

NERGIS USTA

DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

If you had asked six-year-old Nergis what she wanted to be when she grew up, her answer would have come without hesitation: War reporter!

The turning point came when she was ten and wrote a play for school. When her teacher asked if she already had a team, Nergis' answer was crystal clear: I don't need one, I'll do everything myself! But after many discussions, she finally gave in – and then it happened.

Her story took on faces, voices. Energy filled the air, vibrating, swirling. The spark ignited – and from that moment on, there was no turning back. Now, Nergis knew with absolute certainty: She didn't have to go to war zones to make emotions tangible – she could create them.

Nergis finds her stories between the lines, in newspaper articles, in real life. She is intuitive, empathetic – her antennas pick up every emotional shift in those around her. Which can be quite exhausting at times. A curse, a talent, or simply a necessity? Who knows. As a director and screenwriter, she benefits immensely from it – and fully immerses herself in her stories.

And by the way: That „just do it“ attitude has never left her. She is a doer – but now, with a team.

Her debut feature 'Liebe Mich' was made without external funding, in just 21 days. Anyone who works with her can feel it: This woman burns for what she does. Because for Nergis, directing is not just a job – it's the blood running through her veins.

Nergis lives in Berlin with her husband and twin daughters – and hates it when sweaters shrink in the wash.



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FILMOGRAPHY - NERGIS USTA

2025

UP SIDE DOWN

FEATURE FILM CONCEPT | PSYCHODRAMA
in development

DIE (UNSICHTBAREN) HELDEN DER DDR

SERIES CONCEPT | 6 EPISODES | DRAMA
in development

PARADISE CALLING

SCREENPLAY + CONCEPT
in development

HALIMA PROPELLER

FEATURE FILM CONCEPT | SOCIOCRITICAL COMEDY
in development

BEAUTY OF NARCISSISM

SERIES CONCEPT | 4-6 EPISODES
in development

2016 - 2017

LIEBE MICH

FEATURE FILM | 105'
director, screenwriter, producer

Achtung Berlin Filmfestival

Independent Days International Karlsruhe

ArtHouse Filmfestival Hongkong - Nomination: Best Arthouse-Film

YouTube over 50.000 views worldwide within 1 year

2012

LOSTENGARDEN

SHORT FILM

director, screenwriter, producer

Silent River Filmfestival Los Angeles

Nomination: Best Short Film and Best Actor in a Short Film | Award: Best Short Film



2009

DIE WIRTSCHAFTSKRISE

SHORT FILM | SKIT | 5'

director, screenwriter, producer

23. Exground Filmfestival as supporting film

5. Krank Cookie Short Film Days

2007

A BEAUTIFUL WORLD

SHORT FILM | 10'

director, screenwriter, producer

13. Shanghai International Filmfestival

6. International Shortfilmfestival Detmold

2005

13 JAHRE

SHORT FILM

director, screenwriter, producer

German Board of Film Recommendation - Seal of Recommendation: Recommended

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