



TANIA

Feature Film

Based on a true story

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A young idealist

An undercover agent on two fronts

The German fighter at Che Guevara's side

GDR 1961: The young Tamara Bunke, daughter of Jewish exiles from Argentina, falls for the political goals of the stirring revolutionary Che Guevara during a state visit. She also meets the charismatic, dark-skinned commandant Ulises Estrada. Kindled by the fire of the revolution, she strikes a devilish espionage deal with the Stasi to cheat her way out to Cuba.

There she finally falls between all fronts: under the observation of the Stasi, who expect results from her, Tamara is trained as a double spy by Che's troops. Her combat name is TANIA. She is to establish a bridgehead to Bolivia. At the same time, her deep love for Commandante Ulises grows. He eventually gives her the choice to follow her personal fortune and go into hiding, instead of following Che's plans to liberate South America, which he now considers a suicide mission. An insoluble, tragic conflict ends fatally for Tamara in the battle of Bolivia's Rio Grande...



**” I want to be where it's burning,
where the revolutionary struggle
is hardest. “**

Tamara Bunke, from a letter to her parents

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Facts

Genre: Feature film, based on a true story
Language: german / spanish
Lenght: 100 min
Production: enigma film GmbH, near future films

Co-Production: Studio Babelsberg,
Sur Film (Canary Islands)

German Distributor: Weltkino
World Sales: Beta Cinema
Broadcaster: WDR (ARD)

Director: Elmar Fischer
Writer: Thomas Brussig Tobias Stille

Cast (confirmed): Mala Emde, Karoline Schuch,
Claudia Michelsen, Tom Wlaschiha,
Richy Müller

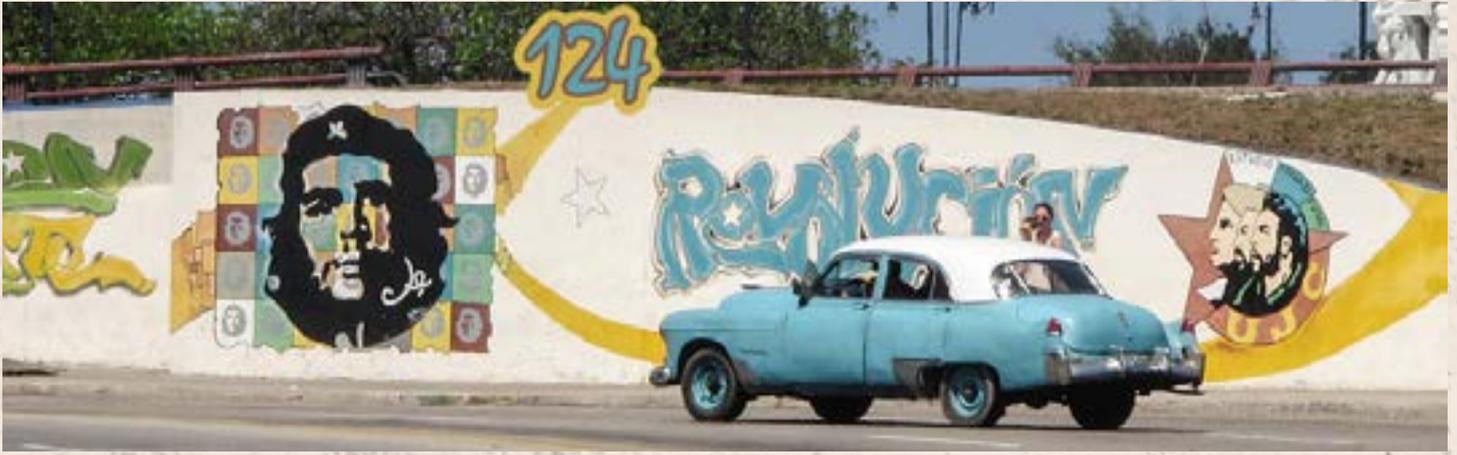
Producer: Fritjof Hohagen, Nicole Swidler
Producer Spain: Andreas Wentz

Commssioning Editor: Caren Toenissen
Funding: Medienboard Berlin, Filmstiftung
NRW, Creative Europe Media

DOP: Jürgen Jürges
Production Design: KD Gruber, Patrick Salvador
Composer: Fernando Velázquez
Casting: Stefany Pohlmann
Casting Spain: Luci Lenox

Locations: Germany, Canary Islands





The Project TANIA

A young woman, almost a girl, who fights against all odds for her political dreams. She travels halfway around the world to break down corrupt structures and really make a difference. The story takes place almost 60 years ago.

In the GDR, she was considered a German hero alongside Che Guevara. An NVA battalion was named after her, and from Rostock to Zittau, as well as every third youth club. In East Germany, 50 years after her death, she is still an icon: Tamara Bunke.

Born in 1937 to Jewish parents from Berlin, raised in Buenos Aires and East-Berlin, she was killed in guerrilla warfare in Bolivia in 1967, before reaching the age of thirty. A bright star that quickly burned out. And a life path of wonderful clarity and consistency, dedicated to the struggle for the poor and disenfranchised.

Tamara's idol and political mentor is arguably one of the greatest Pop stars politics has ever produced: Ernesto Che Guevara. Even today - more than 50 years after his death - his likeness adorns advertising campaigns, T-shirts, posters, walls, buttons.

Tamara goes to Cuba in 1961 in her early 20s to fight alongside Ernesto Che Guevara for the liberation of South America. She is given the combat name TANIA.

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Our film tells her life as a passionate love story and exciting historical agent thriller at the time of the Cold War, against the exciting adventure backdrop of the Cuban Caribbean.

Renowned director Elmar Fischer will realize the story of TANIA together with producers Fritjof Hohagen and Nicole Swidler. Our joint political thriller UNDER THE RADAR has won numerous national and international awards, including the INTERNATIONAL EMMY AWARD for Christiane Paul in the leading role.

The script was written by Thomas Brussig, the most successful East German novelist and script writer who is famous for his hilarious novel HEROES LIKE US dealing with the downfall of the Berlin wall.

German shooting star Mala Emde has signed on for the role of TANIA. German top stars such as Caudia Michelsen, Karo Schuch, Richy Müller and Tom Wlaschiha have already signed on for other roles.



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TANIA - Mala Emde



Filmography (Selection):

2025	KÖLN 75	Ido Fluk
2023	DIE MITTAGSFRAU	Barbara Albert
2022	AUS MEINER HAUT	Alex Schaad
2020	UND MORGEN DIE GANZE WELT	Julia von Heinz
2019	SHADOWPLAY	Måns Mårland, Björn Stein
2017	LARA	Jan-Ole Gerster

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ULISES - Miguel Gobbo Diaz



Filmography (Selection):

2020 “	ZERO	Netflix
2019 “	NERO A META' 2	Marco Pontecorvo
2018 “	NERO A META'	Marco Pontecorvo
2015	LA GRANDE RABBIA	Claudio Fragasso
2013	LEONI	Pietro Parolin
2013	MACHILLAJE	Giuliano Parodi

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NADJA - Claudia Michelsen



Filmography (Selection):

2022	IN EINEM LAND, DAS ES NICHT ...	Aelrun Goette
2021	KUDAMM 63	Sabine Bernardi2019
2017	THE SAME SKY	Oliver Hirschbiegel
2017	MACK THE KNIFE	Joachim A. Lang
2016	FOUR AGAINST THE BANK	Wolfgang Petersen
2016	BERLIN STATION	(Netflix) var. Directors
2014	HEAD FULL OF HONEY TANIA	Til Schweiger

CHE GUEVARA- Álvaro Morte



Filmography (Selection):

2025	8	JULIO MEDEM
2024	RAQUA	GERARDO HERRERO
2024	IMMACULATE	MICHAEL MOHAN
2021-23	WHEEL OF TIME	PRIME SERIES
2017 - 21	LA CASA DEL PAPEL	NETFLIX SERIES
2018	DURANTE LA TORMENTA	Oriol Paulo

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HANNAH - Karoline Schuch



Filmography (Selection):

2024	DIE ZWEITE WELLE	Andre Erkau
2020	DARK WOODS	Sven Bohse
2018	BALLON	Michael Bully Herbig
2016	KATHARINA LUTHER	Julia von Heinz
2015	I'M OFF THEN	Julia von Heinz
2013	WIR SIND DIE NEUEN	Ralf Westhoff
2012	HANNA'S JOURNEY	Julia von Heinz

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BARTSCHKE - Tom Wlaschiha



Filmography (Selection):

2025	YUNAN	Ameer Fakhe Eldin
2024	DIE ERMITTLUNG	RP Kahl
2022	STRANGER THINGS	(Netflix) Matt Duffer et al
2018 - 22	DAS BOOT	(SKY) var. Directors
2019	TOM CLANCY'S JACK RYAN	(Amazon) var. Directors
2016	BERLIN FALLING	(SKY) Ken Duken
2012 - 16	GAME OF THRONES	(HBO), var. Directors

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LEO SCHWARZ - Richy Müller



Filmography (Selection):

2019	SKYLINES	(NETFLIX) Dennis Schanz
2017	SO VIEL ZEIT	Philipp Kadelbach
2013	GAMING INSTINCT	Gregor Schnitzler
2012	THE BLACK BROTHERS	Xavier Koller
2012	THE PURSUIT OF UNHAPPINESS	Sherry Hormann
2007	TATORT - IN EIGENER SACHE	Elmar Fischer
2002	XXX TRIPLE X	Rob Cohen

Director / Writer

Elmar Fischer (Director)



2025	HELIX (TV, WDR)
2022	DIE WHISTLEBLOWERIN (TV, ZDF, ARTE)
2021	EIN RISKANTE ENTSCHEIDUNG (TV, ZDF)
2019	OUR MIRACLE YEARS (TV, mini series)
2016	GÖTTER IN WEISS (TV, NDR)
2015	UNDER THE RADAR (TV, WDR, Degeto)
2015	DIE DIPLOMATIN (TV, ARD)
2010	OFFROAD
2010	IM DSCHUNGEL (TV, WDR)
2009	FREMDER FREUND

Thomas Brussig (Writer)



2013	GELD HER ODER AUKTSCH'N
2011	STANKOWSKI MILLIONEN (TV, ZDF)
2006	HEIMAT_FRAGMENTE (TV, ARD)
2005	NVA
2004	HEIMAT- CHRONIK EINER ZEITENWENDE (TV,-SERIES, ARD)
1999	SONNENALLEE
1999	HEROES LIKE US

Producer

Fritjof Hohagen (Producer)



2025	HELIX (TV, WDR)
2022	NO NAME RESTAURANT
2020/ 21	ZERO (TV, WDR)
2016	HANNA'S SLEEPING DOGS
2015	UNDER THE RADAR (TV, WDR, Degeto)
2014	THE BLACK BROTHERS
2012	DAWN
2011	PUPPE
2008	RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
2007	FATA MORGANA

Nicole Swidler (Producer)



2025	HELIX (TV, WDR)
2022	NO NAME RESTAURANT
2020/ 21	ZERO (TV, WDR)
2016	MEHR ALS LIEBE (Documentary)
2015	UNDER THE RADAR (TV, WDR, Degeto)
2012	AWAKE (Documentary)
2010	BOXHAGENER PLATZ

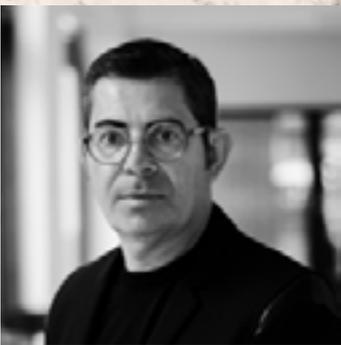
Co-Producer

Andreas Wentz (Producer Spain)



2024	MY PENGUIN FRIEND
2023	THE MOTHER
2023	FOUNDATION 2
2021	FOUNDATION S.1. Apple TV
2020	KAMIKAZE. HBO Nordic
2019	THE ETERNALS. Marvel Studios
2019	THE ONE. Netflix
2019	THE WITCHER. Netflix
2018	WONDER WOMAN 1984. Warner Bros.

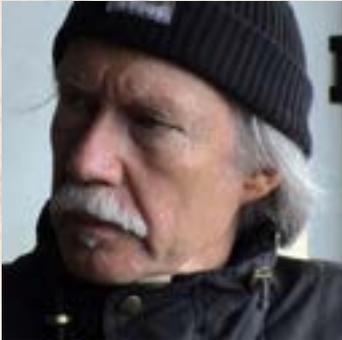
Juan Cano Nono (Producer Spain)



2023	SEE YOU ON VENUS
2023	THE MOTHER (Netflix)
2022	MARLOWE
2021	ETERNALS
2012	KAMIKATE HBO Nordic
2019	THE WITCHER (Netflix Series)
2019	MARIE CURIE
2017	SILENT WITNESS

DoP / Production Design / Casting Spain

Jürgen Jürges (DoP)



2022	DAU. NATASHA
2017	DAS MILAN PROTOKOLL
2009	JOHN RABE
2003	LE TEMPS DU LOU
2000	CODE: INCONNU
1997	FUNNY GAMES
1993	IN WEITER FERNE, SO NAH

Ausstattung: Anette Reuther



2024	TATORT: MUROT UND DER ELEFANT ...
2023	LEBEN IST JETZT - THE REAL LIFE GUYS
2022	GET UP
2019	HEUTE STIRBT HIER KAINER
2018	ALFONS ZITTERBACKE
2016	NUR GOTT KANN MICH RICHTEN
2007	SURVIVRE AVEC LES LOUPS

Patrick Salvador (Production Design)



2024	MANO DE HIERRO (TV-SERIES, NETFLIX)
2022	VENUS
2021	LOCO PER ELLA (NETFLIX)
2021	PARAISO (TV-SERIES, MOVISTAR)
2020	WAY DOWN
2015	AUTOMATA

Casting Germany / Spain

Stefany Pohlmann (Casting Germany)



2022	DER JUNGE HÄUPTLING WINNETOU
2021	ZERO
2021	A PURE PLACE
2017	EIN BESCHEUERTES HERZ
2017	EUPHORIA
2017	MEIN BLIND DATE MIT DEM LEBEN
2016	HANNAS SCHLAFENDE HUNDE

Luci Lenox (Casting Spain)



2025	CRIMINAL SQUAD 2
2022	MARLOWE
2022	UNCHARTED
2020	HANNA, Amazon TV Series
2020	WEST WORLD, TV Series
2019	MI VIDA
2008	VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA

Composer / Editor

Fernando Velázquez (Composer)



2024	LA INFILTRADA
2024	MY PENGUIN FRIEND
2024	THGE MOVIE TELLER
2024	LA CASA
2023	GHOSTS OF BEIRUT (Mini-Series)
2023	LOS RENGIONES TORCIDOS DE DIOS
2007	EL ORFANATO

Patricia Rommel (Editor)



2024	PYRE
2022	NO NAME RESTAURANT
2018	NEVER LOOK AWAY
2015	BY THE SEA
2011	IN THE LAND OF BLOOD AND HONEY
2010	THE TOURIST
2006	THE LIVES OF OTHERS
2001	NOWHERE IN AFRICA

Revolution

Biographical stations in the movie

The secret escape to Cuba



Undercover Agent Training

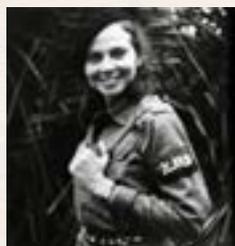
Tamara's membership card to the Communist Party of Cuba is signed by Fidel Castro himself. Her trainer Ulises Estrada not only makes her the perfect agent, but also becomes a love interest. She learns to change her appearance constantly, sometimes blonde, sometimes brown-haired - life as an agent demands constant deception. She gives herself the nom de guerre TANIA after a Russian resistance fighter.

Return to Germany for espionage purposes and temporary separation from Ulises. She chooses for the fight over against love.



La Paz: Bolivia - Preparing for the Revolution

Under the name Laura Guiterrez-Bauer, Tania works as a Cuban agent in La Paz, Bolivia. She gains access to the highest circles of government surrounding President General Barrientos.



Guerrilla fighter

In the Bolivian jungle, Tania is the only woman and the only German to fight alongside Che Guevara. For one year the troops of almost 100 men try to mobilize the farmers of the highlands in their fight.



1967 Rio Grande, Bolivia

Hunger, disease and betrayal finally bring down the guerrillas. Tania dies in 1967 - when shot in an ambush at the Rio Grande. Bolivians, especially members of the lower class, to this day hold Tania in the highest regard..

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Located in Munich, Berlin and Cologne, enigma film is a creative forge for sophisticated commercial feature films and TV-movies for the German and European market.

Since its founding in 2006 enigma film produced a line of acclaimed and successful films, thus established itself as a major production company in the local scene, as well as a first choice address for European co-productions.

The portfolio of enigma film include, among others, the swiss box-officehit THE BLACK BROTHERS (2014) directed by Academy Award winning director Xavier Koller starring Moritz Bleibtreu („Bader Meinhof Complex“), the film adaptation of Noble Prize winner Elie Wiesel’s novel DAWN (2014) starring Jason Isaacs („Fury“, „Harry Potter“) or the box office success RUN FOR YOUR LIFE (2008) starring Max Riemelt („Sense 8“).

enigma film completed the political Thriller Movie UNDER THE RADAR by Elmar Fischer which won the International Emmy Award 2016 for Christiane Paul („Best Performance by an Actress“) . The historical feature film HANNA’S SLEEPING DOGS by Andreas Gruber won the Golden Goblet Award 2016 for „Best Screenplay“ at the Shanghai International Film Festival 2016.

Most recently enigma film produced the Near Future-Thrillers ZERO and HELIX, both based on the bestselling novels by Marc Elsberg starring Heike Makatsch („Love Actually“), Svenja Jung and others, directed by Academy Award winning director Jochen Alexander Freydank and Elmar Fischer

The international culture clash comedy NO NAME RESTAURANT won the Bavarian Film Award 2022 "Best Producer" for Fritjof Hohagen and was sold to numerous countries such as USA, Israel, Italy and many others.



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Sur Film

Sur Film is a seasoned production company located in the Canary Islands, Mainland Spain, and Portugal. Established in 2004, our journey began in the dynamic realm of commercials, serving renowned brands and steadily evolving into a comprehensive production entity. Diversifying our portfolio in 2009, Sur Film ventured into providing production services for major Hollywood studios and engaging in co-productions with European independent production houses and TV series. Our growth and success have been underpinned by a commitment to excellence and a family-oriented approach to management. Being both a full-service company and a production entity, we approach each project with utmost seriousness. Our commitment extends beyond mere production; we meticulously analyze every project, considering the best financial, creative, and execution solutions. As proud founding members of esteemed industry associations, including Profilm, APCP, the Tenerife Film Commission, AENOR Certification, and Corporate Compliance, Sur Film stands as a leader to its unwavering dedication to quality and industry standards. A trailblazer in advocating for the Spanish tax credit, Sur Film was the first to apply for it. We have played an integral role in collaborating with the Spanish government, the Canarian government, and Spanish producer associations to shape and develop the tax credit.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2024 -- FANTASTIC 4. Marvel Studios
- 2024 -- COBRA KAI S.6. Netflix
- 2024 -- VENOM -- THE LAST DANCE. Sony Pictures
- 2023 -- MY PENGUIN FRIEND. (co-production)
- 2023 -- ANDOR S.2. Lucasfilm Ltd / Disney
- 2021 - 2024 -- FOUNDATION. Apple TV
- 2020 -- KAMIKAZE. HBO Nordic
- 2019 -- THE ETERNALS. Marvel Studios
- 2019 -- THE ONE. Netflix
- 2019 -- THE WITCHER. Netflix
- 2018 -- WONDER WOMAN 1984. Warner Bros.
- 2018 -- SONJA: THE WHITE SWAN. MAIPO Films
- 2018 -- RADIOACTIVE. Studio Canal
- 2016 -- EN-TO-TRE NU!. Regner Grasten Films.
- 2016 -- ALLIED. Paramount and GK Films.
- 2016 -- JASON BOURNE 5 Universal Pictures.
- 2015 -- IN THE HEART OF THE SEA. Warner Bros.
- 2014 -- Dr. WHO. BBC. (Seasons 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13)
- 2013 -- FAST AND FURIOUS 6. Universal Pictures.

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FILMOGRAPHY (SELECTION)

2024	HELIX	WDR TV-Event-Film Director: Elmar Fischer Cast: Svenja Jung, Samuel Finzi, Hannes Jaenicke, Mina Tander, Marie Bloching
2022	NO NAME RESTAURANT	Distributor: Alpenrepublik In Co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk, Studio Babelsberg Director: Stefan Sarazin, Peter Keller Cast: Luzer Twersky, Haitham Omari, Makram J. Khoury LOLA "Best unfiled Screenplay" 2011 Bavarian Film Award 2021 „Best Producer“ Fritjof Hohagen Fritz-Gerlich-Award 2022, Munich Film Festival One Future Award 2022, Munich Film Festival
2020-2021	ZERO	WDR TV-Event-Movie Director: Jochen Freydank Cast: Heike Makatsch, Sabin Tambrea, Axel Stein
2016	HANNAS SLEEPING DOGS	Distributor: Alpenrepublik, Picture Tree In Co-production with Provinzfilm, Bayerischer Rundfunk, Mixtvision Director: Andreas Gruber Cast: Hannelore Elsner, Franziska Weisz, Nike Seitz, Rainer Egger Bavarian Film award 2016 „Best Music“ Gert Wilden; „Golden Goblet Award“ Best Screenplay Shanghai International Filmfestival 2016; Runner Up Youth4German Cinema 2017; Berlin & Beyond Film Festival San Francisco
2015	UNDER THE RADAR	WDR / ARD Degeto TV-Event-Movie Director: Elmar Fischer Cast: Christiane Paul, Heino Ferch, Fabian Hinrichs, Inka Friedrich 3. Preis „Prix Europe 2015“; Nominated „Prix Europe 2015“; Nominated „Cologne Conference Top 10“ 2015; Special Prize „Best Actress“ Filmfest Baden Baden 2015; „Gold Medal“ New York Film & TV Festival 2016; Nominated Grimme-Preis 2016; International Emmy Award 2016 „Best Performance by an Actress“ Christiane Paul Nominated JUPITER AWARD - Best TV Film (2016)
2014	THE BLACK BROTHERS	Distributor: Studio Canal In Co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk, arte, Dschoint Ventschr Filmproduktion, Starhaus Film Director: Xavier Koller Cast: Moritz Bleibtreu, Fynn Henkel, Richy Müller, Ruby O. Fee 3x Golden Sparrow Spatz 2014: „Best Film“, „Best Director“, „Best Actress“; Prix Walo 2014 „Best Production“; Kids and Youth award, 7. Filmfest Krakau 2014; „Best Film Molodist“, 44 KIFF, Molodist; Nominated for Swiss Film Award 2014; Nominated Grimme Preis „Best unfiled Screenplay“ for Fritjof Hohagen
2014	DAWN	Distributor: Aardvark Film Emporium In Co-produktion with Dschoint Ventschr Filmproduktion Lama Films Director: Romed Wyder Cast: Sarah Adler, Joel Basman, Jason Isaacs
2013	PUPPE	Distributor: W Film In Co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk, arte, Dschoint Ventschr Filmproduktion Director: Sebastian Kutzli Cast: Corinna Harfouch, Anke Retzlaff, Sara Fazilat Leo 2014 for „Best Youth film“ – Filmfest Mecklemburg-Vorpommern
2008	RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!	Distributor: Kinowelt, Beta Cinema In Co-production with Odeon Pictures, Neue Kinowelt Director: Adnan G. Köse Cast: Max Riemelt, Jasmin Schwiers, Uwe Ochsenknecht, Axel Stein
2007	FATA MORGANA	Distributor: Stardust, Beta Cinema In Co-production with Bayerischer Rundfunk, arte Director: Simon Gross Cast: Matthias Schweighöfer, Marie Zielcke, Jean-Hugues Anglade Förderpreis German Film „Best Director“ 2007

