

## **TAJO HURRELE**

**DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER**

None of it happened, but all of it is true. You could probably say that about all of Tajo's films. Whether it's „A Fish in a Punch Bowl,“ in which a boy copes with his parents' separation, or „The Purple Child,“ in which a girl learns to distance herself from her depressed mother, or „I am Leo,“ which talks about the feelings of a non-binary child facing their first period. Tajo's films are personal and authentic and often speak to a young audience.

Tajo has learned how to do that through 16 years of making short films (they started at the age of eight), studying film and, more recently, the Academy for Children's Media. Their films are festival favorites and are screened all over the world. Tajo touches both juries and audiences of all ages, as numerous awards show.

For a few years now, Tajo has known that they are non-binary and is exploring queer issues in their most recent works. It is important to them to create authentic queer representation, especially for children and youth. In order to develop concepts for this, Tajo received the STEP Author Scholarship from Hessen Film in 2022 and is now getting ready for their debut.



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## FILMOGRAPHY - TAJO HURRE

- 2023**    **ECHT (AT)**  
SERIES | STUDIO ZENTRAL
- 2022**    **RAINBOW CHAMELEON (WT)**  
SERIES | IN DEVELOPMENT  
Pitch Contest Gold Award Seriale Pro 2022
- 2021**    **I AM LEO**  
SHORT FILM | 18' | UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES DARMSTADT  
Vancouver International Women in Film Festival 2022 – Best Short Film & Impact Award  
BUFF Malmö Filmfestival 2022 – Region Skåne Short Film Award  
Translations: Seattle Trans Film Festival 2022 – Special Mention Narrative Short  
Bundesfestival Junger Film 2022 – Audience Award, Award for Socially Relevant Film, Acting Award for Sky Arndt  
Bundes.Festival.Film 2022 – German Youth Film Award & Audience Award  
et al.
- 2020**    **THE PURPLE CHILD**  
SHORT FILM | 17' | UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES DARMSTADT  
Visionale Hessen 2020 – 1st prize Young Professionals  
Sehsüchte International Student Film Festival 2021 – Best Youth Film  
et al.
- 2019**    **A FISH IN A PUNCH BOWL**  
SHORT FILM | 13' | UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES DARMSTADT  
Bundes.Festival.Film 2019 – German Youth Film Award  
Veracruz Short Film Festival 2019 – Best Student Short Film  
Open Window Film Festival 2019 – Judge's Special Mention  
Brest European Short Film Festival 2019 – Special Mention „Prix des Écoles“  
Visionale Hessen 2019 – 2.prize Young Professionals  
Chhatrapati Shivaji Film Festival 2019 – Best Acting  
et al.

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