

BENJAMIN LEICHTENSTERN
DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Benjamin was born in Bavaria – Germany and grew up in a small town between cows and fields. Besides playing football and skateboarding, he killed boredom with creating art and finding his passion for film and storytelling.

After completing secondary school he studied design at TH Nuremberg, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Animation. From 2013 – 2019 he studied scene directing at HFF Munich, during which time he directed various short films and ads that met with much approval at numerous international film festivals and awards. He also attended seminars on dramatic structure and screenplay and completed a masterclass in advertising in 2017.

Benjamin is based in Berlin and Bavaria, writing and directing fiction films, series and advertising. His work is focused on storytelling with unique characters and strong emotions. It's based on a cinematic aesthetic, which tries to find a different perspective of life.



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FILMOGRAPHY - BENJAMIN LEICHTENSTERN

- 2021** **SUGAR (WT)**
FEATURE FILM | CINEMA | FFF FUNDING STORY DEVELOPMENT (in development)
- 2020** **LEVI (WT)**
TV MOVIE | 2 x 88' | LIEBLINGSFILM | ARD DEGETO (in development)
- 2019** **MADE FOR STRENGTH - LEVI'S**
SPEC SPOT | SCHMIDBAUER FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
Golden Award of Montreux 2020 - Gold Medal Winner
Spotlight 2019 - Bronze
The Young Ones, ADC 2019 - Winner
- Gold, Best Cinematography
- Merit, Craft in Writing
New York Festivals Advertising Awards 2019 - Winner
- Third Prize Award, Best Overall production
- Third Prize Award, Best Cinematography
Porsche Award 2019 - Bronze Winner
- 2018** **LEAD**
SHORT FILM | 30' | GLITZER FILM | BR | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
First Steps – Nomination
Deutscher Kamerapreis – Nomination
Oaxaca Filmfest Mexico – Winner Best Narrative
Genrenale6 Berlin – Winner Best Actor
European Cinematography Award – Winner Best Student Cinematography
SHORT to the Point Bucharest – Winner Best Student
and more.
- 2017** **KEEP ON PLAYING - SPOTIFY**
SPEC SPOT | HFF MUNICH (idea, director)
New York Festivals 2018
- Silver, Best Cinematography
Special Mention Spotlight 2018
- FIGHT FOR YOUR IDEAS - HFF**
IMAGE SPOT | GLITZER FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)



- 2017** **A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS - HEINEKEN**
SPEC SPOT | GLITZER FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
Special Mention ADC Germany 2018
- USE YOUR BRAIN - WWF**
SOCIAL SPOT | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
- 2016** **TILL ONE CRIES**
SHORT FILM | 16' | GLITZER FILM | HFF MUNICH | WDR | ARTE (screenwriter, director)
Premiere: 50. Hof Int. Film Festival - Official Selection 2016
Max Ophüls Film Festival - Official Selection 2017
Short Shorts Asia - Official Selection 2017
BFI London Film Festival - Official Selection 2017
Krakow Film Festival - Official Selection 2017
and more.
- 2015** **SIT! ANIMAL SHELTER MUNICH**
SOCIAL SPOT | HADIFILM | HFF MUNICH (director)
- ANGIEBABY**
CLIMATE CLIP | GLITZER FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
Climate Clip Award – Filmschoolfest Munich
- LOUD**
SHORT FILM | 11' | GRANT COMPANY | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)
- 2014** **BLAUE BLUME - ROMANCE AWARD**
TRAILER | GRANT COMPANY | SKY (screenwriter, director)
- 2012** **THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHTLY**
SHORT FILM | 15' | BR | LUCKY PICTURES | LIEBLINGSFILM (screenwriter, director)
Prädikat „wertvoll“
Premiere: Max-Ophüls-Preis Filmfestival