

gebrueder beetz filmproduktion

The parent company gebrueder beetz Media GmbH encompasses three firms with four offices and over 30 employees in Berlin, Hamburg, Lüneberg and Cologne: gebrueder beetz filmproduktion Berlin GmbH & Co KG, gebrueder beetz filmproduktion Hamburg GmbH & Co KG, and gebrueder beetz filmproduktion Köln GmbH & Co KG.

Berlin, with 16 employees and six HD suites, is the largest firm of gebrueder beetz Media GmbH.

The original firm was founded in 2000 by Christian and Reinhardt Beetz and has to date produced more than 50 documentaries. In 2008, due to the firm's continual and increasing success, the firm was converted into a private limited company. In collaboration with authors and independent filmmakers, gebrueder beetz filmproduktion develops and produces high-quality, award-winning short, feature-length and multi-segment documentaries as well as the weekly television cultural magazine "Metropolis" for arte and the daily cultural program "EinsWeiter" for the public broadcaster ARD – EinsFestival. Likewise, gebrueder beetz filmproduktion GmbH enjoys notable and continual success in the international co-production of creative television productions for the European and non-European markets.

gebrueder beetz filmproduktion GmbH is also actively involved in the new business area of online television formats. The newly established, internal Cross Media Unit combines our documentary competence with the new thinking, methods and approaches of the Web, computer games and mobile devices to create innovative, cross-media concepts to convey content over the Internet to an international and web-savvy audience.

GBF is member of the German and European documentary associations ag-dok , the EDN and the Producer Alliance.

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Realized projects

Cologne:

MY HEART OF DARKNESS

A documentary by Staffan Julén and Marius van Niekerk
90 min., in coproduction with ZDF/arte, SVT and Eden Film (Sweden), 2010
Competition for the BEST DOKUMENTARY FEATURE LENGTH at IDFA, Amsterdam 2010

BIOMIMIKRY – NATURAL GENIUS

A documentary by André Rehse
4 x 52 min., in Coproduction with Emsfilm, ZDF/arte and BR/arte

IN THE SHADOW OF THE EMPEROR - VICTOR SEGALEN'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION THROUGH CHINA IN 1914

A documentary by Maria Zinfert and Christian Beetz
52 min., HD, in coproduction with ZDF/arte and Sichuan-TV (China), 2010

AUTUMN GOLD

A film by Jan Tenhaven
94/55 min, HD, in coproduction with WDR/arte, Navigator Film, WPW Ltd., ERT, TSR, YLE, RTE,
funded by NRW Filmstiftung, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Austrian Filminstitut, 2010
Winner of the AUDIENCE AWARD at Berlin&Beyond FF San Francisco 2010
Winner of the FILMMAKERS AWARD HOTDOCS 2010
No. 4 at the HOT DOCS AUDIENCE TOP 10
Nominated for the audience award in the section „REFLECTING IMAGES: BEST OF FESTS SECTION“ 2010
Winner of GRAND PRIZE at Guangzhou IFF China, 2010
Nominated for the German Camera Award 2011
Nominated for the German Documentary Award 2011
Winner of DOC U AWARD at IDFA, Amsterdam, 2010

THE SEAMSTRESSES

A documentary by Biljana Garvanlieva
30 min., in co-production with Dream Factory, Macedonia,
funded by the BKM and Robert Bosch Stiftung, 2010
Winner of the HEART OF SARAJEWO FILMFESTIVAL, 2010 for Best Documentary Film

TOBACCO GIRL

A documentary by Biljana Garvanlieva
30 min., 3Sat „Foreign children“, 2009
Nominated for the GERMAN SHORT FILM AWARD 2010
Winner of JULIANE BARTEL AWARD 2010
BEST NEWCOMMER AWARDS at the Docufest Prizren / Kosovo 2010
HONRABLE MENTION for Human Rights at the Docufest Prizren / Kosovo 2010

HOTEL SAHARA

A documentary by Bettina Haasen
90/52 min., HD/35 mm, in coproduction with ZDF/arte, YLE,
developed within MEDIA-DEVELOPEMENT, UNESCO, funded by FFA Filmförderungsanstalt,
DFFF, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg and MEDIA Programme, 2009
Nominated for Doc-Alliance AWARD 2009
Nominated for International Documentary Competition of TRT, 2010

FEELING THE FUTURE

A documentary by Jan Tenhaven, 52 min., ARD/NDR, YLE,
developed within the framework of Discovery Campus Masterschool 2007, funded by Medienboard
Berlin-Brandenburg, 2009

THE MOST SECRET PLACE ON EARTH – THE CIA’S COVERT WAR IN LAOS

A documentary by Marc Eberle
75/52/43 min., HD, NDR/arte/WDR/DR2/History Spain/Fox Italy, 2008
Developed within the framework of Discovery Campus Masterschool 2003
Funded by MEDIA NEW TALENTS, Filmfund HSH, Filmstiftung NRW and MEDIA BROADCAST
Nominated in the category “best political documentary” at the BANFF Filmfestival Canada 2010
Nominated for the HISTORY FILMMAKERS AWARD in the category “Best Use of Archive in a Current Affairs Production”, USA 2010
Nominated for JADE KUNION AWARD in the category “best director” at the World Mountain Festival China 2010
Nominated for the GOLDEN PANDA AWARD in the category “best director” at the Cina Filmfestival 2010
Nominated for International Documentary Competition of TRT, 2010
Selected in the category “reportage and current affairs” of the FIPA 2009
Nominated for the NORDDEUTSCHEN FILMPREIS 2009

MY LIFE WITH CARLOS

A documentary by Germà Berge Hertz
90 min, HD/35 mm, in coproduction with ZDF/arte, TVCatalan, ETV-Spain and Chile, Funded by
Filmstiftung NRW, 2009
Developed in the framework of Discovery Campus Masterschool 2005
No. 3 at the HOT DOCS AUDIENCE TOP 10

BOM DIA, JANA!

A documentary by Sabine Michel
28 min., HD, 3Sat “Mädchengeschichten” (girls stories),, 2008

BLIXA BARGELD – MY LIFE / MA VIE

A documentary by Birgit Herdlitschke
45 min., HD, ZDF/arte “My life / Ma vie”, 2008

DANIEL RICHTER – MY LIFE / MA VIE

A documentary by Birgit Herdlitschke
45 min., HD, ZDF/arte “My life/ ma vie”, 2008

Berlin:

EMPIRE ME

A creative documentary by Paul Poet
90 min., HD, in coproduction with Navigator Film (Austria) and Minotaurus Film (Luxembourg)
Funded by MEDIA, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Fonspa (Luxembourg) and ÖFI (Austrian
Filminstitute)

JÜRGEN BÖTTCHER – MA VIE

A documentary by Christian Beetz
45 min., HD, ZDF/Arte

BLOOD IN THE MOBILE

A documentary by Frank Plasecki Poulsen
52/58/90 min., in Coproduction with Koncern TV-and Filmproduction Dänemark, DR und WDR
in the competition for the BEST DOKUMENTARY FEATURE LENGTH at IDFA, Amsterdam 2010
Winner of the CINEMA FOR PEACE AWARD 2011
In the competiion of HOTDOCS 2011
Arthouse Cinemas Network Award at the Planete Doc Film Festival in Warsaw, Poland.

THE FILE - "KLEIST"

A documentary series by Simone Dobmeier, Hedwig Schmutte and Torsten Striegnitz
52 min., HD in coproduction with RBB/arte, funded by Medienboard Berlin Brandenburg

OLAFUR ELIASSON – Light-Space-Time

A documentary by H.Lundø & J.Jørgensen
52 min., DR, ZDF/arte in Coproduction with JJ Films (Dänemark), 2010

LOST IN RELIGION

A documentary by Robert Ralston
90/52 min, HD, NDR/arte, SF

I BOUGHT A RAINFORREST

A documentary by Jacob Andrén and Helana Nygren
52 min., ZDF/arte, SVT, in Coproduction with WG Film Schweden, 2010

VILLAGE LOVE

A documentary by Pamela Meyer Arndt
90/ 52 min., MDR, funded by Bundeskulturstiftung, DEFA-Stiftung, 2010

CORINNA HARFOURCH - MA VIE

A documentary by Sabine Michel
43/ 52 min., arte "Mein Leben/ Ma Vie", 2009

Hamburg:

100 YEARS OF HOLLYWOOD – Carl Laemmle

A documentary by Kai Christiansen
52min., SWR/arte

EINS WEITER – daily cultural magazine on digital ARD channel EinsFestival at 8 p.m.

WADANS WORLD

A documentary by Dieter Schuhmann
90 min., funded by BKM, HSH and wirtschaftlichen Filmförderung Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, 2010
Competition for BEST GERMAN DOCUMENTARY at the Leipzig International Filmfestival 2010
Nominated for HEALTHY WORKPLACE AWARD Germany 2010
In the competition of HOTDOCS 2011
Nominated for the German Camera Award 2011
Winner of the Jury Award for the best Documentary at Dok.fest Munich 2011
Winner of the Documentary Award in Schwerin 2011

PIONEERS TURNED MILLIONAIRES

– EUROPEAN ENTREPRENEURS IN THE PROMISED LAND

A documentary series by Ira Wilke
5x52 min., NDR/arte/13WNET, funded by nordmedia, HSH, 2010

HANBAO - THE CASTLE OF THE CHINESE

A documentary by Christian Schidlowski
60 min., ZDF/arte
Funded by the Filmfund Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein

PATRICA KAAS – MY LIFE / MA VIE

A documentary by Horst Mühlenbeck
45 min., HD, ZDF/arte “My life/ ma vie”, 2008

PRESTES MAIA – FREEDOM IN CONCRETE

A documentary by Jonas Ginter and Levin Peter
52 min., ZDF/arte, 2008

Nominated for the German Human Rights Prix 2008

METROPOLIS – THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL MAGAZINE ON ARTE

2x45 min., ZDF/arte, 2008

Before 2008:

BETWEEN INSANITY AND BEAUTY – THE ART COLLECTION OF DR. PRINZHORN

A film by Christian Beetz
75 min., HD, in coproduction with SWR/arte/ZDFdokukanal, funded by MFG – Media and Film Association Baden-Württemberg, MEDIA-Development and Volkswagen funding, 2007
Winner of the German Grimme Award 2008 in the category Information and Culture and with the Audience Award of the Marler Group.

**BETWEEN INSANITY AND BEAUTY – THE WOVEN PAIN
BETWEEN INSANITY AND BEAUTY – THE UNHEARD GENIUS**

A film in two parts by Christian Beetz
2x26 min., HD, in coproduction with SWR/arte/ ZDFdokukanal, 2007

METROPOLIS – THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL MAGAZINE ON ARTE

2x45 min., ZDF/arte, 2007, 2006

WAHL KAMPF WALLENGENSTEIN

A film by Helgard Haug and Daniel Wetzel (Rimini Protokoll)
57 min., 3Sat/ZDFtheaterkanal, 2008

WALLENGENSTEIN – A STAGING BY RIMINI-PROTOKOLL

A documentary by Daniel Wetzel and Helgard Haug (Rimini Protokoll)
120/135 min, in coproduction with 3sat/ZDFtheaterkanal, 2007

CHINA'S ART AVANT-GARDE – THE FUTURE IS NOW!

A series by Marco Wilms and Ilka Franzmann
4x26 min., HD, in coproduction with ZDF/arte, SBS, 2007
nominated for Rose d'or award 2008

THE VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL - WHEN ANIMALS HAVE TO BE OPERATED

A documentary series by Reinhardt Beetz and Keti Vaitonis
10x26 min., in coproduction with ZDF/arte, 2007

DIGITAL DIARY

An Internet-TV Pilot-Production by Reinhardt Beetz and Fred Grimm
45 min., ZDFdokukanal, 2007

JEW BY CHOICE

A film by David Bernet and Robert Ralston
52 min., in coproduction with WDR/arte, The Second Authority (Israel), 2007

OUR SON BECOMES A JEW

A documentary by David Bernet und Robert Ralston
30 min., in Koproduktion with WDR/ arte/ The Second Authority (Israel), 2007

MACEDONIAN DREAM – A GIRL AND HER ACCORDION

A film by Biljana Garvanlieva
30min, 3sat “Mädchengeschichten” (girls stories), 2007
Winner of the GOLDEN PANDA AWARD China 2009
“Special Mention Award” in the Intl. competition of ZagrebDox Festival 2007
“Axel Springer Award 2007” for young Journalists
“Golden Pojector” at the AsterFest, International Film & Video Festival of Southeastern Europe
German Short Film Award 2007
Nominated for the Prix Danube

DANCEFLOOR CABALLEROS

A documentary by Dirk Böll
52 min., ZDF - Kleines Fernsehspiel 2006
Funded by Filmstiftung NRW
1st prize at the „Unerhört“ International Festival of Music Documentaries
Participation at the Kassel Dokfest 2006

LIGHT ART

A TV-series by Marco Wilms and Christian Beetz
3x26 min., HD, in coproduction with ZDF/arte, AVRO, CANAL+, CYFROWY, 2006

MY LIFE AS A TERRORIST - THE STORY OF HANS JOACHIM KLEIN

A documentary by Alexander Oey
85min., in coproduction with submarine (the Netherlands), VPRO, HR/WDR for ARD, 2006
Funded by the Dutch Cultural Broadcast Fund and MEDIA-DEVELOPMENT
Participation at the Kassel Dokfest 2006

FC BARCELONA – CONFIDENTIAL

A film by Daniel Hernandez und Justin Webster
52/90 min., in coproduction with ZDF/arte, BBC, TV2, NPS, Canal+, ALEA TV/JWP, 2004.
Winner of the Prix Europe 2005
Winner of the Adolf Grimme Award 2006/ Category “Special”

THE WHISPERERS – DIE FLÜSTERER – LA VOIX DES AUTRES

A film by David Bernet and Christian Beetz
80/56/45/30 min, WDR/RB/arte, TSR (Swiss), YLE (Finnland), LRT (Lithuanian), RTV Latvian, and ETV (Estonian), SVT (Sweden), 2005.
Funded by MEDIA-BROADCAST, NRW Filmfunding, Nordmedia/ cinema release
Nominated for the German/Fresh journalistic award 2006.

SISTERS OF A LONG NIGHT / A LOVE APART

Two films by Bettina Haasen

30 min., 3sat/ZDF, 2004

52 min. YLE, France 5, Greece TV, ETV, 2004

Supported by EZEZ and Service Culturel of the French Embassy in Niger

Nominated for "Grand Prix Audiovisuel de la SECAM 2006"

ANTONIO NEGRI – A REVOLT THAT NEVER ENDS

A film by Alexandra Wetz and Andreas Pichler

52 min., ZDF/ arte, YLE, SVT, DR2, TV-Catalan Fox International, Greece TV, 2004

Funded by MFG-Baden-Württemberg and the Kulturstiftung des Bundes / cinema release

MUSICA DELLA MAFIA

A film by Carmen Butta and Christian Beetz

30 min, SWR, 2003

HUNTING THE ZODIAC

A film by John Mikulénka and Reinhardt Beetz

60 min, WDR, 2003

EINSTÜRZENDE NEUBAUTEN – LISTEN WITH PAIN

A film by Christian Beetz and Birgit Herdlitschke

57 min, ZDF/arte, ORF, Planète, 2000 / cinema release

MVRDV: THE UTOPIA OF PRAGMATISM

A film by Reinhardt Beetz and Silke Fischer

26 min, ZDF/arte, 2000

Projects in production

Cologne

POSKI PALKEN VASTEN – CHEEK TO CHEEK

A documentary by Viviane Blumenschein

52/90 min., HD, in coproduction with Ilume, Finland and Gema Films, Argentina

Hamburg:

METROPOLIS – THE EUROPEAN CULTURAL MAGAZINE ON ARTE

2x45 min., ZDF/arte, 2009

EINS WEITER – daily cultural magazine on digital ARD channel EinsFestival at 8p.m.

Berlin:

FAREWELL COMRADES!

A documentary series by Oliver Mille and Jean- François Colosimo

6 x 52 min., in coproduction with arte and Artline Films (France)

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LAST DAYS OF ARCTIC

A documentary by Magnus Vidar Sigurdsson, 90 min.
In co-production with Sagafilm and NDR

ISLAND-CREATIVE HOTSPOT

A documentary by Helga Brekkan
52 min., ZDF/arte

Projects in development

Cologne:

SUPERWOMAN

A documentary by Barbara Caspar
90/ 52 min.

DESERTEC

A documentary by Christoph Reidl
52 min.

BUT NOT THIS TIME – THE LITHIUM AND THE BOLIVIANS

A documentary by Andreas Pichler
52 min., WDR/arte

MAMMUTS - RELIKTS OF A DIFFERENT TIME

A documentary by Christoph Reidl and Katja Gartz
52 min., NDR/arte

EMPEROR WILHELM II AND HIS NEW FRIENDS

A documentary by Claus Bredenbrock & Christian Beetz
52 min., ZDF/arte

WARZONES - TOPOGRAPHY OF WAR

A documentary series by Jost Listemann and Christian Schaaf
10x52 min.

ESSOUF – THIRST

A feature film by Bettina Haasen

Hamburg:

MÜNCHHAUSEN – THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LIES

A film by Kai Christiansen
52 min.

MEDICI

A film by John Kantara

INTERNATIONAL HARBOURS

A documentary series by Reinhardt Beetz
5 x 52 min., HD

TITANIC

A film by Maurice Seeney
51 min., in production with Tele films

RUST IN RED SQUARE

52 min., a documentary by Gabriele Denecke

Berlin:

CULTURE FILES – TV SERIES

A documentary series by Christian Beetz
3 x 52 min., HD

CULTURE FILES – THE GAME

A crossmedia project by Lena Thiele

ROLE PLAY

A documentary by Andreas Geiger
Funded by medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg. 90 min, HD

AN APARTMENT IN BERLIN

A documentary by Alice Agneskircher
Funded by Gerd-Ruge-Stiftung

ICE CAPTAIN

A documentary by Leanne Pooley, 90 min.
In co-production with Making Movies Film production, ZDF/ARTE

LAST DAYS OF ARCTIC

A film by Margrét Jónasdóttir and Magnús Vilar Sidurlsson
90/52 min., in co-production with Saga films, NDR/ARTE