



HOFERICHTER & JACOBS GmbH

Reports, Documentaries, Feature Films, Crossmedia-Productions

Since 1996, Hoferichter & Jacobs GmbH has continuously produced high-quality reports, documentaries, feature films as well as cross-media features for the German and European television and theatrical market. Our productions have garnered prestigious prizes, such as the German Grimme Award. Every year, they are presented in many countries and at numerous film festivals including Berlin, Amsterdam and Toronto.

From a journalistic point of view, we dedicate our work to contemporary topics. Current social challenges of demography, science and the preservation of nature are just as important to us as social responsibility and a critical yet constructive approach to German history.

We are very ambitious to design up to date productions. Our portfolio not only includes transmedia narratives and forms of exploitation but also graphically upscale scientific and future scenarios. Our strengths lie with data-driven journalism and its audiovisual presentation on television and interactive websites.

Extraordinary topics often lead us from European co-productions to an international and cross-media realization of our contents. We further refine our contents by developing digital education media and additional features.

Our mission is to tell unique stories and to address important issues. Top quality is our goal. We aim to address our audience as equals and entertain and inform on the highest creative and narrative level.



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RECENT PRODUCTIONS



PHARMACY OF THE APES

The rainforest is the biggest medical dispensary of the world and a treasure of biodiversity. In the Kongo scientist Barbara Fruth observes Bonobos using healing plants. This knowledge of the apes is hardly studied by now.

Germany – 2015 – 52 min
written & directed by Axel Friedrich, Eva Demmler

commissioned production for ZDF



MONITORING A GLACIER

An international team sets off to study the movement and inner structure of the Russel Glacier. Their mission is an extraordinary scientific adventure to the beautiful tundra of Greenland. The results of this research will make it possible to understand and reliably predict glacial change in the future and thus draw conclusions about the global climate.

Germany – 2014 – 52 min
written & directed by Martina Treusch

world sales: New Docs
Festivals: Life Science Film Festival Prag



WEATHER AND ARCHITECTURE

Sea levels are rising and storms are becoming increasingly powerful. Climate change has serious consequences. Is our architecture still fulfilling its actual purpose, namely to protect us from the cold and the heat, from rain and storms? The pioneers are already at work.

Germany – 2015 – 52 min
written & directed by Ariane Riecker
co-produced with MDR/ARTE

Festivals: Pariscience, Science Film Festival



WHO OWNS EAST GERMANY

The political changes in the former GDR brought tremendous upheaval to the property situation in the country. In this three-piece documentary the author Ariane Riecker explores the question who owns the former public property from today's perspective.

Germany – 2015 – 3x45 min
written & directed by Ariane Riecker

commissioned production for MDR/Arte; supported by Kulturförderung NDR



ALONG THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL

The Ho Chi Minh Trail is not just a pathway between Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It's a network of more than 16000 kms of highways, streets and hidden tracks, being built as a logistic system during the Vietnam War. This film is a journey along this trail from the North of Vietnam and the Annamite Range Mountains through Laos and Cambodia until the skyscrapers of Saigon.

Germany – 2015 – 2x45 min - HD
written & directed by Cornelia Volk
commission production for MDR/ARTE



JAVA IN JEOPARDY – EXPLORING THE VOLCANO

Scientists regard it as one of the most dangerous volcanos in the world. The film accompanies an expedition to the 3000-metre high rim of the steaming crater. Together with researchers from all over the world, it engages in an exciting search for clues on Indonesia's most active volcano.

Germany – 2015 – 52 min
written & directed by Felix Krüger
co-produced with rbb/ARTE

Festivals: Science Film Festival, Mountain Film Festival