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A CRUSH ON GERMAN SHORT FILMS

THE WAITING *DAS WARTEN*

Volker Schlecht · Germany 2023
animation, documentary · 16' · English dialogue

Karen Lips is a researcher and lived for several years in a tiny little shack in Costa Rica to observe frogs. When she leaves the cloud forest for a short time and returns, the frogs are gone. All of them. Karen sets out to find them – and encounters a horrible truth.

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I SEE THEM BLOOM

Mykyta Gibalenko · Germany 2023
fiction · 27' · Ukrainian, Russian, German, English dialogue · English subtitles

2022. The two Ukrainian sisters Eugenia and Nastya are warmly welcomed in Munich after they have to flee from their home country. The Ukrainians suddenly dive into a world full of sun, music and parties – as if they had landed on a paradise island. But what should they do now? While Nastya tries to enjoy her new environment, Eugenia struggles to join normal life because of the war at home.

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IT'S JUST A WHOLE

Bianca Scali · Germany 2023
animation · 11' · French, German, English dialogue · English subtitles

She knew this day would come and the choice she'd have to make. But as it finally comes, Maya cannot wrap her head around it. A mole – it's so small, so insignificant, just a mark... How can it be so hard to part from it? Can Maya ever feel whole again when a bit of her is taken away?

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SILENT NIGHT *STILLE NACHT*

Philipp Schaeffer, Jonathan Schaller · Germany 2024
documentary · 14' · English dialogue · English subtitles

In spring of 2022, a group of international tourists travel to Bethlehem in the occupied West Bank to see religious sites. But something is strange – the city is on strike. And the tour guide duo, one Israeli, the other Palestinian, won't tell them what's going on – for differing reasons.

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SENTIMENTAL STORIES

Xandra Popescu · Germany 2023
fiction · 16' · Spanish, French, German, Greek dialogue · English subtitles

An almost deserted diner in the middle of the port. The owner, Violeta, dreams of a life that could have been different. She employs her niece, Maria, a radical pacifist who steers away from any drive or ambition. Between chores and cigarette breaks they fantasize about the future. As the day unfolds, they witness one love story dying out while another is trying to be born.

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KASSIEREN *WEEDING*

Lea Sprenger, Franca Pape, Amelie Vierbuchen · Germany 2023
documentary · 9' · German dialogue · English subtitles

Who decides which stories are saved or thrown away? In this documentary film, three filmmakers are searching for archival material on a chemical factory in Cologne. A film about archiving, about searching and throwing away, about gaps and mistakes and about the resistance of the material.

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