

**MAYA DUFTSCHMID**  
DIRECTOR & SCRIPTWRITER

Born in Munich in 1994, Maya moved to the idyllic Allgäu region with her family at an early age. There, she grew up in a magical place surrounded by meadows and forests. The big wide world found its way into her secluded life through the old tube TV - as a child, she watched movies with wide-open eyes. The rest of the time she dreamed herself into other worlds - something that has stayed with her to this day.

For Maya, writing and directing films means sensing what is in the air and weaving the lack of people into a timeless narrative. These are not quiet films, but films with a bang. Films with strong worldbuilding that reflect our flawed world and are empathetic. Films that seem bizarre but are honest about our emotional worlds. She wants stories that, despite their obvious weirdness, can also conquer entertainment cinema - stories that are fun and don't shy away from bold decisions. Her goal: to leave the viewer stunned, in the sense of "That didn't really happen, did it?".

Maya studied screenwriting at the HFF Munich from 2015 to 2020. After co-writing several award-winning short films, including "BRAT", which won the Lola for Best Short Film, she decided to expand her education and study feature film directing at HFF Munich.

Maya lives and works in Munich.



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## FILMOGRAPHY - MAYA DUFTSCHMID (SELECTION)

### 2025 **EVERY YEAR A JUBILEE**

FEATURE FILM | 90' | PENG Pictures  
writer-director | in production

### **CHECKER TOBI UND DIE HEIMLICHE HERRSCHERIN DER ERDE**

WRITER'S ROOM FOR FEATURE FILM | Megaherz  
Storylining

### **CHECKERIN MARINA**

WRITER'S ROOM FOR FEATURE FILM | Megaherz  
Storylining

### 2024 **FAST PERFEKTE FRAUEN**

TV-MOVIE | 90' | Network Movie, ZDF  
co-writer with Gabriela Zerhau

### **LÖSUNG**

MUSICVIDEO | 5' | band: DasFormat  
director

### 2023 **TERRA**

MUSICVIDEO | 5' | band: KISS KISS DEAD  
director

### 2022 **LOST AND FOUND**

SHORT FILM | 18' | MAYA DUFTSCHMID, HFF MUNICH |  
screenwriter, director

FilmZ Mainz – Festival des deutschen Kinos – Nomination

Underdog Filmfestival Wolfsburg – Best Short Film

Shorts Trinationales Film Festival – Best Camera

CineFest Miskolc Int. Film Festival – Competition

Int. Student Film and Video Festival Beijing – Competition                      and more.



2021

**BRAT**

SHORT FILM | 9' | ALLERGIKERFILM, HFF MUNICH

co-writer with Anna Roller

LOLA Deutscher Kurzfilmpreis 2021 – Winner

Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis 2022 – Competition

Palm Springs Int. Shortfest 2022 – Competition

and more.

**COINS**

SHORT FILM | 9' | HFF MUNICH |

co-writer with Nicole Huminski

Sguardi Altrove International Film Festival - Premiere

Aesthetica Short Film Festival – Competition

Foyle Film Festival – Competition

Camerimage Festival 2021 – Nomination

Glasgow Short Film Festival – Competition

and more.

**I CARE**

SHORT FILM | 20' | SCHMIDBAUER FILM, HFF MUNICH |

co-writer with Michael Ciesielski

**MÆRE**

MEDIUM-LENGTH FILM | 30' | SCHMIDBAUER FILM, HFF MUNICH, BR |

co-writer with Lisa Reich & Josef Zeller

Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis 2022 - competition

FBW – Prädikat „Besonders Wertvoll“

2020

**EMMILOU RUN**

MEDIUM-LENGTH FILM | 30', HFF MUNICH & FREUNDESKREIS |

screenwriter, director

**THE PERFECT SOCIETY (WT)**

MEDIUM-LENGTH FILM | 30' | SCHMIDBAUER FILM, HFF MUNICH |

screenwriter, in production

**STORY OF FEAR**

PSYCHOTHILLER | 90' | GRADUATE PROJECT



2018 **BLAUPAUSE**

SHORT FILM | CLOUD-RAP-MUSICAL | 13' | HFF MUNICH |

screenwriter, director

Independent Days – Int. Film Festival Karlsruhe - Nomination Best Composer & Female Award

Oberaudorfer Musikfilmtage - Official Selection

2017 **JAMAIS VU**

MEDIUM-LENGTH FILM | 25' | CELLARDOR FILM, HFF MUNICH |

screenwriter

Blaue Blume Award 2018 – Nomination

Filmschoolfest Munich 2018 - Wettbewerb

Filmz – Festival des Deutschen Kinos - Wettbewerb

2016 **TELL ME MR. LO**

DOCUMENTARY SHORT FILM | 8' | HFF MUNICH |

screenwriter. director

Dokfest. Munich 2017 – Winner of Young Talent Award

Rotarier Filmpreis München - Winner

Docs Without A Border Filmfestival – Winner: Viewer Impact

Flimmerfest – Honorary Mention

Int. Fünf Seen Filmfestival – Nomination

Leiden International Short Film Experience - Competition

Neisse Film Festival - Competition

FiSH - Festival im StadtHafen Rostocks

Filmkunstfest Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

and more.

**CLOSE**

SHORT FILM | 14' | HFF MUNICH | screenwriter

Next Generation Short Tiger 2017 Cannes – Shortlisted

Blaue Blume Award 2018 – Winner

Interfilm Berlin 2017 - Competition

Filmfest Dresden 2017 - Competition

Flicks Shortfilm Festival 2017 - Competition

and more.

**KLEINHEIM**

SHORT FILM | 9' | HFF MUNICH | screenwriter

German Short Film Award 2017 – Nomination