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Founded by Roch Bozino 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 2023, our documentaries screened at 110 festivals around the world, winning 26 awards and 4 special mentions.

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NEW RELEASES



*2024 - 68 & 58 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Yuzu Productions
Directors: Jérôme Sesquin, Nitzan Perelman
Commissioned by: ARTE*

Israel: Ministers of Chaos

In the space of a year, Israeli democracy has wavered. From the judicial reform that deeply divided the country during the first nine months of the year, to the war against Hamas that followed the tragedy of the 7th October massacre by the terrorist organisation, Benjamin Netanyahu's government, the most right-wing in the country's history, has continued to deepen the internal divisions in Israeli society and has led the country to face the worst existential threat in its history since its creation in 1948.

Two men embody the radical initiatives of this government. Two leading ministers who occupy regalian functions: Internal Security and Finance. Their names: Itamar Ben Gvir and

Bezalel Smotrich. Two complete unknowns on the international scene, brought to light by the events of recent months. They are the heirs of two ideological currents that were once marginal: Kahanism and religious Zionism. Today, they are throwing all their weight behind their ideological agenda: imposing Jewish supremacist legislation in the case of the former, and re-founding biblical Israel in the case of the latter.

Who are they? What do they want? What is their background? An investigation into two men whose strategy is to sow chaos in order to advance their ultimate project: to impose Jewish law on "Greater Israel", from the sea to the Jordan River, and thus definitively annex the West Bank, Gaza and even beyond.



Gaza: Trapped in Hell

Since the start of Operation Iron Sword, provoked by Hamas' attack on Israel, conditions in Gaza are apocalyptic. Israel has banned all international journalists from accessing the territory but working with 29-year-old Gazan journalist, Shrouq, we recount what is happening.

Like all Gazans, Shrouq is going through hell. A widow and a mother, she and her young daughter are constantly on the run. Barely a third of the hospitals are functioning. According to Unicef, a child is injured or killed every 10 minutes. Aid trucks are regularly attacked by gangs who raid them in search of food, which are then sold at a premium on the market. Shooting often breaks out at distribution points, some attributed to mafia gangs, others to the Israeli army.

Gaza remains under the strict control of Hamas. Throughout our investigation, no one dares to

2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Slugnews

Director: Martine Laroche Joubert

Commissioned by: M6

mention their name. The only exception is a foreign witness who describes how Hamas steals humanitarian aid and only helps the people who work with them. In the midst of this confusion, children continue to play on the beach on cobbled-together merry-go-rounds. But survival is an endless struggle. Finding drinking water is a constant preoccupation, often delegated to the children. But life persists in the details of everyday life. The women cook with wood, as there are no more gas bottles. Hairdressers cut hair on the sand while a tailor has set up a sewing workshop with machines powered by pedals.

As the weeks turn into months, Shrouq is exhausted. She lost her husband at the beginning of the war. Now, as she watches over her young daughter, she has just one wish. "I pray for a better future, without war and suffering".



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: EuropaCorp

Director: Laurence Haïm

Commissioned by: France 2

Produced by Luc and Virginie Besson and directed by Laurence Haïm, one of the few journalists permanently accredited on Donald Trump's press plane during the 2016 election, this is a unique look at the 2024 Presidential election.

How is it that the country with the largest number of scientists in the world, which is inventing the technologies of tomorrow, is on the verge of tearing itself apart? How is it that Trump is succeeding in this tour de force, rallying the ultra-rich, the ultra-poor and part of the middle class? Worse yet, how can this man, a prosecuted criminal in 91 cases and very antithesis of a saint, be hailed as 'God sent'? How did it come to this?

True Believer: And God Created Trump

To deconstruct and understand the Trump of 2024, Haïm has been following him since the beginning of his campaign, immersed as closely as possible with his team and supporters. This is a road movie about AmericaTrump, the candidate and his supporters in an increasingly fractured America: an America disillusioned, split in two, sometimes conspiratorial and convinced that it can only regain its power with the help of 'God, Guns & Trump'.

Without descending into caricatures, it captures the essence of the Trump campaign and this new populist democracy: the America of 2024.



Library Wars

Cultural wars have transformed politics in the US into identity politics, dividing the electorate and calcifying political differences and party loyalties. For the past decades, abortion divided the country and the voters. Now it's public libraries that have been transformed into the new battlefields in America's cultural wars.

According to the American Library Association (ALA), book bans and attempted book bans have hit record highs and have spread beyond school libraries to targeting public libraries. The vast majority of the books targeted are children's literature, including classics like 'Where's Wally' (which featured a topless beach goer) and 'Winnie the Pooh' (because talking animals are offensive to God).

One organisation that has taken the fight against "offensive books" and libraries to a whole

2024 - 60 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Temps Noir &
Filmoption International
Director: Ilan Ziv
Commissioned by: ARTE

new level is Moms For Liberty. It has become notorious for targeting libraries. Using the rhetoric of "parental rights", it has spearheaded the growing opposition to the discussion of gender and sexuality in the classroom. Librarians caught up in this culture war have found themselves branded as paedophiles and lost their jobs: libraries have been defunded and the ALA is facing the biggest challenge in its history.

How can one explain this seemingly sudden focus on books, in school and public libraries? What is behind this rise in censorship? This film follows four stories that illuminate and explain the evolution of this newest battleground in America's long culture war.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: LSD Films
Directors: Sophie Przychodny & Cyril
Denvers
Commissioned by: France 5

On June 24, 2022, in the United States, the justices of the Supreme Court, the country's highest judicial body, struck down a symbol of women's freedom: the right to abortion. This retrograde decision was imposed by judges aligned with the religious ultra-right wing of the Republican party, who have become a majority in the country's most powerful institution. An earthquake of global proportions, attacking a fundamental right acquired 50 years ago in America.

Since then, 16 states have already taken steps to restrict abortion or are in the process of banning it. The nine most radical states have banned abortion even in cases of rape and incest. But

War on Women: The New Battle for Abortion in America

the majority of Americans overwhelmingly support the right to abortion. A citizens' resistance is taking shape. They are reaching out to all women in need, trapped in states where Christian fundamentalists forbid them the freedom to not have children.

Filmed on the border of the Bible Belt states in the Midwest, this documentary profiles the commitment of civil society, doctors, lawyers, volunteers and individuals determined to preserve the right and access of their fellow citizens to abortion.



International Adoptions: A Global Scandal

Over the past sixty years, over a million 'orphans' were adopted by Western families from around the world. Now many are discovering their past was a lie. From the children who were stolen from their mothers during the Pinochet dictatorship, to Africa's fake orphans, international adoption is at the heart of an unprecedented scandal. We join investigative journalists, activists and researchers in South Korea, Sweden, France, Chile, Germany, Holland and Switzerland. How did this colossal, lucrative market manage to prosper? And why does it live on today?

Even today, women are still being manipulated, threatened or tricked into giving up babies - often with the blessing of government

2024 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Tangerine Production

Directors: Sonia Gonzalez & Christine Tournadre

Commissioned by: ARTE

authorities. If fraudulent practices continue today, in spite of the Hague Convention that has regulated international adoption since 1993, it is because the system itself is flawed and intrinsically favours corruption.

In many cases, these practices are coming to light largely due to pressure from adopted children who have grown into adults. Upon discovering the dubious conditions surrounding their adoptions, many begin to search for their biological parents and demand explanations.

We follow the several cases of 'irregular' adoptions as the now adult adoptees try to find their birth parents.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: France 24

Directors: Catherine Norris Trent & Roméo Langlois

Commissioned by: France 24

Haiti: The Iron Grip of the Gangs

In Port-au-Prince, nearly three million people live in the grips of all-out gang war. France24 spent a fortnight filming in and around the Haitian capital, speaking to a population held hostage by this drawn-out crisis.

Gangs now control more than 80% of the city, and their notorious spokesman Jimmy Chérizier, also known as "Barbecue", says they're not counting on laying down their weapons any time soon. "We demand to be at the negotiating table. If not, we will continue to fight." Barbecue is the frontman of a powerful alliance of the capital's gangs. Instead of fighting each other, the groups have united and turned their firepower on the state, forcing prime minister Ariel Henry to resign.

Today, the gangs wield considerable economic and military leverage. They control most of Port-au-Prince's seafloor, and therefore the

zones surrounding the strategically vital ports. Haiti relies heavily on imports, shipping in more than 50 percent of its food. Many Haitians blame corrupt, ultra-wealthy elites for nurturing the situation and building up vast family fortunes via monopolies on the trade in staple goods. "At first, some businessmen used youths and bandits to attack rivals, pillage and set on fire the businesses of those they didn't want to deal with, and kidnap competitors ... [but] the gangs became more structured and much more powerful and now in most cases, they've turned against their former masters."

In the lower shantytowns of Port-au-Prince which are the gangs' bastions, thousands of people remain, unable or unwilling to flee. Murders, kidnappings, gang rapes and fires are common and no end to the crisis seems in sight.



South China Sea: The Next Global Flashpoint

For centuries, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei and China have disputed territories in the South China Sea. But China's claims of overriding sovereignty over the entire Sea, supported by aggressive military patrols, risks turning the Sea into a global hotspot. In the Philippines, and in the Spratly archipelago in particular, Chinese coastguard boats, aided by a mysterious "sea militia", are encircling islets and taking possession of them. They do not hesitate to attack any boat that comes close by, depriving local fishermen of their livelihood. Some of these tiny atolls have already been transformed into a military base, complete with bomber landing strip and naval base.

In Taiwan, the pressure is mounting. Xi Jinping

2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Sable Rouge

Directors: Hervé Bouchaud & Solomone Kane

Commissioned by: M6

has officially announced that the island must revert to Chinese rule as quickly as possible, and by force if necessary. In Taipei, the possibility of a military invasion is now being seriously considered. The army, the government and the population are getting ready.

In Beijing, the official line could not be clearer: China is simply taking back what once belonged to it. This is regardless of historical realities or international rules. An aggressive expansionist policy that makes this highly strategic zone one of the world's hotspots.

From Philippine fishing villages to Taipei's air raid shelters, From the islets of the Spratlys to the nuclear submarine bases of Hainan. We investigate the powder keg that could set the world on fire...



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Slugnews

Director: Lila Berdugo

Commissioned by: France TV Slash

OnlyFans: The New Sex Workers

Platforms like MYM and OnlyFans are transforming the sex industry. More than just channels for selling nude photos or videos: they're also communication platforms, enabling fans to connect with and preposition content creators. But who are the people behind the webcams? What have been their experiences?

Unsurprisingly, they are almost exclusively female, usually between the ages of 18 and 27. Professionals. Influencers. Students in precarious situations. Some have a few dozen followers. Others have tens of thousands. Mado, 24, is a novice and in a similar position to the vast majority of creators for these platforms. She has only a few subscribers so offers her content very cheaply and she feels a great pressure to gain more visibility - even if it means quickly

testing her limits. Mado allows us our first insight into this world, showing us the first steps to enter it, but also the scams and naivety too.

"When you start out on these platforms with limits, it's obvious that you're not going to keep them. There's so much money on offer", explains Noochka. Via live messages, customers can ask for content without censorship: violent "kinks", fetishisation, racist fantasies, and sometimes paedophilia. The web girls find themselves alone, faced with the darker sides of their clients' sexuality.

Through our characters' stories, we show how these applications have turned their lives upside down.



America XXL

2024 - 3 x 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Impala Productions
Directors: Barbara Hinderholtz, Alex
Gohari & Rémi Vorano
Commissioned by: W9

In this three part mini-series, we journey across America to produce three very different portraits of America today.

In Texas, over 10,000 people gather at a four day Redneck Festival to celebrate guns, polluting cars and games in the mud. The new redneck generation has also been able to count on a musical movement that proudly asserts their customs: country rap. In Los Angeles, City of Dreams, an unprecedented housing crisis has left many residents living in their cars. Violent crime is on the increase as gang violence results in 1,000 shootings a year. Meanwhile, across the whole country, as everything becomes super-sized, a third of all applicants are now too obese to join the army. In supermarkets, overweight people no longer use shopping carts, but rather electric wheelchairs to do their food shopping.

Each episode works both as a stand alone film and as part of a series. A dive into the heart of XXL America.

Episode One: American Rednecks

Often used as an insult to describe poor, uneducated, rural Americans, the term 'redneck' is being embraced by a new generation who are viscerally proud of their country and its traditions. They generally live in the agricultural states of the South, love country music, big polluting engines and firearms.

Episode Two: The Hidden Side of Los Angeles

It's the symbol of the American dream. Every year, million of tourists flock to Los Angeles; from the mythical Venice Beach to the chic Beverly Hills neighbourhoods. But an unprecedented housing crisis has made it virtually impossible to find a home. Thousands of Californians now live in their cars or on Skid Row.

Episode Three: Land of Excess

Bigger, better, stronger: the United States is the land of excess. Food, buildings, shopping malls, amusement parks, infrastructure - it's all there in XXL form! But in the land of excess, obesity has become a public health problem...



Love & Sex in Spain

Repressed for 40 years by Franco's dictatorship, has Spain become Europe's most progressive country, ahead of the Scandinavian countries? Sexual liberation, feminism, menstrual leave, gay marriage... Spain is at the vanguard in liberal reforms. Since the Socialists came to power in 2018, the country has adopted a series of progressive laws that have made headlines all over the world. Here a minor can begin the process of changing their sex from the age of 12. The "Ley Trans" is Europe's most progressive law on LGBTIQ+ rights while another law, known as "solo sí es sí", established explicit consent as a rule in sexual relations, and toughened penalties for rape and assault. These advances run counter to the image people have of the country as a Catholic, traditionalist, macho culture.

2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Les Films de L'Odyssée

Director: Stéphane Rodriguez

Commissioned by: M6

But, as demonstrated by the scandal surrounding Luis Rubiales, president of the Spanish Football Federation, and his forced kiss of world champion, Jenny Hermoso, clichés die hard, and are still very much with us. The ultra-Catholic Vox party and family movements, financed by a secret organisation from Mexico, are trying to counter the liberalisation of morals by every possible means. Even more worrying, Spain is currently experiencing an unprecedented upsurge in sexual assaults.

On the one hand, the weight of history, religion and tradition. On the other, a desire to live freely and enjoy. We look at the contrasting realities of one of Europe's coolest countries!



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Tony Comiti Productions

Director: Leila Yacoubi

Commissioned by: M6

Despite war and sanctions, life goes on in Moscow. Under exceptional conditions, we were able to film the extraordinary daily lives of Muscovites for several weeks. There are the ultra-rich who continue to live life to the full. They organise underground parties and gourmet dinners. Officially, luxury items like Hermès bags are no longer available for sale in Moscow. But the trade never really ended. Smuggling has taken over. In the Neglidnaia district, the chicest part of Moscow, brands like Chanel and Dior still maintain their expensive leases. A discrete sign in the window simply says 'Temporarily Closed'.

In the wholesale markets, alongside the traditional stalls, there are now stands dedicated to contraband products, very well stocked. In the vast dormitory suburbs of Moscow, we went to meet the middle class. On the day of the

Forbidden Moscow: Secret Life of a Capital at War

presidential election, Serguei's family proudly displays its patriotism. Proud of their president and their country, they take us into a McDonald's that has been remodeled in Russian style since the departure of the international brand. Some dare to express their fears and doubts. A mother, who has just lost her son at the front, cries out her suffering, while men, lured by the glittering salaries of private militias, rush to sign up.

But Muscovites know that every word spoken is a risk. Under the reign of Vladimir Putin, triumphantly re-elected by 87% in March 2024, criticizing the regime and the Russian army is punishable by long prison sentences.



Tokyo by Night: Secret Japan

Hyperactive and frenetic by day, Tokyo transforms by night, revealing a totally different side of Japanese society.

In Kabukicho, the capital's red-light district, the latest trend is "hosts" clubs. Here, young men are paid to keep customers company and to flirt with them. The one rule: no sex! An astonishing business born from the immense loneliness experienced by the Japanese. The job may be lucrative, but the young hosts are worn down by the night-shifts and the astronomical quantities of alcohol they guzzle down each night. Equally disconcerting for Westerners, the phenomenon of "Idols" sees hundreds of groups of very sexy singers and dancers idealised by the Japanese. They view them as their virtual girlfriends. Asuka is one of Tokyo's most respected nightlife

2024 - 56 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Sable Rouge
Director: Hervé Bouchaud
Commissioned by: M6

personalities. She is 'Mama-San', an heiress to the Geisha tradition. She runs the city's most exclusive hostess bar, a meeting place for rich and influential businessmen.

For those who want something a little different, Adrien organises the city's most decadent parties. Tonight it's S&M night but you won't find any whips or handcuffs. Instead there are men in nappies and sexy babysitters.

By night, some of Tokyo's streets take a darker turn. This is where we meet the 'Tokyo Kids', teenage runaways fleeing domestic violence, who live on the streets and now have to fend for themselves.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Yemaya Productions
Director: Alexandre Spalaïkovitch
Commissioned by: M6

On March 2024, an Islamist commando group massacred 145 people in a concert hall on the outskirts of Moscow. The four assailants came from Tajikistan. For the past decade, this small ex-Soviet republic in Central Asia has been one of the main breeding grounds for jihadism. Why? We set off to find out.

Our first impression on landing in Tajikistan is of the extreme poverty of the population. It soon becomes clear why one in five Tajiks now work in Russia to feed their families. The second thing that strikes us is the authoritarian nature of the regime of President Emomali Rahmon, a former soldier in the Soviet army who has been in power since 1992. The former apparatchik's

Tajikistan: In the Shadow of ISIS

cult of personality is everywhere throughout the country.

In their fight against radical Islamism, the authorities tolerate no opposition. Today, women are forbidden to wear the hijab or burqa, and men are forbidden to grow a beard longer than three centimetres. Minors are not allowed to attend mosques.

But the country is slowly opening up to tourism. In Dushanbe, the capital, a gilded youth is attracted by a western lifestyle. On weekends, bars, clubs and discos are packed and vodka flows freely.



Germany: On the Brink

When even the country's economic minister describes its economic situation as 'dramatically bad', there is a real problem. And when that country is the largest economy in Europe and a beacon for stable democracy, it's a crisis that has global repercussions.

For decades, Germany experienced extraordinary prosperity based on free trade and relative geopolitical stability. But on February 24, 2022, when Russian tanks entered Ukraine, Germany lost its historic supplier of low-cost gas. The Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, which cost over \$11 billion to build, had to be abandoned. It was a rude awakening for the world's fourth-largest economy. In June 2022, the new Chancellor Olaf Scholz spoke of a historic "turning point" for the country. Germany, which dreamed of being the leader of a greener Europe, is now its biggest polluter. Its much-vaunted energy transition is stalling, with rising gas prices and limited

2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: 10.7 Productions

Director: Alice Serrano

Commissioned by: M6

capacity for alternative energies.

At the same time, Germany's biggest trading partner, China, is multiplying its signs of closure. Globalization is running out of steam. Germany is now the only one of the major powers in the euro zone not to have recovered its pre-Covid growth. It even entered recession a year ago. Europe's leading power is seeing its exports slow, its prices rise and its population worry about its decline.

All this is fertile ground for the inexorable rise of the far-right party, which has capitalized on the massive influx of immigrants in recent years. The AfD could even win some key cities in the next municipal elections. What's happened to Germany? What impact have these changes had on the country? How is it coping?



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Ligne de Front

Director: Géraud Burin des Roziers

Commissioned by: M6

Long considered a haven of peace in Latin America, Ecuador today is facing an unprecedented wave of violence. Prison riots, hostage-taking on live television and homicides by the thousands: the country is now in a 'state of war' against the narcos.

The country is at the heart of international cocaine trafficking. To cope with the cartels' stranglehold, the 36-year-old President Daniel Noboa has declared a state of emergency. We obtained exceptional authorization to follow the extraordinary operations of the police and army. Today, the entire state is mobilized to restore calm and order. But will this be enough?

In Guayaquil, the country's economic capital and largest port, the entire city is under cartel control. Amid containers full of bananas, we followed the army's operations to track down

Ecuador: A Country at War with the Narcos

the cocaine. The battle is also being waged in the prisons, which have been held by the Narcos for years. Our journalists were able to enter the high-security section of the Guayaquil prison. It was from here that Fito, leader of the "Choneros", the country's most powerful gang, escaped.

In this all-out war against the Narcos, politicians and judges are on the front line. Luis Chonillo, the mayor of Guayaquil, has survived nine attacks. He is now permanently escorted by some twenty armed men, and his family has taken refuge in the United States. In spite of this, he refuses to abandon the inhabitants of his commune to corruption and gangs. Heidy Borja, a young magistrate, also faces threats and a lack of resources. At the Guayaquil court, she courageously leads her fight against organized crime.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

Farming in America: The Land of Junk Food

In the land of junk food, agriculture is controlled by two magic words: productivity and profitability. We investigate the excesses of American agribusiness.

America's two million farmers are formidable business people. XXL farms, feedlots and pesticides: anything goes when producing more and more. In the cattle feedlots in the Midwest, animals are herded by the thousands into pens without a single blade of grass, fattened up and drugged with growth hormones. These are industrial methods pushed to the extreme.

In California, we investigate the gigantic plantations where carrots, artichokes and strawberries are grown. Even with a desperate shortage of water, farmers are using it at breakneck speed, even if it means depriving the region's inhabitants of access to drinking water.

An investigation into the excesses of American agribusiness.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Armenoid Productions

10 Years On: The Yazidi Genocide

In August 2014, the world watched in horror as ISIS tore through the Sinjar region of Iraq, committing a brutal genocide against the Yazidi people. Ten years on, through the harrowing experiences of two Yazidi girls, we look back at the Yazidi genocide.

Hala was 16-year-old when she became a sex slave for ISIS. After escaping captivity, her fight continues as she struggles to rebuild her life in a crowded refugee camp in Iraq. Faiza, just 10 at the time, endures the trauma alongside her mother and younger brothers. Sold to multiple slave owners, they find a twisted form of coexistence with the perpetrators. But when the opportunity for freedom arises, they flee to Canada, only to be met with a devastating new challenge – her mother's incurable illness.

This is not just a story of suffering, but of remarkable resilience. Today over 2,700 Yazidi women and girls remain captive as sex slaves. Their fight for freedom continues.



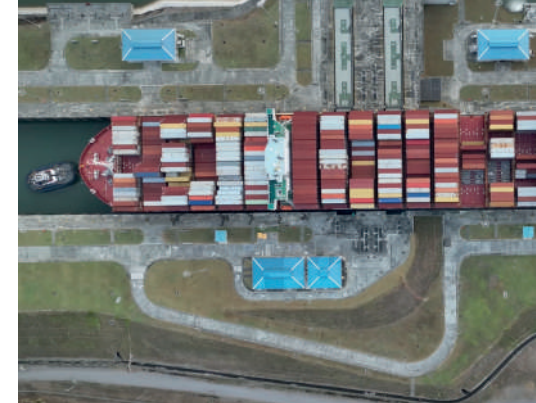
2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Patrick Spica Productions

Belize: Paradise in the Heart of the Caribbean

Compared to its more famous Caribbean neighbours, Belize is an undiscovered gem. This small country of 400,000 inhabitants has long been preserved from unbridled tourism. But today, this Central American paradise is in danger.

Investors are buying up islands in droves to develop luxurious resorts and attract travellers in search of the exotic. Its coral reefs, the second largest in the world, are directly threatened. Aided by corrupt authorities, the new tourism mafia have even resorted to the assassinations of those who oppose them.

In just a few years, Belize has also become a hub for international drug trafficking. With tourism development benefiting only a tiny proportion of the population, some Belizeans have fallen into the clutches of drug traffickers in order to survive. The capital, Belize City, has become one of the most dangerous cities in the world.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
10.7 Productions

Panama: Drought, Disruptions and Desperate Migrants

Panama's famous canal is an essential gateway for world trade in goods. But for the first time, it is completely saturated. Monstrous traffic jams are forcing container ships to wait weeks before crossing from one ocean to the other. The problem is a severe drought that has lowered the level of the canal. The country is also one of the world's most dangerous migration routes. In 2023, half a million men, women and children risked their lives on this route to North America.

Every day, 40 ships pass through the canal, carrying one and a half million tonnes of freight. To preserve the precious canal, Panama's main source of income, the authorities pump water from the country's reserves. But this deprives the population of drinking water.

Panama is not only an essential transit point for goods, but also a stopover for migrants from all over the world. In the thick Darien jungle, our journalists followed the hellish route taken by thousands of people every day.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Premières Lignes

Green Warriors: The Toxic Legacy of Warfare

Up until the 2000s, France submerged, buried or destroyed thousands of tonnes of ammunition across a number of territories and deep in lakes and seas. Long forgotten, these rubbish heaps now release pollution that is toxic, carcinogenic, or likely to cause genetic malformations.

For a year, the Green Warriors team investigated the consequences of these buried weapons. In France, they took twenty samples of tap water from areas surrounding old storage and destruction sites, or military sites still in operation. Seventeen of them contained explosive residues, two of them at levels exceeding the US health agency's recommendations.

In other samples taken from the lake Gérardmer in Vosges, high levels of TNT were found near munition buried at the end of the First World War. And yet, the lake is regularly used by the neighbouring villages to top up their water supply.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

Jordan: The Surprising Kingdom

From the majestic city of Petra to the crystal-clear waters of the Red Sea, the wonders of Jordan attract almost 5 million travellers every year. Tourism represents 20% of the GDP of the small kingdom. But this influx of tourists threatens the ecological balance and the way of life of certain Bedouin tribes. In Petra, the ancient city that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year, the last of the tribes living there have been slowly displaced.

Despite this, a handful of resistance fighters refuse to move. Some are still living in caves just a stone's throw from the spectacular rock-cut temple. In the Wadi Rum desert, tensions between tourists and Bedouins are on the rise.

Before October 7, Jordan was renowned for its unique security and stability in the Middle East. But since the outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas, the situation in the country has become much more tense. Demonstrations in support of Gaza are multiplying with calls for an end to the peace agreement signed with Israel in 1994.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Yemaya Productions

USA: Mythical Trains, Legendary Landscapes - The Lady Rail Adventures

Trains are making a comeback in the US. Cheaper and more ecological than planes or cars, Americans are rediscovering the fabled tracks that have shaped the country.

President Joe Biden, a known train enthusiast, has launched a sixty-six billion dollar investment plan to resurrect the railways. At Chicago's mainline train station, a beautiful train sets off everyday at two o'clock, bound for San Francisco. The California Zephyr reaches the West Coast in 52 hours. 4,000 kilometres, three time zones and breathtaking panoramas. Pulled by a century-old steam locomotive, this train winds its way along the canyons of the Animas River.

Billionaires are investing fortunes to privatise entire lines and renovate the carriages with luxurious materials. But traintracks are also the historic playground of the homeless. Since the 1930s, vagabonds have clandestinely boarded goods trains in search of odd jobs...



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Les Films de L'Odyssée

Bridges, Roads, Infrastructure: America in Ruins

Every month, a spectacular accident caused by the poor state of America's infrastructure makes the headlines. Lack of maintenance, privatisation: the political choices of the last few decades are taking their toll. President Joe Biden has allocated 1,200 trillion dollars to launch a major renovation plan. But will it be enough?

In Mississippi, thousands of residents could no longer drink tap water, or even cook, because the treatment plants and pipes in their towns had failed. Faced with the emergency, the state was forced to requisition the army to distribute bottles of drinking water. In Pennsylvania, the bridges are in a disastrous condition. In New York, underground traffic is regularly interrupted by torrents of water. In the event of a major storm or when a pipe bursts, the tracks become totally impassable.

The state of the electricity network halts major recovery efforts for natural disasters, leading to more suffering. Can it be fixed?



2024 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Polar Star Films & Yuzu Productions

The Click Trap

Programmatic advertising systems are responsible for placing the vast majority of digital ads on the web, using sophisticated algorithms to automatically match products with potential customers. Only a handful of big tech and social media companies control this technology, helping sustain their monopoly over this multi-billion dollar industry.

‘The Click Trap’ reveals how this same digital advertising economy is also helping to fuel scams, dis- and mis- information and extremist hate online, making dodgy and even criminal “content creators” rich in the process. Drawing on expert testimony, it investigates what real world impact digital advertising is having on our societies and questions whether there’s a safer and more ethical way to do business.

Is it time to regulate online advertising?



2023 - 75 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Little Big Story

Nenets vs Gas

The Yamal peninsula in the arctic is the world’s largest gas exploitation zone – a symbol of Russia’s energy hyperpower. But the Yamal peninsula is also the ancestral home of the Nenets, who have been pasturing here for over 200 generations. Every year, Vassily and his brigade undertake this 1500 kilometre journey. But for how much longer? Can they survive this industrialisation?

Today in Yamal, pastures have given way to gas fields. Growing towns, a railway, an airport, not to mention the deep scars on the landscape caused by the extraction of gas and oil, and the new nuclear-powered icebreakers which will create busy shipping lanes in the Arctic, are all changing the local ecosystem. Not to mention the accelerating pace of climate change in the region, which will be further exacerbated by the release of these hydrocarbons. With the industry dramatically modifying the landscape, accelerating the effects of global warming, the Nenets way of life is under threat.



2024 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Yuzu Productions & Mechanix Films

Tax Wars

In the past 40 years, multinational corporations have shaken up the global economy. They have become immensely wealthy, earning over \$3 trillion in profits each year. Yet, they pay hardly any taxes. Governments seem powerless in the face of tax evasion, which deprives them of hundreds of billions in revenue.

Finding funds for a fairer and more sustainable society is nevertheless possible: all it takes is ending multinational tax evasion. This is the preoccupation of a handful of NGOs and international experts. Their goal? To ensure that multinational corporations finally pay their fair share of taxes. They propose creating a global tax on the profits of multinationals.

After six years, they succeeded in making their proposals, long dismissed as utopian, the backbone of a historic agreement adopted in October 2021 by 136 countries, an agreement that sets a global minimum tax on the profits of multinationals. It is the first major change in a hundred years, and the status quo of tax evasion has been disrupted.



2024 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR
Hacienda Films

Lie to Me

Premiering at CPH:DOX, this acclaimed documentary explores the psychology of manipulation in the crypto-age.

‘Lie to Me’ is the story of how tech nerd and blockchain expert Bjørn Bjercke overturned the OneCoin pyramid scheme, the biggest Crypto fraud in history. But more than that, it’s also the story of how and why people keep getting scammed. Why were people so ready to believe in OneCoin and why, even now, so many refuse to believe it was all a big con.

OneCoin launched in 2014 with promises to be the world’s biggest cryptocurrency. But all cryptocurrencies are run on blockchains and OneCoin never had one. Months later, Bjercke was contacted by a recruitment agency and offered a large salary, car and flat in exchange for building a blockchain. The fact that OneCoin was launched without one meant it had to be a scam and Bjercke immediately went public. But other people who were headhunted and offered lucrative positions within the company and who also knew it was a scam accepted the jobs. Why?



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

Maduro: The Indestructible

Nicolas Maduro remains determined to continue leading Venezuela's social revolution...whatever the cost.

His entire career has been made up of great victories and bitter failures. From the very bottom of the social ladder, this bus driver has risen to the pinnacle of power. He knew the years of opulence, when his country was the richest in Latin America, and he participated in its downfall. His authoritarianism, ideology and years of poor economic choices precipitated the ruin of the country he has ruled with an iron fist.

Strangled by international sanctions, he was left for dead. Anyone else would have given up, abandoned power in the face of public outrage. He chose blind repression. He was the last man, no doubt, to still believe in his lucky star... until an incredible twist of fate, combined with his political acumen, put him back at the centre of the world stage. The war in Ukraine has profoundly shaken international geopolitical stakes. The world is now in desperate need of Venezuela's oil.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Babel Doc

Apocalypse Rwanda

The Rwandan genocide of 1994, in which a million people were slaughtered in three months, is widely recognized yet often misunderstood.

By tracing the origins of the genocide back to 1959, this film exposes the sequence of events and mechanisms that led to the atrocities of 1994. It explores how ethnic divisions were deliberately created and manipulated, and how geopolitical rivalries, particularly between America and France, contributed to a global indifference that allowed Hutu extremists to prepare for the massacre openly. The film also delves into the role of societal manipulation and polarization in turning ordinary people against each other.

Featuring interviews with a range of key figures, including President Paul Kagame, survivors, perpetrators, experts, and diplomats who attempted to prevent the violence, this documentary presents a moving and thought-provoking investigation into one of the most devastating tragedies of our time.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Babel Doc

India under Modi: The New Hindu Superpower

What if the next world superpower was India, not China? With its 1.4 billion inhabitants, India is already the most populous country in the world. Under the leadership of Narendra Modi, India has embraced both ultra-productivity and ultra-nationalism. Everything that happens in the world happens in India on a much larger scale.

In the past decade, Modi has transformed and reshaped the country: for the better according to his supporters, for the worse according to his opponents. India is now the fifth largest economy in the world and has democratized access to technology. No one can deny the scale of the country's social, political and cultural transformation.

Slowly but surely, Modi is positioning India as a counter-balance to the West. He has silenced his opponents, rewritten the national narrative to the point of erasing whole swathes of its own history and created a new apartheid.



2024 - 90 & 52 min - ENG, FR
C35 Films

Dissidents

From harassing relatives back home to disrupting protests and spying on critics in other countries, China is one of the most aggressive governments in targeting dissidents abroad. We follow three dissidents in America as they continue their fight for democracy.

Juntao Wang, a primary organizer of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests and one of the world's most renowned Chinese dissidents, has led the Democratic Party of China for more than a decade from the New York headquarters. But wherever he goes, pro-Beijing mobs often follow. While showing support for Taiwan's democracy, his group is violently attacked.

Artist Weiming Chen, who criticises the Chinese government through his sculptures, has been spied on and has his work burnt down. Meanwhile asylum seeker, Chunyan Wang, forced into exile after her house was appropriated by the Chinese government, is constantly surveilled.



2023 - 90, 82 & 57 min - ENG, FR
Rowhouse LC

The Body Politic

In a city overwhelmed by violence, the only thing worth fighting for is peace.

Like many areas in the United States, Baltimore has been plagued by gun violence. Amid the George Floyd uprising, Brandon Scott, a young, black, reform-minded leader, is elected mayor. He grew up here during the city's most troubling years and has lost friends to gun crime. While previous administrations relied on policing and incarceration, Scott stresses the need for prevention and offering alternatives. He wants to give people hope.

But after entering office and barely getting a chance to enact his first safety reforms, violence surges to new highs. As the media and political foes attack his 'woke' policies, his commitment to his principles put his political future in jeopardy. For months, the Governor of Maryland, who controls access to State funding, refuses to even meet with him. With unfettered access, cameras follow him and his team of young leaders throughout their first year in city hall.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Magneto Presse

The Nile Dam: A Dangerous Power Game

A source of life for over 300 million people, the Nile has been at the heart of power struggles for control of its water. For the past 10 years, Ethiopia's construction of the Grand Renaissance Dam, the largest dam ever built in Africa, has poisoned relations between Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan, and shaped the geopolitics of the region.

The dam holds the promise of prosperity for Ethiopia, who wants to use it to boost its economy and become a regional energy power. However to Egypt, which has always considered itself the absolute master of the Nile and the Renaissance Dam, represents a direct threat to its national security. Now, Cairo is using every means in its power to block progress on the project, even going so far as to lobby the international community at the United Nations.

As for Sudan, Egypt's staunch ally, its position on the dam remains ambiguous. Rich in mineral and water resources, the Horn of Africa is today a strategic region in the throes of change, with new players such as the United Arab Emirates stepping in to take advantage of its fragility.



2024 - 58 min - ENG, FR
Magneto Presse

Da Vinci's Dream: The Secrets of Flight

By studying the flight of insects and birds, scientists hope to create the next generation of efficient bio-inspired flying machine. Like the famous inventions of Leonardo da Vinci, they are re-imagining new ways of flight.

Animal flight is one of the most complex tasks that evolution has ever managed to achieve. It has been a source of fascination for humankind since antiquity. Da Vinci drew inspiration from nature to design the first flying machines.

From pterosaur's ultra-light bones to corvid's anti-turbulence feathers, nature has developed an extensive set of solutions for efficient flying. Physicists and biomechanists are decoding the aerodynamics of flying animals. Based on this new research, engineers and roboticists are working on building tomorrow's bio-inspired drones and airplanes.

Thanks to 21st-century scientists, Leonardo's dream is becoming a reality: deciphering nature's art of flight to create fantastic flying machines.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Sable Rouge

The Swiss Guards: The Pope's Mysterious Army

It's the smallest and most mysterious army in the world: the Pontifical Swiss Guard. We were granted exceptional access to these men of faith and combat, from their recruitment in Switzerland to their military training in the heart of the Vatican.

Made up of 150 men, this elite corps lives in barracks in the heart of Vatican City. All must be Swiss nationals and devout Catholics. All have sworn to fight to the death to protect their faith and the Holy Father. We see them at official ceremonies, escorting the Pope with their armor and halberds from another era. But beyond the folkloric aspect of their costumes, these Swiss Guards receive top-level military training: martial arts, close protection and handling of the latest automatic weapons.

Trained to wield both halberds and semi-automatic assault rifles, the Swiss Guards form a unique army. But who are they really? What motivates these young boys to join this military and religious corps? An insight into a world usually closed to the cameras.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Nomades Production

Afghanistan: The Last Resistance

He's Public Enemy Number One to the Taliban. A hunted man who refuses to stop fighting. Khalid Amiry, a former colonel in the Afghan special forces, now leads resistance to the Taliban in the Panjshir Valley. A commander in Ahmad Massoud's resistance, he is one of the only resistance leaders still fighting in Afghanistan. Featuring never before seen amateur footage shot by the mujahideen themselves and the Taliban, this exclusive film provides a first-hand account of their fierce resistance.

Two hours from Kabul, a forgotten guerrilla war is being waged. In the heart of the Panjshir province, the Mujahedin have retreated into the mountains, braving the cold and the ever-growing Taliban. When the Taliban regained control of the country in August 2021 and many Afghans were desperately trying to leave the country, he and his men "went underground". Cut off from the rest of the world and without the support of the international community, which fears that helping them could fuel a civil war, Amiry and his men are short of food and ammunition. But still they refuse to submit.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

Indonesia: Sinking into Disaster

Obsessed with the unbridled exploitation of natural resources, Indonesia is sinking into an ecological disaster that could be irreversible.

On islands that were once sanctuaries of biodiversity, mines and factories have replaced the forest. Local fishermen now catch almost nothing in their nets and the sea is black with pollution. By destroying the jungle with no regard for the environment, industrialists are also threatening the survival of tribes that previously had no contact with civilization. Yet Indonesia is one of the first to be affected by global warming. The capital, Jakarta, is threatened by rising sea levels.

The city is slowly sinking and residents live with constant flooding. The government has decided to move the capital and build one from scratch, on the island of Borneo. Titanic construction work has begun, gutting forests and displacing entire villages.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Nova Productions

Istanbul: The Two Faces of Turkey

Is Istanbul still Turkey's most European city? The only city in the world to straddle two continents, sometimes conservative, sometimes ultra-modern, the city of a thousand faces reveals its secrets.

In his 20 years in power, President Erdogan has changed the culture of the country. He is currently financing dozens of historical series which glorify the Ottoman Empire that are a hit on public television. In the country's cultural capital, bars and nightclubs are gradually being replaced by oriental pastry stores, shopping malls dedicated to Islamic fashions are springing up and provocative artists are closely monitored.

The authorities now want to focus on tourism from the Middle East rather than European visitors. But many people refuse to be silenced. Singer Aisu, who is so provocative she has trouble finding radio stations willing to play her songs, now reaches her audience via social networks. Meanwhile satirical cartoonist, Tunay, who has seen his friends imprisoned, continues to depict Erdogan as an old sultan.



2024 - 52 min - ENG, FR
Ligne de Front

The Native American Renaissance

There are currently almost 10 million Native Americans in the United States. Once confined to reservations and condemned to poverty, they are proudly reclaiming their culture.

In North Dakota, the Fort Berthold tribe is profiting from the oil craze. Thanks to black gold, the Indian reservation has been transformed into a small American town with infrastructure and health insurance for all. A symbol of the new Indian success story, Sean Sherman was named one of the 100 most influential personalities of 2023 by Time magazine. In his gourmet restaurant, recipes are made exclusively from ingredients that were present in the United States before the arrival of European settlers in the 17th century. Johnny Tail Feathers is trying to reconnect with his roots by reintroducing the sacred bison to the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana.

From the vibrant, shimmering pow wows that bring together thousands of natives in New Mexico to the new oil Eldorado of the Dakotas, we plunge into the America of the Amerindians.



REPORTS

China: Secret Police

2024 - 20 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

In this incredible report, we follow the attempts of China's secret police, operating illegally in France, to deport a Chinese dissident.

Ling, 26, made the mistake of posting a YouTube video criticising the Chinese government. It was only seen by 80 people but that was enough. First the embassy confiscated his passport and would only return it to him if he reported it to a secret police station in Aubervilliers. There he is ordered to get into a car, driven straight to Charles de Gaulle airport and pressured into boarding a plane. Luckily our team was able to intervene and he goes into hiding but the nightmare doesn't end there. Over the next few days, Ling receives 30 calls and over a hundred threatening messages ordering him to return home. His family in China also sent messages begging him to obey and return.

In China, images of people convinced or forced to return from abroad are regularly broadcast in the media. In the past 10 years, 12 000 people have been brought back to China. The scenario is always the same: arrest, filmed confession, and detention.



Afghanistan: Radio Begum

2024 - 24 min - ENG, FR
Kraken Films

Since the return of the Taliban, Afghan women, reduced to a life of silence, are subject to a type of apartheid unique to the world. Girls are banned from going to school after the age of 12. But they still have at least one thing: Radio Begum. This educational radio channel, made by women for women, broadcasts school programmes every day that support the network of illegally operating schools in the country. Although closely monitored, for the moment, it has not been banned. But this balance is as fragile as it is subtle: as only the voices of female presenters are heard and they cannot be seen, Radio Begum is not yet breaking Taliban law. Filmed in secret, in a dictatorship that is virtually closed to foreign cameras, this report offers unprecedented access to the only resistance that endures in Afghanistan: that of the women.





The American Mexican Abortion Network

2024 - 25 min - ENG, FR

Babel Doc

While the right to an abortion is no longer guaranteed in the US, it has now been

decriminalised just across the border in Mexico. As a result, there are now Mexican women pledging to help give Americans access to illegal abortions. It's a bit of a worldly juxtaposition: American women pleading with their Mexican counterparts for help.

This grotesque situation is the direct consequence of the annulment of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court in June 2022 a law that gave American women the right to abortion. Since then, access to an abortion has been completely prohibited in 15 out of 50 states. In the meantime, Mexico has gone the other way in legalising the procedure in September 2023. In the past, militant Mexican feminists would help thousands of women have illegal abortions at home with tablets – a set of skills and experiences they have now decided to make use of in helping their American neighbours.



Children of Jihadists: The Impossible Return

2024 - 26 min - ENG, FR

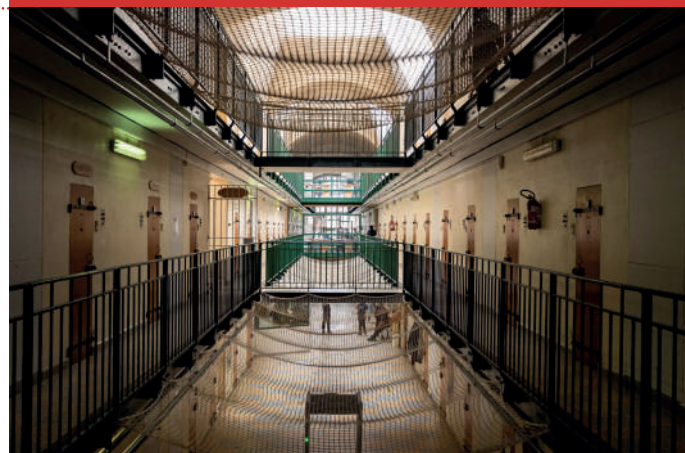
Yemaya Productions

The only three deradicalisation centres for the children of Jihadists can be found in Orkesh, Syrian Kurdistan. Amongst the hundreds of

detainees ageing from 12 to 22 are four French children, including Adem, the son of the infamous Fabien Clain, the man responsible for the attacks on Paris in November 2015.

After several months of negotiations, we were able to film inside the centres for the very first time. In front of the camera, Adem, Amza, Elias and Youssef open up to the crew and unveil the unfiltered accounts of their experiences.

Should these youths be held responsible for the fanaticism of their parents? Endlessly waiting for their repatriation, they languish forgotten by the world in Orkesh.



COMING SOON



The Social Trap: 5 Women vs the Big 5

Adolescents who are connected to their smartphones for more than five hours a day are 66% more likely to suffer suicidal symptoms than those who use it for just one hour a day. 44 U.S. states are currently suing Meta, blaming it for the malaise of an entire generation. Faced with the ever-more-powerful tech giants, like Meta, Tiktok, Snapchat, X and Discord, how can we protect children and their childhood? For the first time in history, state legislators and parents in the USA and Europe are joining forces to fight the digital giants. Among them are five women who have chosen to turn their daily lives upside down to fight back against the Big 5.

Alexis, Elisabet, Sofia, Laure and Socheata. They are victims, mothers, doctors and lawyers. They don't know each other, but they're all behind a movement to change the destiny of future generations. Alexis, a victim of screen addiction, is determined to make her voice

DECEMBER 2024

80 & 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Babel Doc

Director: Élisabeth Jadot

Commissioned by: France 5

heard. She was among the first to take Meta to court, accusing it of "inciting suicide". Today they are part of collective that numbers 1,200 families. Elisabet is a mother of three. From her Catalan village, she raised a veritable army in just a few days. Over 10,000 parents joined her WhatsApp group to fight for a 'phone-free youth'. As a result, Catalonia has banned smartphones in schools. Sofia is a psychiatrist and pioneer in the treatment of screen addiction in children, some are as young as seven. Socheata has been involved in the fight ever since her son was manipulated by an Internet predator. She has joined an association and works alongside cybercrime police officers to track down pedophiles. Laure is a lawyer determined to change the laws that protect the Big 5. Through the struggles of these women, we will discover that digital control is a major public health and safety issue that goes beyond what we imagine.

FEBRUARY 2025

90 min - 2 x 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Particules Productions

Directors: Ariane Chemin & Yves Jeuland

Commissioned by: ARTE

On February 24 2022, Volodymyr Zelensky swapped his suit for a military uniform and metamorphosed into a warleader and one of the most famous people on the planet. By staying in Kyiv, when the Russians invaded his country, he changed the course of the conflict. But the story of Zelensky is one of contradictions. Since his presidential campaign in 2019, the European and Ukrainian intelligentsia classified the former stand-up comic and popular actor as a "clown" and "political buffoon". After the war, he was Time Magazine's Man of the Year. The fierce nationalist who today speaks only Ukrainian, grew up speaking Russian and only learnt Ukrainian when running for President. He lived in Moscow for years and even performed for Putin. Having claimed to be the champion of the fight against corruption, he was caught having off-shore accounts. His popularity was at an all-time low.

How Volodia Became Zelensky

To understand this transformation, one has to go back to the early years. As well as featuring an interview with Zelensky, this film will be based around the men and women who have known and worked with Volodymyr from his earliest childhood right up to the present day. None of them call him Volodymyr. Some call him Vova, others Volodia. The entire film will be shot in the Ukraine, in Kyiv and in Kryvyi Rih, Zelensky's hometown. It will mix archives, filming and interviews but the interviews will always be in motion and the filming lively. No Ukraine specialists sitting behind desks, no Zelensky biographers filmed in studios. Just Zelensky and the people who know him best.

Directed by renowned French documentalist Yves Jeuland and acclaimed journalist Ariane Chemin, this will be a film that will remain relevant for years to come.



Disobedient Women

Their stance on homosexual marriages, priestly celibacy, the role of women... For many, the Catholic Church seems completely out of touch with Western society. Faced with the disaffection of the faithful, competition of evangelical churches and the weakening of the Catholic matrix in Western countries, an influential section of the Curia continues to depend on a withdrawal into conservative tradition. But there are those who challenge that retreat and believe that the only real solution is allowing women priests and bishops.

This film follows the journey of three committed women, in the United States, Switzerland and France, called to the priesthood in their fight to have their vocation recognised. Today, there are

MAY 2025

90 & 52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Cinéphage et Clin d'Oeil

Director: Marie Mandy

Commissioned by: ARTE

thought to be over 200 women across the world who belong to the unauthorised Roman Catholic woman priest movement. They take part in unauthorised ordination services to become priests and are at the forefront of a model of service that focuses on grassroots communities and a renewed Catholic Church.

It also presents a balanced look at the mysteries of the Vatican to understand the theological and cultural pretexts, the political and economic reasons which, since the 12th century, have forbidden women in the Vatican to be equal to men.

SEPTEMBER 2025

52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Kraken Films

Director: David Muntaner

Commissioned by: France 5

With the terrorist attacks in France in recent years, Islamist terrorists now embody all the fears and fantasies of French society. Today, almost 1,000 radicalised people are confined in French prisons. They account for less than 1% of inmates but they are at the centre of the country's political and media coverage.

Getting them out of prison, de-radicalising them and reintegrating them into society is a

The Leavers

national challenge. In this film, we follow the prison staff who work with them on a daily basis trying to deradicalise and rehabilitate them. The challenges they face are enormous. Many people feel they should never be released but is life imprisonment really an appropriate punishment?

By cautiously trying to understand the motivations behind their radicalisation, this film aims to help us understand the reality of the detention of radicalised prisoners. It also explores the issues and risks involved in their release.



Kibbutz Revadim: The Broken Dream

The founders of the kibbutz movement dreamed of creating a new type of community, living in harmony with land according to socialist, egalitarian principles. Young people from all over the world flocked to join them, fascinated by the idea of turning this modern utopia into reality. But as times changed, the kibbutz have aged and lost their meaning, slowly denying the principles of their creation. Why?

Founded in 1947, the Revadim kibbutz was initially established on land purchased by the Jewish National Fund. A year later, after it was razed to the ground by the Arab League, it was re-established on the land of a depopulated Palestinian village. It was a time of pioneering, of windy nights in the desert, of donkey chores. In a hurry to forget a past tainted by the Holocaust, the pioneers fashioned an ideal by ploughing a land of sharing.

JANUARY 2025

52 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Kraken Films

Director: Léa Wolber

Commissioned by: France 5

This film gives a voice to the last survivors of Revadim and questions the conscience and memory of the pioneers. Populated by simple, rustic childhood friends, this kibbutz lives and tears itself apart. Revadim is a worn-out symbol that its founders, Myriam, Noémie, Avi and Eran, still hold dear. At a time when Israel is shaken by the onslaught of Hamas and the murderous escalation of its far-right government, and when hopes are high for a new awakening of reason, this film takes us back to the story of the pioneers: children of a dream that quickly soured.



SERIES



Legendary Homes and Hotels

More than just buildings, these famous homes and hotels are the repositories for extraordinary visions, hopes and extraordinary stories. They are extraordinary sites, secret places, legendary homes and hotels. But these legends only exist thanks to the people who bring them to life.

In this series, we tell the stories of these incredible buildings. Meet the passionate people who live, work and maintain these places. Owners who are committed to preserving them, passing them on from generation to generation; janitors who know every detail; craftsmen who pamper them; little hands who contribute to their greatness every day.

2022-23 - 20 x 45 min - ENG, FR

Production by: Magneto Presse

Commissioned by: France 2

Beyond their own history and through their characters, all these places tell the story of their territory: they are anchored in their region and in the reality of today's France. The Michelin-starred chef of a grande maison prepares the menus for a school canteen, an exclusive luxury hotel brings life to a shopping district... These stories are the essence of this collection, as are the memories linked to the places that make up their prestige.

From the opulent resort of GoldenEye in Jamaica to the famous Ritz Hotel in Paris or the castles of the Guyot Family, let yourself escape to a world of luxury and beauty.

Episodes

- 1 Hôtel La Ponche: The Source of the Tropezian Myth
- 2 Biarritz: The Guardians of the Palace
- 3 The Restaurants of the Nationale 7
- 4 Marseille Cité Radieuse: Le Corbusier's Utopia
- 5 The Guyot Family: A Life in Castles
- 6 The Moulin de Dannemois: Claude François' Secret Garden
- 7 The Marcon Family: The Stars of Saint Bonnet Le Froid
- 8 Beau-Rivage Palace: Swiss Hospitality par Excellence
- 9 Auberge du Père Bise, Annecy
- 10 Montenvers: A Hotel Perched High in the Mountains
- 11 La Côte d'Or Restaurant: The Chef's Legacy
- 12 Rosa Bonheur's Castle
- 13 Château Frontenac: Quebec's Landmark
- 14 The Ritz: A Thousand and One Lives
- 15 Champ de Bataille: A Versailles in Normandy
- 16 Grand Hotel Tremezzo: La Dolce Vita on Lake Como
- 17 The Carlton: An Icon Reborn
- 18 GoldenEye: 007's Secret Jamaican Hideaway
- 19 Domaine de Baumanière: The Legacy of Provence
- 20 Le Belles Rives Hotel in Juan-les-Pins: Life is a Party



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.

In Argentina, 20% of drivers have no license and more than one in three cars on the roads are unroadworthy. In Mexico, where it's legal to buy a driving license, cartel wars often spill over into the autopista del sol. In Canada, gales of over 100 km/h lift up the snow and blind drivers

2021-23 - 18 x 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Impala, Tony Comiti Productions, Babel Doc, AIMV, Patrick Spica Productions, Ligne de Front, Carron Films
Commissioned by: W9

With no visibility, dozens of cars and trucks crash into each other. In Bangkok, illegal speed races in the middle of urban centres take over the roads, regularly mowing down pedestrians.

Meanwhile, in Florida, where the state does not require senior citizens to retake driving tests after a certain age, accidents are often caused by elderly drivers.

Episodes

- 1 Miami - Washington (2021)
- 2 The Rocky Mountains (2021)
- 3 Romania (2021)
- 4 Texas (2022)
- 5 Bulgaria (2022)
- 6 India (2022)
- 7 Spain (2022)
- 8 Los Angeles (2023)
- 9 Thailand (2023)
- 10 Albania (2023)
- 11 Poland (2023)
- 12 Florida (2023)
- 13 Mexico (2023)
- 14 Argentina (2023)
- 15 Canada (2023)
- 16 Sierra Nevada (2024)
- 17 Chicago (2024)
- 18 South Africa (2024)



Green Warriors

2018-24 - 13 x 52 min - 4 x 26 min

ENG, FR

Production by: Premières Lignes

Commissioned by: France 5

Now available in both a 52 & 25 min format, journalist Martin Boudot investigates environmental scandals around the world.

From contaminated rivers, air pollution, toxic waste, illegal exploitation of resources to the poaching of endangered species. By carrying out detailed scientific

analysis on samples, he 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 - 52 min - 2018
- 2 South Africa's Toxic Townships - 52 min - 2018
- 3 Paraguay's Poisoned Fields - 52 min - 2019
- 4 Coal in the Lungs - 52 min - 2021
- 5 Cursed Uranium - 52 & 26 min - 2021
- 6 Soil Threat - 52 & 26 min - 2021
- 7 Netherlands: Forever Chemicals - 52 min - 2023
- 8 Iraq: Damned by Oil - 52 & 26 min - 2023
- 9 Children of Lead - 52 & 26 min - 2023
- 10 Paris Metro, Air Alert! - 52 min - 2024
- 11 Asbestos, Our Sick Schools - 52 min - 2024
- 12 Fire Retardants - 52 min - 2024
- 13 The Toxic Legacy of Chemical Warfare - 52 min - 2024



Love & Sex Around the World

Love may make the world go round but 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.

Episodes

- 1 **Love and Sex in China** - 2013
With an estimated 180 million singletons in China and people traditionally marrying

2013-23 - 9 x 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Ligne de Front, La Famiglia, Les Films de l'Odyssée, Tony Comiti Productions, Yemaya Productions
Commissioned by: M6

... early, the race to find a soulmate before surpassing the sell by date is frantic. Singles fairs, where CVs are passed around, speed-dating and lessons in the art of seduction are all examples of a booming westernised market. But there is a massive imbalance in the sexes due to the penchant for male offspring since the single-child policy was introduced in 1980. Future brides are in short supply.

- 2 **Love and Sex in Japan** - 2016
In the land of the Rising Sun, love and relationships are in danger. A quarter of all Japanese people aged 30-40 are virgins and 50% of the population admits to not having sex regularly.

- 3 **Love and Sex in India** - 2018
It's the birthplace of the Kama Sutra and Bollywood romances but in real life, kissing in the street or just talking about sex in India is considered obscene. In a place where 90% of marriages are arranged and the bride's family must pay a large dowry, young girls are taught that society considers them a burden.

- 4 **Love and Sex in the USA** - 2019
From sex scandals with global repercussions to promoting a national chastity movement, American views on sex veer from one extreme to the other. We travel across the country to find out more.

- 5 **Love and Sex in Russia** - 2020
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.

- 6 **Love and Sex in Scandinavia** - 2021
With its reputation for being liberal and sexually-open minded, Scandinavia leads

... the world when it comes to gender equality. In this episode, we go in search of the secrets of Nordic love.

- 7 **Love and Sex in West Africa** - 2022
From polygamy and 'hook ups' to forced marriages and dowries, we reveal the modern realities of romance in the Ivory Coast, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Senegal. When it comes to love and sex, these African countries are caught between tradition and modernity.

- 8 **Love and Sex in Italy** - 2023
Italy has the lowest birth rate in Europe. At this rate, Italy's population could reduce by 16 million over the next 50 years. Two thirds of young people still live at home with their parents, and it is difficult to leave home. But despite this, it remains the most romantic country in the world for many.

- 9 **Love and Sex in Spain** - 2024
Repressed for 40 years by Franco's dictatorship, has Spain become Europe's most progressive country, ahead of the Scandinavian countries?



Dicing with Death

2008-24 - 111 x 52 min - ENG, FR
Production by: Tony Comiti Productions
Commissioned by: France 5

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.

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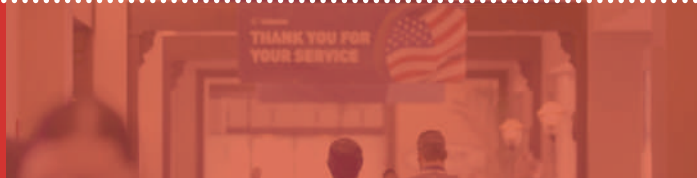
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- 2 Zanskar (2024)
- 3 Mongolia (2024)
- 4 Nigeria (2024)
- 5 Alaska (2024)
- 6 Balkans (2024)
- 7 Burundi (2024)
- 8 Chad: The Desert Takes on Water (2024)
- 9 India: Of God and Men (2023)
- 10 Sumatra: Cursed Treasures (2023)
- 11 Guatemala (2023)
- 12 Kenya (2023)
- 13 Venezuela: The Curse of Black Gold (2022)
- 14 Congo: Thrill of the River (2022)
- 15 South Sudan (2022)
- 16 Peru: From the River to the Jungle (2022)
- 17 Guinea: Life on a Thread (2022)

- 18 Afghanistan: Valley of Merchants (2021)
- 19 Nepal: On the Brink (2021)
- 20 Madagascar: Satan's Corridor (2021)
- 21 Colombia: Intrepid of the Andes (2021)
- 22 Ukraine: Mists of Carpathians (2021)
- 23 India/Bangladesh (2020)
- 24 Jamaica (2020)
- 25 Bolivia: Yungas in the Clouds (2020)
- 26 Botswana: Run for your Life (2020)
- 27 Mauritania: Desert Drivers (2020)
- 28 Ivory Coast: Gold & Cocoa (2020)
- 29 Brazil: Dust & Fire (2020)
- 30 Zambia: Life Goes On (2019)
- 31 Bhutan: Happiness at all Costs (2019)
- 32 Namibia: The Devil's Cauldron (2019)
- 33 Siberia: Land of Ice People (2019)
- 34 Armenia (2019)
- 35 Congo: Jungle Messengers (2019)
- 36 Cuba: Viva la Vida (2019)
- 37 Ghana: Business on the Go (2018)
- 38 Nicaragua (2018)
- 39 India: Himalayan Tightrope Walkers (2018)
- 40 Guatemala: Land of the Maya (2018)
- 41 Paraguay: Unconquerables of Chaco (2018)
- 42 Lesotho: The Snow Kingdom (2018)
- 43 Philippines: Man & Monsoon (2018)

- 44 Peru: Vertigo in the Andes (2018)
- 45 Sierra Leone: The Urge to Live (2018)
- 46 Myanmar: No Fear (2018)
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- 67 67. Benin: Cotton at all Costs (2016)
- 68 68. Congo: Last Train to Katanga (2015)
- 69 69. China's Dragon Road (2015)



PAST HIGHLIGHTS



3 x 52 min - 2023

Poison(s)

The list of people believed to have been poisoned on Putin's orders goes on and on. For twenty years, Russian poison has run through the veins of international diplomacy. Among all the killings, several high-profile cases have made their mark. What goes on behind the scenes as they take shape sheds light on the relationship between the Kremlin and the West. Behind each of these cases, there is a tug of war, with major diplomatic and geostrategic issues. Struggles for influence, attacks on the integrity of the empire and its energy resources, each poisoning reveals the underside of a formidable game of chess in the line of the Cold War, and lays the foundations of what has been played out since the beginning of the conflict with Ukraine.



3 x 58 min - 2023

Hezbollah Inc

It's widely recognised as a terrorist organisation. But 42 years on, the 'Party of God', remains stronger than ever. It has transformed itself from a small paramilitary group backed by Iran into an omnipotent political party with the largest private army in the world. A 'state within a state', whose extensive charity network ensures the popular support of the Shiite community while its military wing attempts to redraw the borders of the region and erase Israel from the map. But in 2008, after amassing evidence that Hezbollah was earning up to \$1 billion a year running an international crime syndicate trafficking in drugs, money laundering and other criminal activities, the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) set up a secret mission to 'bring down Hezbollah'. It was called 'Project Cassandra'.



90 & 52 min - 2023

Flash Wars

'Flash Wars' dives into the disturbing world of autonomous weapons. Since the invasion of Ukraine, many things that seemed like science fiction have become reality. The AI arms race that experts had warned about for years is now real. It will not only shape the wars of the future but is also transforming the way we think about security at the "homefront", with police and private security forces are hungry for new tech. AI promises superiority in all weapon categories, higher efficiency and a dramatic increase of operational speed. First, there was gunpowder, then the atomic bomb. Now we find ourselves at the threshold of another dramatic escalation in the field of armed conflict.



Venezuela: Country of Lost Children

Corruption and mismanagement has turned Venezuela into a failed state. Over six million people have fled in recent years. Around one million children were left behind by their parents. This remarkable film follows two single mothers and their children over several months as they do what it takes to survive. In the barrio Santa Rosa de Agua, health care has collapsed and children are dying from hunger. Carolina has set up a foundation to help feed them. But the barrio is so violent, she's had to send her own daughter, Victoria, to a children's home.

90 & 52 min - 2023



Murky Waters

When is saving a life a crime? In 2015 Mo Abassi travelled to the Greek island of Lesbos with a humanitarian organisation to help refugees. He saved a group of people from drowning when their overcrowded boat got into difficulties. But then the local authorities arrest him and accuse him of human trafficking.

The film reveals the complex tensions between local people, the coastguard, the authorities, the multiple NGOs on the ground, and how these tensions interact with the simple human instinct to save the lives of innocent people who are in danger of drowning right in front of your eyes.

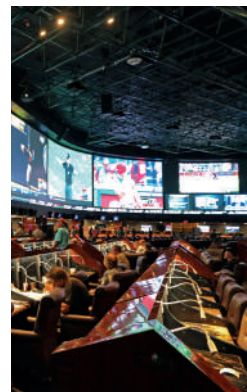
67 min - 2023



Kabul Beauty

Their names are Sofia and Nigina. They're Afghans, beautiful, proud, best friends. And, despite themselves and without knowing it, icons of Kabul's idle youth. Behind the curtains of their beauty salon, whose exterior has been ransacked by the Taliban, they support a small team and a dream: to protect their last space of freedom. We began filming the day after the Taliban came to power on August 15th 2021. The new rulers of Afghanistan made a promise to the world: they have changed. For a year and a half, as the extremists impose new laws on Afghans, especially women, we follow the two friends in their beauty salon and across the Afghan capital.

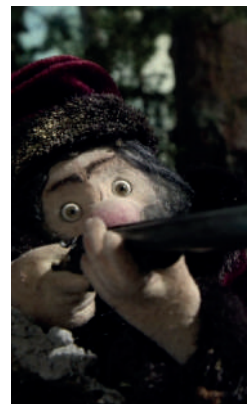
52 min - 2023



Click Bet

All over Europe, sports betting sites prey on the vulnerable, luring them into addiction. The majority of these platforms belong to powerful multinationals who resist regulation. Gambling addiction has become an emergency, a key public health issue around the world. Today in many countries, betting companies still face no regulation or restrictions on their marketing, free bets, VIP schemes, or sports sponsorships. Our investigation reveals the ugly truth behind this predatory industry. We hear the personal stories of those whose lives were ruined by sports gambling.

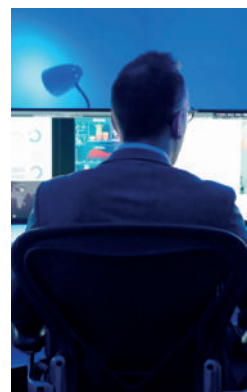
90 & 52 min - 2023



Handmade: A Tale of Stop Motion

"Handmade" is a documentary film that tells the inspiring story of Nukufilm, the oldest surviving stop-motion animation studio in the world, founded in 1957. During the Soviet era, Nukufilm was both financed and censored by the USSR government. In the 1980s, a new generation of animators took over. Despite strict censorship regulations, they were able to conceal messages and layers in their animations without being detected. The film offers a glimpse into stop-motion animation production today, as well as rare archive material from stop-motion animation history.

83 & 58 min - 2023



Hackers: Identity Theft

Cyberspace is more insecure than ever as hackers exploit human error and technical vulnerability to steal their personal data. In this revealing documentary, victims tell how internet criminals have destroyed their lives. It's estimated that hackers steal an estimated six trillion dollars every year. And the figures are increasing. In 2022, cyberattacks increased by 26% in Europe and 38% worldwide. But while most reports focus on the financial damage caused by hackers, the human cost can be devastating. In America, a baby died after hackers jammed a piece of equipment in the hospital. Other victims have committed suicide or left their families out of shame.

52 min - 2023

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