

## **CHRISTIAN ZIPFEL**

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**

Christian studied film directing at ifs Cologne. During his studies he realized his first feature film „Magadan - City Built on Bones“ about former Soviet prison camps in Siberia. His fictional historical graduation film „Der einsame Hof“ premiered in competition at the 62nd International Film Festival Oberhausen and was nominated for the „First Steps“ Award.

Christian moved to the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF to study documentary directing. He made films about German colonial crimes in Namibia for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the same time, he developed a special interest in new media, eventually realizing his VR work „ROOMS“, which was nominated for the Black Lion at the 75th Venice Film Festival. He then shot „The rain that is falling now was also falling back then“ and spent four weeks in a Romanian prison in the course of filming. For rbb he directed the comedy „Life is full of sunshine and beauty“, which had its world premiere at the 54th Hofer Filmtage. Here he worked with a cast consisting of both people with and without mental disabilities.

Since graduating, Christian has been working as a freelance director and writer. Christian's television debut was three episodes for the historical ZDF docufiction series „Terra X“. Since 2021, he has been realizing a volumetric testimony of Holocaust survivors. Currently Christian is working on his fictional cinema debut „Pestizid“, for which he received the Wim Wenders scholarship.



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## FILMOGRAPHY - CHRISTIAN ZIPFEL

- 2023**    **THE SOIL OF THE NAMIB: DREAMS**  
mid-length documentary | Time Prints Media  
(screenwriter, director)
- THE SOIL OF THE NAMIB: VR**  
360° film series | Time Prints Media  
(screenwriter, director)
- DIE WENIGE ZEIT**  
VR Game | FILM UNIVERSITY BABELSBERG | Land Brandenburg  
(screenwriter, director)
- 2021**    **TERRA X: WEM GEHÖRT DIE WELT?**  
DOKU FICTION | GRUPPE 5 FILM | ZDF  
(director for fictional scenes)
- MYRIAD – 360°**  
DOKUMENTARFILM | FILMTANK | MEDIENBOARD BERLIN-BRANDENBURG  
<https://myriad.earth>  
(co-director with Michael Grotenhoff)
- 2020**    **LIFE IS FULL OF SUNSHINE AND BEAUTY**  
MEDIUM LENGTH FICTION | FILM UNIVERSITY BABELSBERG | RBB  
(director)
- 2019**    **THE RAIN THAT IS FALLING NOW WAS ALSO FALLING BACK THEN**  
360° FILM | FILM UNIVERSITY BABELSBERG | UNATC BUKAREST  
(screenwriter, director)
- Montreal Festival du nouveau cinéma – Competition  
Thessaloniki Film Festival – Competition  
Festival Dei Popoli – Competition  
goEast – Competition  
Prix Europa Digital Rising Stars Award – Nomination  
and more



## 2018 **ROOMS**

360° FILM | FILM UNIVERSITY BABELSBERG (screenwriter & director)

75. Monstra Int. d'Arte Cinematografica la Biennale di Venezia – Competition

75. Montreal Festival du nouveau cinéma – Gewinner “Prix Immersion”

BIFF Busan International Film Festival – Competition

59. Thessaloniki Film Festival – Competition

60. Nashville Film Festival – Competition

61. Ji.hlava Documentary Film Festival – Competition

62. Festival Dei Popoli – Competition

and more.

## **A PLACE IN THE SUN – 110 YEARS AFTER THE GENOCIDE**

MEDIUM LENGTH DOKUMENTARY | FILM UNIVERSITY BABELSBERG | DFFF  
(screenwriter & director)

OFF18 Odense Filmfestival – Competition

Society for Visual Anthropology Film Festival

– winner “Best Short Film Award”

69. Montecatini Film Festival – Official Selection

40. Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis – Official Selection

and more.

## 2016 **THE BLEAK FARM**

MEDIUM LENGTH FICTION | IFS - INTERNATIONALE FILMSCHULE COLOGNE  
(screenwriter & director)

62. Int. Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen – Competition

FIRST STEPS Award – Nomination „Best medium length movie”

2016 Kölner Design Preis – Winner

La Cabina Film Festival – Winner „Best Picture” und “Best Music”

Arc Film Festival – Winner “Der Arc der Sinne”

17. Filmfestival Münster – Official Selection

and more.

## **MAGADAN – CITY BUILT ON BONES**

DOKUMENTARY | IFS - INTERNATIONALE FILMSCHULE COLOGNE  
(screenwriter & director)

37. Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis – Competition

31. Int. Dokumentarfilmfestival München – Competition

22. Int. Film Festival Nancy-Lorraine – Competition

Outer Docs Film Festival – Gewinner „Best Documentary Feature”

and more.

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