

# G E B R U E D E R   B E E T Z   F I L M P R O D U K T I O N

## **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 SARAJEVO 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 Germán Berger 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, HHSH 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 WALLENSTEIN**

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

**WALLENSTEIN – 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 EZEf 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 Weltz 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, Finnland 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)

## **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 Reild 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



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## **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