

The African-American Elite



2020 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

While African Americans are more likely to live in poverty than any other ethnic group, America is also home to the biggest group of wealthy, highly successful black people in the world. Now, 1 in 50 African American families are millionaires, forming part of a new 'black elite'.

Property developer Don Peebles is one of the richest and most powerful businessmen in America. He's been nicknamed the "Black Trump" and has estimated net worth of 700 million dollars.

In Georgia, Atlanta this black bourgeoisie has seized power. In Texas, Psyche Terry and her husband have created a cosmetic empire and are invited to every social event in Dallas. At the same time, the "buy black" movement encourages community business and even has its own black Amazon.

Parties, Bars and Restaurants: The Covid Rebels



2020 - 52 mins - FR

Faced with the closure of bars, restaurants and sports halls and the ban on parties, more and more French people are deciding to rebel. In the heart of Paris, many clandestine evenings are held. We join 300 revellers at a secret rave in Paris, visit clandestine restaurants and gyms and meet those escaping the lock-downs.

It's not just the partygoers who are breaking the rules. Some restaurant owners, believing that their economic survival is at stake, continue to operate in secret. And as for sports halls, some have found the trick: asking their members to provide false medical certificates, authorising them to practice indoor sport.

And for those who can afford it, there is always the option of partying abroad. A group of privileged friends have already booked their tickets and head to Dubai for a big party on a private yacht. Once there, they will party with no restrictions - and no limits.

The Hydroxychloroquine Hype Dr Raoult and the cure for covid



2021 - 54 mins - FR

To his many supporters, he's the victim of a big pharma conspiracy, fighting for his patients at all costs. To his detractors, he's a dangerous witch doctor with a cavalier attitude to medical research who nearly derailed the fight against Covid. In this investigation, we profile Dr Didier Raoult.

Before Covid, few people outside the scientific community had heard of Dr Didier Raoult. Now he is hero-worshipped in his home city of Marseille, seen as a defender of the interests of the little people against the Paris elites. In March 2020, he held a press conference claiming hydroxychloroquine was a 100% effective cure for Covid. Presidents Trump and Bolsonaro endorsed his claims but the study it was based on has been widely debunked and further tests suggest that hydroxychloroquine is actually dangerous for Covid patients. We spoke to doctors and researchers who worked under him, who describe a megalomaniac obsessed with obtaining the 'right' result at all costs.

Raoult is now facing a disciplinary panel charged with ethics breaches. But regardless of the outcome, the controversy surrounding the good doctor looks set to continue.

Extreme Road Videos: Russia



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Russia is the continent's most dangerous country in terms of road safety. More than 18,000 people die on the roads there every year. But since the 1990s, drivers started equipping their vehicles with on-board cameras as a bulwark against police corruption and traffic conflicts. Now, more than one in four vehicles is equipped with an on-board dash camera.

Small and cheap, these cameras have become almost essential in the eyes of Russian motorists. Because they are the best evidence in the event of an accident. From pedestrians deliberately throwing themselves under the wheels of cars so that they can later claim compensation, to sensational accidents, these cameras capture everything. And it's not just the drivers who rely on them. Pedestrians and campaigners have also started using them to film the dangerous behaviour of drivers. People driving on pavements, cars parked in crazy locations, the videos are then posted on YouTube where they attract thousands of comments.

Russia is also home to the motorcycle bloggers. These are usually pretty young women who perform dangerous bike stunts while wearing little clothes and even less safety equipment. But by pushing the limits, sometimes their videos end very badly....

Extreme Road Videos: USA



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

America has the longest road network in the world. More than 6,5 million kilometres of wide, spacious but also dangerous roads. There are more than 36,000 deaths per year here in road accidents. And now, the slightest accident is filmed. Police cameras, video surveillance, dashcams....these videos end up on the Internet almost immediately, where the most spectacular go on to accumulate millions of views.

We tracked down some of the people in these videos and listened to the stories behind the images. Samuel, 60, was exercising in his local gym when a car crashed through the window, showering him with glass. Jackson, 19, was left comatose after a minivan made an illegal turn and crashed into him. But thanks to footage of the crash circulating on the internet, the other driver was caught in less than 24 hours. Ryan filmed a drunk driver who went on to cause an accident.

In the Name of our Heritage



2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

Twenty years ago, the destruction of the Buddhas of Bamiyan in Afghanistan shocked the world. Preserved for millennia, these statues disappeared in an instant, victims of the purifying madness of the Taliban.

It was to be the start of a new trend: the deliberate destruction of historical artifacts. With Islamist groups in the Sahel, then the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, world heritage has paid a heavy price. The ancient sites of Palmyra and Hatra, the museums of Mosul and Raqqa and various religious monuments have been reduced to rubble.

Since 2016, these acts have been recognised as war crimes by the International Criminal Court. Under the banner of UNESCO and ALIPH, the international community is now attempting to restore and reconstruct these witnesses of time and past civilizations.

In Mosul, Iraq, the city museum and its collection of Assyrian art is slowly being restored with the help of the Louvre. The old minaret of the Al-Nouri mosque, a national emblem, is also being restored. Thirty kilometres away, at the Syrian Catholic monastery of Mar Behnam, the mausoleum of a saint that was destroyed by ISIS has been rebuilt. Today, through this rediscovered heritage, the entire population of the region is finding its roots.

Mumbai: The Infernal Megapolis

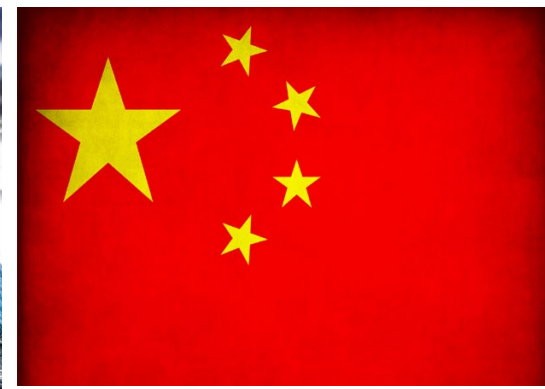


2021 - 52 mins - ENG, FR

It's one of the most populous cities on the planet with 22 million inhabitants, predicted to increase to 30 million by 2035. Nicknamed 'the infernal Metropolis', Mumbai is a city in perpetual development. But with millions of people living in slums located on valuable real estate, how can city planners balance the competing needs of the population?

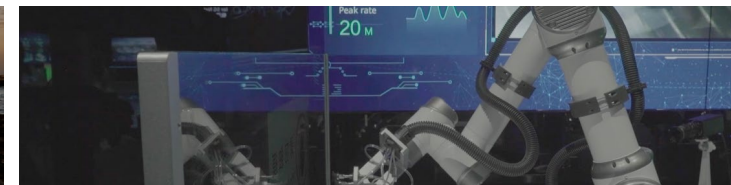
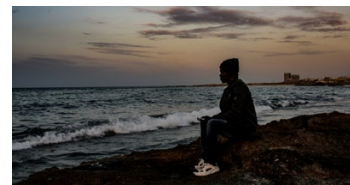
In Dharavi, the largest slum in Asia, over one million people are packed into the 2 km² slum. But although its residents are poor, there's a real dynamism. Mahesh, 27, was born and lives in this slum and would never leave it. He runs a recycling plant and employs around 20 people. Dharavi's underground economy is thought to generate 800 million euros per year. But it also lies on prime real estate in the very centre of Mumbai so its future is in doubt.

Every day, new towers of glass or concrete emerge from the earth. With the support of the municipality, real estate tycoon, Babulal Varma, razes slums to build luxury apartments for the upper classes. As the city constantly expands, it pushes into the surrounding forests and natural spaces, such as Sanjay Gandhi Park. The fifty leopards who live there regularly make forays into the new housing estates. They attack stray dogs, but also the inhabitants. Each year, several people are killed by feline attacks. At night, forest department rangers patrol to prevent leopard incursions.



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China's Hacker Army

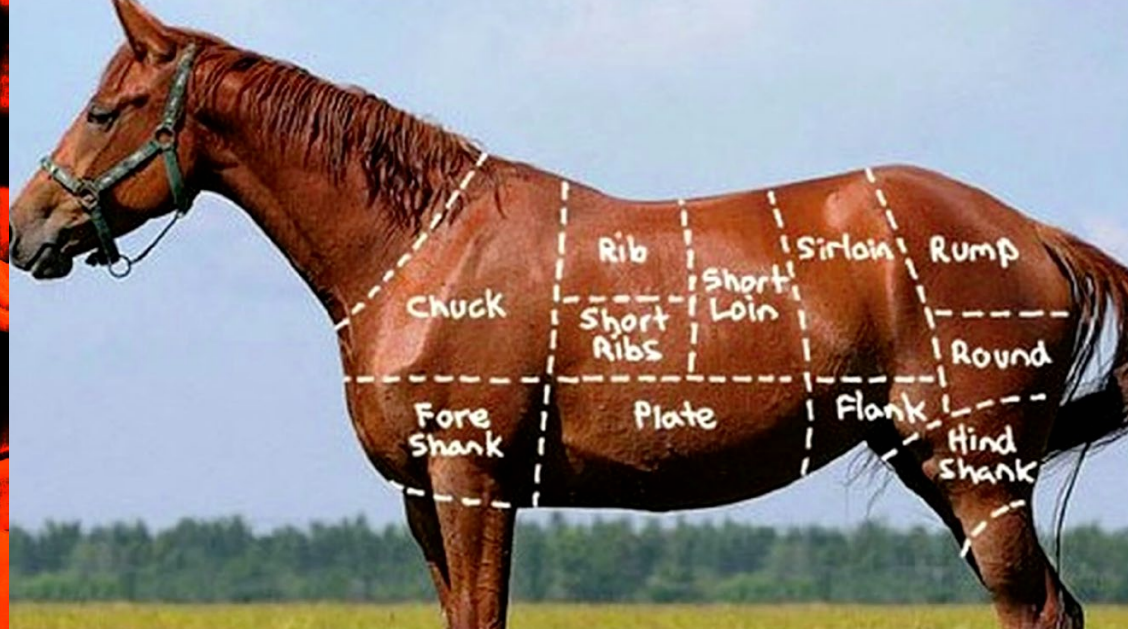
When Microsoft accused 'state-backed' Chinese hackers of entering its servers to target at least 60,000 global users, few people were surprised. It was just the latest in a long line of Chinese cyberattacks. The FBI had already identified China as the biggest law enforcement threat in America, claiming it was seeking to steal foreign technology 'by any means necessary'. Growing security concerns over China had also led to Huawei being banned or restricted from 5G networks in a host of countries including America, UK and Australia.

"There are two types of big companies: those that have been hacked by the Chinese, and those that don't know they have been hacked by the Chinese," claimed FBI director, James Comey, in 2014. China already has the world's largest surveillance network and uses technology to subdue minorities, censor content and spy on dissidents.

For decades, Western leaders wanted to believe that China's economic growth posed no threat to other countries. That it would be content to act only within its borders and that, as the country became more capitalist, it would also become more liberal. Today, that hope has been dashed. China is regularly cited as the number one source of cyberattacks.

There's a fierce battle going on for global technology leadership. The development of 5G networks is seen as essential for future development. Few companies are as well positioned to lead this 5G revolution as Huawei. But are we right to regard it as a security threat? We hear from leading officials in America, Europe and China.

- **Producer:** Slugnews
- **Director:** Thomas Lafarge
- **Commissioned By:** ARTE



Food Fraud

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.

- **Producer:** Tangerine Productions
- **Director:** Bénédicte Belfaut
- **Commissioned By:** France 5



Libya's Detention Camps: The Shame of Europe

Thousands of refugees are trapped in Libya's hellish detention centres, where abuse, rape and extortion is rampant. They live in subhuman conditions, awaiting someone – the militia, Europe, the UN, anyone – to decide their fate. We investigate the entire detention system, how this traffic works, the role of the militias and the way in which their control is exercised.

Officially, Libya's 26 detention centres are run by the GNA, the UN-recognised government in Tripoli. In reality they are in the hands of the militias that control the country, who see migrants as a ready source of cash. The European Union finances the camps but then takes no responsibility for what happens there.

What needs to be changed and what are the solutions? Why is there such a lack of transparency when it comes to the UN's activities in Tripoli? Europe seems to be at the mercy of Libyan blackmail and the measures taken to help Libya deal with the migrant problem reinforce the cycle of "extreme abuse".

- **Producer:** Magneto
- **Director:** Sara Creta
- **Commissioned By:** ARTE



China's Arctic Ambitions

After the rise of China's power in Africa, are we on the verge of seeing a Chinese Arctic?

With global warming affecting the poles more rapidly than the rest of the planet, ice is melting at an accelerated rate. Over the past decade, Shanghai has invested more than five billion euros to protect itself from rising waters. But with the melting ice comes new opportunities. New shipping routes, mining provinces and fishing grounds are opening up.

In January 2018, China outlined its ambitions to develop shipping lanes opened up by global warming. The project, which would extend President Xi Jinping's signature Belt and Road Initiative to the Arctic, has been dubbed 'the Polar Silk Road'. It's a policy that China has been quietly developing for several decades now. Despite being a non-Arctic state, China is increasingly active in the polar region. It has invested in gas fields from Arctic Russia, developed a research outpost in Svalbard, made new allies in Norwegian Lapland and created the first domestically built ice-breaker, the Xuelong.

China also became an observer member of the Arctic Council in 2013 and now refers to itself as a "Near Arctic state." But traditional security challenges remain and there are concerns over its long-term strategic objectives, including possible military deployment. What does China want in the Arctic? How is its growing presence reshuffling the cards in a region that all the superpowers seem to be laying claim to?

- **Producer:** Brother Films
- **Director:** Olivier Truc
- **Commissioned By:** ARTE



Pleistocene Park

Seeking no one's help and asking nobody's permission, Russian geophysicist Sergey Zimov and his son Nikita are gathering any large woolly beast they can get their hands on and transporting them, by whatever low budget means they can contrive, to the most remote corner of Siberia.

They call their project Pleistocene Park. The goal: restore the Ice Age "mammoth steppe" ecosystem and avoid a catastrophic feedback loop leading to runaway global warming. Sergey would know: fifteen years ago he published an article in the journal 'Science' which showed that frozen arctic soils contain twice as much carbon as the earth's atmosphere. These soils are now starting to melt.

While Zimov's brilliance and charisma have won him friends and supporters, his oversized ego, lack of diplomacy and cranky iconoclasm make him a challenge to work with. Nikita, Sergey's son, is the last man standing to deal with his father's idiosyncrasies and carry forward his vision.

Nature doesn't cooperate. Equipment breaks, bureaucrats meddle, animals run away and there is never enough money. Constant media coverage nets them unsolicited advice from around the globe but no concrete support. The clock is ticking. Impacts of climate change – hurricanes, wildfires, heat waves and floods – are being felt sooner than anticipated.

Can two Russian scientists stave off a worst case scenario of global environmental catastrophe and reshape humanity's relationship with the natural world?

- **Producer:** Jed Riffe
- **Director:** Luke Griswold-Tergis
- **Commissioned By:** RTS, SVT

Since Kelly's Gone

In the twilight of his life, Mike, an ordinary American man from Kentucky, is convinced of one thing: his son Kelly was murdered. The police have closed the case but Mike intends to uncover the truth.

Kelly was last seen in November 2018. Initially, with no body, the police were reluctant to investigate. So Mike offered a reward of \$ 10,000 to anyone who would give him information about his son's disappearance. When this didn't work, he sold his house and increased the reward to \$ 25,000. Still nothing. When Kelly's body was finally found in the river, four months after his disappearance, the police classed it as a suicide.

But for Mike, everything suggests that this is murder and not suicide. In front of his computer screen, he sets out the evidence from his investigation: camera images, surveillance of two car parks in the city center on which we can see two figures ghostly in the night, Kelly and another man. He shows us criminal records and 'wanted' notices of men he suspects of having killed his son

In the course of his investigation, the old man reminisces about his past. He wonders about his own trajectory and that of his generation. A history of the American twentieth century emerges. Through the portrait of this "ordinary" man from the southern United States, we offer an immersion into Christian white America. Mike is one of those "forgotten", for whom the American dream never came true.

- **Producer:** Christine Doublet
- **Directors:** Laura Froidefond & Antoine Favre
- **Commissioned By:** France 2



Boom!

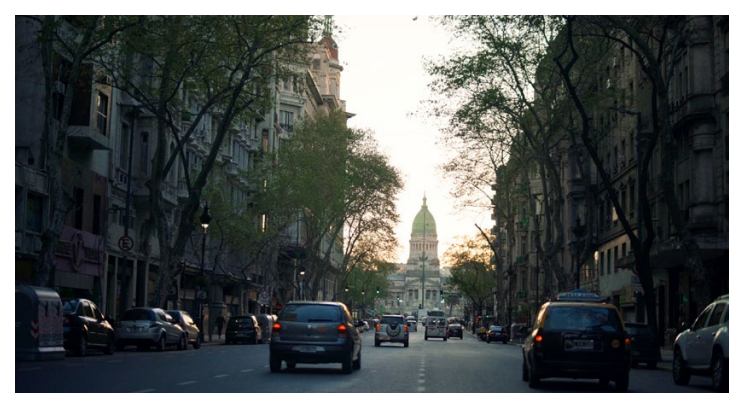
The Science of Explosives

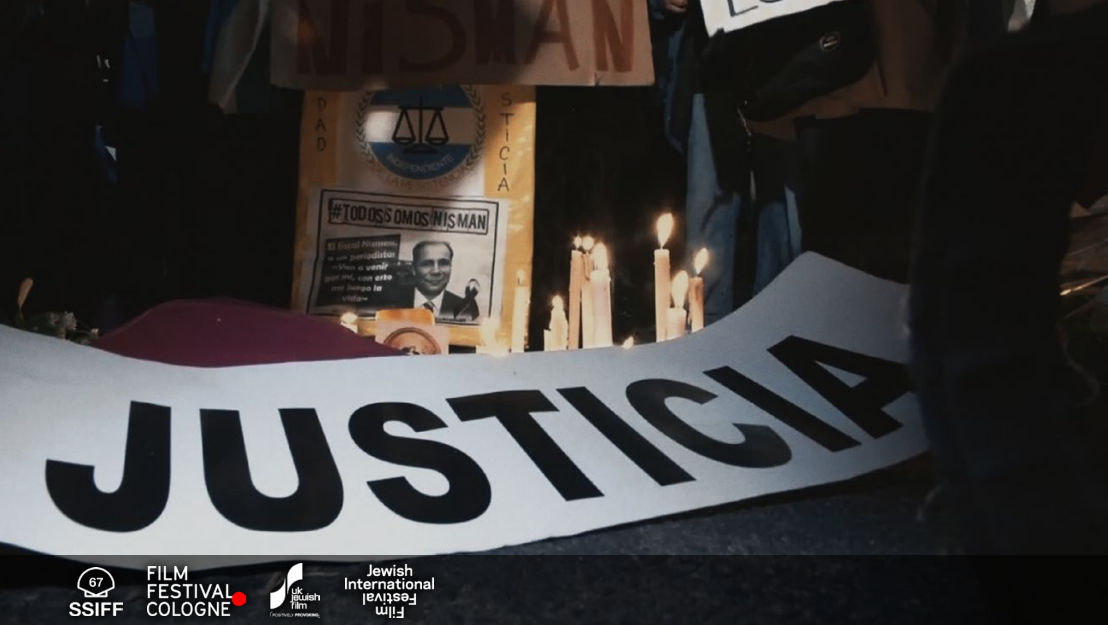
Over 1,000 years ago, the Chinese made a discovery that changed the world. This science documentary takes us on an action-fuelled rocket ride through the world of dynamite, TNT and Semtex. From high-tech vaccination guns to clever explosive devices in space and the complex destruction of a skyscraper- this film is a blast.

Larry Taylor heads NASA's Ordnance Lab at the Kennedy Space Center. He is responsible for the correct operation of the more than 250 explosive devices that are fired each time NASA sends a rocket into space. He also organises the blasters that nudge NASA's spacecraft in the right direction. He shows us the tiny explosive capsules that unfold solar sails, detach defective parts from the outer skin of the station and ensure the correct docking and undocking of supply modules. We also witness the biggest fireworks display on earth: The test of a real NASA rocket engine.

Peter Lell invents explosive devices that make life easier - in space and on earth. His latest idea is a vaccination gun that injects drugs directly into the body. Sounds painful, but it isn't. On the contrary: without needles the injection is hardly noticeable. A faint hiss, a tingling sensation - and the drug is administered. Particularly interesting is that the active ingredient can be transported, stored and injected as a powder that doesn't need cooling. This could revolutionize vaccination campaigns in developing countries and minimize infection risks.

- **Producer:** A&O Buero
- **Director:** Björn Platz
- **Commissioned By:** NDR/ARTE





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Nisman

The critically acclaimed true crime docu-series that ignited a firestorm. 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...

2020
6 x 52 mins
ENG, ESP, GER

Producers:

JWP, Fasten Films,
Gebrueder Beetz
Filmproduktion

Director:

Justin Webster

Commissioned by:

Netflix (Americas),
Movistar, ZDF Info

Episodes

1. Into the Labyrinth
2. Suicide?
3. The Spy & The Prosecutor
4. 5 Days
5. Homicide?
6. Powerful Lies



Eat, Grow, Love

Most of us dream of eating healthier and have a strong desire to get back in touch with mother nature. Our time today is precious, we lead such hectic and stressful lives and consume because of convenience. We've become distracted and detached from nature.

What if a simple set of design principles known as permaculture could help us to have the knowledge to grow our own food, on our windowsill, back garden or even our roof without it taking up all of our precious time? Permaculture can help us design systems to grow our own food in the most highly productive and regenerative manner possible.

'Eat, Grow, Love' focuses on six individuals from across the globe who have all found that the answer to their problems lies in permaculture.

2018
6 x 25 mins
ENG

Producer:

Compass Films

Directors:

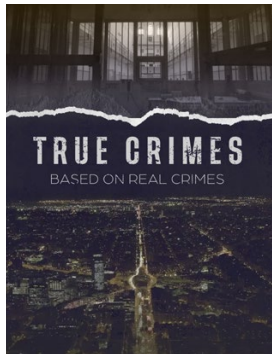
Pórður Jónsson &
Heather Millard

Commissioned by:

RUV

Episodes

1. Australia
2. New York
3. Iceland
4. Palestine
5. India
6. UK



True Crimes

In this acclaimed series, filmed in the style of a film noir, we recount seven shocking crimes over ten episodes.

Two inmates escape from prison and go on the run leaving a trail of blood in their wake. A nurse forces 11 elderly people in his care to drink bleach. A female serial killer targets old ladies in their homes. A young girl is found dead at the side of the road..

Sometimes, truth really is stranger than fiction.

Episodes

1. The Bloody Escape of Brito and Picatoste (Part I)
2. The Bloody Escape of Brito and Picatoste (Part II)
3. The Caregiver of Olot
4. The Killer of Putxet
5. Joseph Tallenda (Part I)
6. Joseph Tallenda (Part II)
7. The Granny Killer
8. The Monster of Machala
9. Helena Jubany (Part I)
10. Helena Jubany (Part II)

- 2020
- 10 x 52 mins
- ENG, ESP

- **Producer:**
- TV3

- **Director:**
- Carles Porta

- **Commissioned by:**
- TV3



Green Warriors

A series of scientific investigations into environmental scandals facing the planet. Journalist Martin Boudot tracks down the big environmental scandals around the world: contaminated rivers, air pollution, toxic waste, illegal exploitation of resources, poaching of endangered species...

By carrying out detailed scientific analysis on samples, Martin gets around obstacles and outsmarts bans to reveal what some companies are trying to hide — a factory that discharges its polluted water into a river, a toxic mining waste site located next to a residential area, poisoned villages next to soybean plantations...

Episodes

1. Indonesia, The World's Most Polluted River
2. South Africa's Toxic Townships
3. Paraguay's Poisoned Fields
4. Coal In The Lungs
5. Cursed Uranium
6. Soil Threat

- 2018 - 2021
- 6 x 52 mins
- ENG, FR

- **Producer**
- Premières Lignes

- **Director**
- Martin Boudot

- **Commissioned by**
- France 5



Love & Sex

It makes the world go round, yet attitudes towards love, sex and relationships differ wildly all over the globe. In some countries, falling in love is seen as disruptive and dangerous. Others believe love should come after marriage. In this series, we travel across the world to discover the differing attitudes to love and sex.

In China, the one-child policy has led to a surplus of male singles and a new market has sprung up around dating. In Japan, women are tired of waiting for a man are choosing to marry themselves instead. In India, we hear the story of the country's first openly – and illegally – gay prince and witness huge and elaborate weddings. In the USA, we meet the three-person polyamorous 'thruple' raising four children. Meanwhile, in Russia, we see how customs and patriarchy are shaping modern relationships.

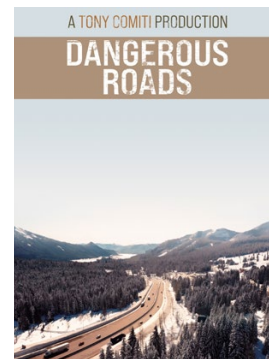
Episodes

1. Love and Sex in Russia (2020)
2. Love and Sex in USA (2019)
3. Love and Sex in India (2018)
4. Love and Sex in Japan (2016)
5. Love and Sex in China (2013)

• 2013 - 2020
• 5 x 52 mins
• ENG, FR

• **Producers:**
• Ligne de Front
• La Famiglia

• **Commissioned by:**
• M6



Dangerous Roads

This series follows the forces of law and order around the world as they deal with horrific road accidents and try to prevent road fatalities.

The E85, in eastern Romania is the most dangerous road in Europe. There are more than 2,000 deaths and 40,000 serious injuries each year. Why is this road so dangerous? One reason is that the E85 is the gateway to Europe for all the traffic of the Ukrainian mafia and they will do anything necessary to avoid the police.

In America, highways 80 & 90 cross the Rocky Mountains, an immense mountain barrier of 3000 km, as big as 3 times the Alps. During winter, cold, blizzards and snow create some of the most extreme traffic conditions in the world. To protect drivers, the highways in the Rockies have their guardian angels. For two months, a team followed these anonymous heroes who save lives every day. Meanwhile Highway 95, connecting Miami to New York, is the second most dangerous road in the country.

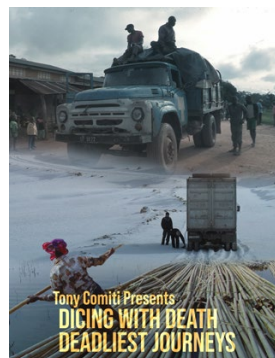
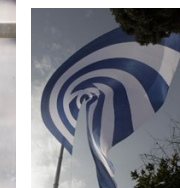
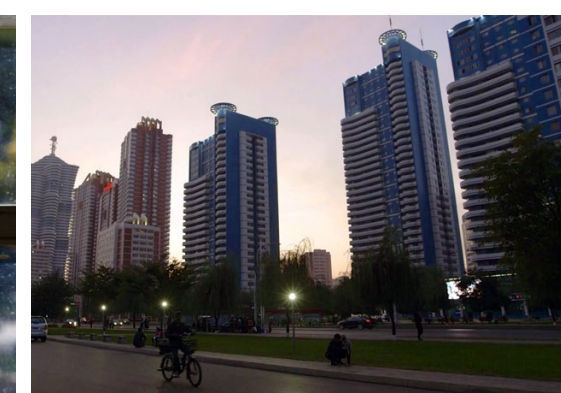
Episodes

1. Miami - Washington (2020)
2. The Rocky Mountains (2020)
3. Romania (2020)

• 2021
• 3 x 52 mins
• ENG, FR

• **Producers:**
• Impala
• Tony Comiti Productions

• **Commissioned by:**
• W9



Dicing with Death/ Deadliest Journeys

The popular series from Tony Comiti available in both a 52 and 25 min format.

Dodging avalanches in Siberia. Jumping onto moving trains in Mexico. Whizzing across Bolivia's mountains on home-made cables. Every day, children, migrants and workers undertake incredible journeys in order to make ends meet.

In these unique films, we journey on some of the world's most dangerous routes and explore the lengths people go to in order to change their destinies.

Latest Episodes

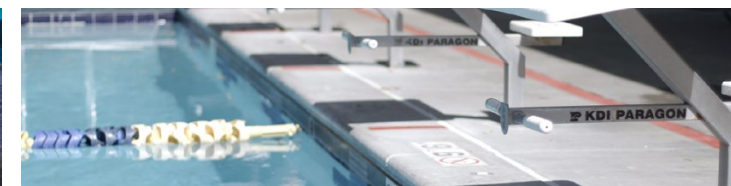
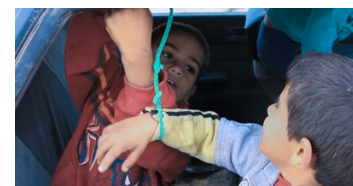
1. Colombia: Explorer of the Andes (2021)
2. Brazil: Dust and Fire (2020)
3. Mauritania: Drivers of the Desert (2020)
4. Ivory Coast: The Rush for Gold and Cocoa (2020)
5. Botswana: Escaping Drought (2020)
6. Bolivia: The Yungas in the Clouds (2020)
7. Jamaica: The Island of Blue Mountains (2020)

• 2008 - 2021
• 87 x 52 mins
• 68 x 30 mins
• ENG, FR

• **Producer:**
• Tony Comiti Productions

• **Commissioned by:**
• France 5

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020





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.

2020 - 90 & 52 mins



End Game Breaking The Silence

From Larry Nassar abusing girl gymnasts to the scandal at USA Swimming, many recent news stories have exposed the sexual abuse of minors in sport all over the world. They suggest an even broader phenomenon.

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. Based on an unprecedented investigation covering different sports in several different countries, we reveal how the system often protects the abuser.

2020 - 90 & 52 mins



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. A single-celled organism had managed to expose not only the weaknesses of neoliberalism—a creed built on faith in free markets, deregulation, and small government that has dominated societies for the last 40 years—but also the failure of European values.

'Chained' narrates the five-year story of three successive crises in Europe with Greece in its epicenter. It's a cinematographic mosaic of a European dystopia, posing critical questions regarding the future of Greece and Europe.

2020 - 90 mins



Money Bots

About half of Wall Street trades are now performed by automated 'bots'. As the algorithmic robot traders outpace and outperform the humans, what are the dangers they pose?

In the beginning, the intention was to use greater predictability and faster infrastructure to increase the stability of financial markets. In fact, 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. When trades take place in milliseconds, traders in the real economy are kept out of the loop.

2020 - 90 & 52 mins

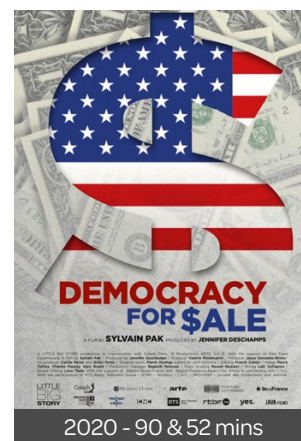


Central Asia: The Call of ISIS

For nearly 30 years, the predominantly Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union provided recruits for jihadist organisations. A third of ISIS's soldiers came from here.

Colonel Gulmurod Kalimov, head of Tajikistan's elite Special Forces and close to the president's family, was the most prominent. 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. Fed up by the arbitrariness and corruption in this region, whose leaders are supported by the West and Russia, young men turn instead to radical Islam.

2020 - 52 mins



Democracy for Sale

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".

We follow candidates on the field during the electoral process and hear from people whose lives have been directly affected.

2020 - 90 & 52 mins



An American Satan

Founded in 1966 in California by a former organist and 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 will share their views, memories, ritual practices and personal stories about how they got involved with Satanism, discussing the false myths that still surround the movement. An immersive journey into one the most fascinating phenomena of American religious pluralism.

2020 - 73 & 59 mins

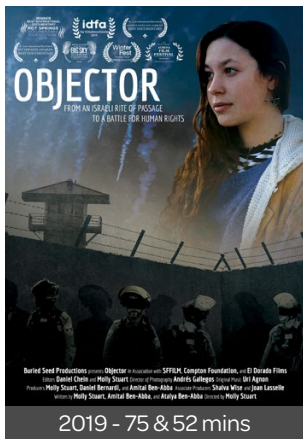


The Marriage Project

What happens when patients from a mental ward are encouraged to form relationships, get married and live as a family? Despite strong opposition, one hospital in Iran is finding out.

As a selection committee begins evaluating patients, hidden affections come to the surface. Finally, the team selects two patients to form the first couple. Are these two patients capable of having a relationship that leads to marriage? What do their families think? And what about the patients who weren't selected but still crave human relationships?

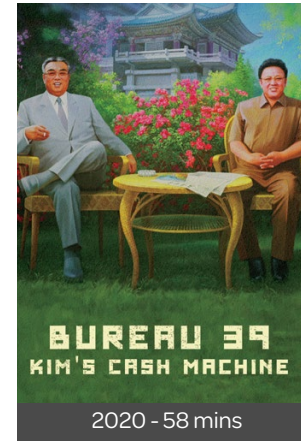
2020 - 90 & 52 mins



Objector

Like all Israeli youth, Atalya is expected to become a soldier. Unlike most, she questions the practices of her country's military, and becomes determined to challenge this rite of passage. Despite her family's political disagreements and personal concerns, she refuses military duty and is imprisoned for her dissent. 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.

2019 - 75 & 52 mins

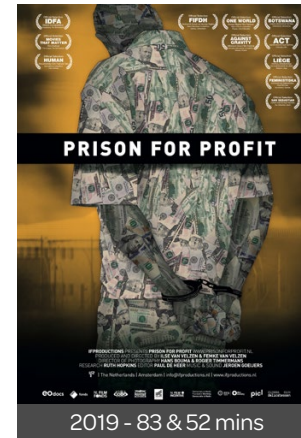


Bureau 39 Kim's Cash Machine

How is it possible that North Korea, one of the poorest countries on earth, 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 North Korea's money makers.

2020 - 58 mins



Prison for Profit

What happens when governmental and complex care 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, run by the controversial private security firm G4S. We expose how the very violent system of profit maximization at a company like G4S works, how this multinational operates this prison and what the far-reaching consequences are for society.

2019 - 83 & 52 mins



Stolen Blood Antiquities

Antiquities stolen from the Middle East have resurfaced in art markets all over the world. Now the police have teamed up with archaeologists for a global investigation to stop criminal networks from trafficking in these priceless artifacts.

The pillaging of archaeological artifacts began on an unprecedented scale with the destruction of Palmyra in Syria by ISIS and it continued with artifacts stolen from Iraq and Libya. In this unprecedented year long investigation we shadow European specialist police units and investigative archaeologists to reveal a sprawling criminal network.

2020 - 52 mins

