

**JOSEF ZELLER**  
SCREENWRITER & DIRECTOR

On the edge of his seat and his heart rate all the way up to 180, Josef feels most comfortable when watching movies.

As one can imagine he's a big fan of genre fiction and there's almost always a Stephen King book within his grasp. But not only does the Master Of Horror constantly teach him the real meaning of Fear, Josef also learned a very important lesson from him. Even the most thrilling story is worth practically nothing without approachable characters and understandable conflict. Something Josef always keeps in mind whenever writing a story.

2015, while studying script writing at HFF München, he met Lisa Reich. Since then his life is not only filled with much more joy than before, he also got blessed with a creative partner with whom he approaches the majority of his projects together.

Their short films were screened at several film festivals, including Hofer Filmtage, were part of the Next Generation Short Tiger program in Cannes and won awards at the Blaue Blume Award and the 13th Street Shocking Short.

MÆRE, their HFF graduation film, premiered at the 43. Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis.



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## FILMOGRAPHY - JOSEF ZELLER

- 2022**    **COPYCAT**  
CONCEPT FOR A TV SERIES (in development)
- COLD**  
CONCEPT FOR A TV SERIES (in development)
- 2021**    **MÆRE**  
HFF GRADUATION FILM | SCHMIDBAUER FILM | HFF MUNICH  
(screenwriter, co-director)  
Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis 2022 - Competition  
FBW – Prädikat „Besonders Wertvoll“
- 2020**    **ILLUSION ROLEPLAY**  
CONCEPT FOR A TV SERIES (screenwriter)
- REBORN**  
FEATURE FILM | TREATMENT (screenwriter)
- 2019**    **BAD CHOICES**  
SHORT FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)  
13th Street Shocking Short – 2nd place
- KILLING STORIES**  
CONCEPT FOR A TV SERIES | PHANTOMFILM (in development, screenwriter)
- PLAY**  
CONCEPT FOR A TV SERIES | WIEDEMANN UND BERG
- MY LITTLE GIRL**  
FEATURE FILM TREATMENT | MADEFOR FILM GMBH  
(writers' room zusammen with Lisa Reich, David Benke, Maya Duftschmid, in development)
- 2018**    **IMPULS**  
SHORT FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter)  
Hofer Int. Film Festival 2018 – Premiere  
Kinofest Lünen – Competition  
Short To The Point – Competition  
Blaue Blume Award 2020 – Shortlisted  
and more.



**2016**    **CLOSE**  
SHORT FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter)

Next Generation Short Tiger 2017 Cannes – Shortlisted

Blaue Blume Award 2018 – Winner

Brussels Short Film Festival 2018 – Competition

Festival Julia 2019 – Winner „Best Script“

Filmfest Dresden 2017 – Competition

and more.

**2016**    **BIERMOZART**  
SHORT FILM | HFF MUNICH (screenwriter, director)

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