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Running Against the Wind
Diana's Last Night
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Filmography

2026	KAULITZ & KAULITZ - SEASON 3	Netflix Production: Constantin Entertainment Director: Annika Blendl, Michael Schmitt 8 x 45 Min.
2025	NICHTSNUTZE	Production: DOMAR Film Feature Film (Distributor: Camino Filmverleih) Director: Sedat Aslan **Festival des Deutschen Films Ludwigshafen - Premiere & Nominated for Rheingold Audience Award (2026)**

	KAULITZ & KAULITZ - SEASON 2	Netflix Production: Constantin Entertainment Director: Annika Blendl, Michael Schmitt 8 x 45 Min. **Deutscher Fernsehpreis - Nominated for Best Entertainment Reality (2025)**
2024		Sky Production: argon film -Argon Verlag AVE Director: Annika Blendl Dokumentarfilm
	KAULITZ & KAULITZ - SEASON 1	Netflix Production: Constantin Entertainment Director: Annika Blendl, Michael Schmitt 8 x 45 Min.
2022	GEHEIMSACHE KATAR	ZDF Production: btf Director: Michael Schmitt Dokumentarfilm
	SANTA FU - WAS DER KNAST AUS DIR MACHT	NDR Production: Pantaleon Films Director: Annika Blendl, Leonie Stade Dokumentation zur TV-Serie "Asbest"
	DEADLINES - SEASON 2	ZDFneo Production: Turbokultur Director: Johannes Boss, Annika Pinske B-Kamera, 1 Folge
	JENSEITS DER SPREE	ZDF/SRF Production: Network Movie Film- und Fernsehproduktion Director: Christoph Ischinger B-Kamera, Folge "Alleingang"
2021	BLACK MAMBAS	Production: Karbe Film, Day for Night Production, Natives at Large Feature Film (Distributor: Autlook Filmsales, JIP Film und Verleih) Director: Lena Karbe Kino-Dokumentarfilm **Santa Barbara International Film Festival - Social Justice Documentary Award Winner (2023)** **CPH:DOX - F:ACT Award Best Documentary (2022)** **Pordenone Docs Fest - Green Documentary Award (2022)** **IDFA Amsterdam - Official Selection (2022)** **Sydney Film Festival - Official Selection (2022)**
	DIANAS LETZTE NACHT - LIEBE, LEBEN, LEGENDE	ZDF Production: MadeFor Film Director: Annika Blendl, Leonie Stade
2020	PRISONERS OF THE BODY	Production: Directorat Director: Elisa Maria Nadal Kurzfilm, 30 Min. **Student Academy Awards - Nomination Alternative/Experimental (2020)** **Festival de Cannes - Cannes Court-Métrage (2020)** **Kino der Kunst - International Competition (2020)**

2019	RUNNING AGAINST THE WIND	Production: R&B Räuber und Banditen Film UG Feature Film (Distributor: W-Film) Director: Jan Philipp Weyl **Friedenspreis des Deutschen Films - Winner "Die Brücke" Newcomer Award (2021)** **Academy Awards - Ethiopian Submission "Best International Feature Film" (2020)**
	ALL I NEVER WANTED	Production: Man on Mars Filmproduktion, Karbe Film, BR, HFF München Feature Film (Distributor: Cine Global) Director: Annika Blendl, Leonie Stade **Queen Palm International Film Festival - Best Feature Comedy (2020)** **Female Eye Film Festival - Best Show (2019)** **Filmfest München - Nominated for Advancement Award "Neues Deutsches Kino" & FIPRESCI Award (2019)** **FernsehfilmFestival Baden-Baden - Nominated for MFG-Star (2019)**
2018	TATORT - DIE HARTE KERN	MDR Production: Wiedemann & Berg Television Director: Helena Hufnagel B-Kamera
2016	TARIQ	Production: HFF München, Gauger Film Director: Ersin Cilesiz Kurzfilm, 30 Min. **Festival de Cine de l'Alfàs del Pi - Best Cinematography & 2nd Price Best Short Film (2019)** **Internationale Hofer Filmtage - Nominated for Best Short Film (2018)**
2015	WAS GEHT MICH DAS AN?	WDR Production: Vydy TV Director: Ana Zirner TV Doku-Serie, 4 x 60 Min.

Biography

2009 - 2018	Studies - University of Television and Film Munich (HFF)
2007 - 2009	1st AC & Gaffer on various film projects in Europe and USA
2003 - 2007	Photo reportages | India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, Ethiopia
Seit 2007	Director of Photography