

TOBY CHLOSTA
SCREENWRITER & DIRECTOR

In 1984, Toby Chlosta is born in Munich as Anne Chlosta. He gets to live outside the box quite early on, when his parents decide to move the family from the Bavarian mountains to the Dutch coast. There, Toby grows up bilingual and in-between-cultures, which leads to the open mind he has preserved until this day.

Toby spends most of his teenage years roaming the stage. He writes and directs his own plays and performs in them as well, loving to entertain others with his stories. After a brief detour into cultural sciences and the big, wild world, Toby throws himself into studying screenwriting at the Dutch Film Academy in Amsterdam. The medium of film becomes his home, as does the queer community. Toby gets to direct his graduation film about a gay BDSM-coming-of-age-journey himself. This shows him once and for all how strongly he feels about telling unusual stories about how to find your place in this world.

Toby's own journey then leads him to study directing at Hamburg Media School. After successfully completing his studies with an action-noir-ballad, Toby stays in Hamburg. The Dutch coastal dweller now lives at the river Elbe, and continues to work both in Germany and The Netherlands on various film and series projects. Toby is an out and proud trans man who plays an active role in voluntary media network Queer Media Society. His main goal remains: Entertaining an audience through original perspectives and unconventional stories filled to the brim with feelings, love and laughter – completely outside of any box.



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FILMOGRAPHY - TOBY CHLOSTA

2026 **HOLD YOUR HORSES**

FEATURE FILM | TRAGIC COMEDY

Producer: Verena Gräfte-Höft (Junafilm, Germany) + Tinna Proppé (Sellout, Iceland)

Screenwriter, Director

(In development)

Treatment funding within the framework of Nordic NEST - international co-development initiative by MOIN Film Fund

Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein

Participation as one of 10 selected writers in the Nordic NEST, a new co-development initiative of MOIN Film fund,

FFA and The Five Nordics

Nordic NEST Space and Gothenburg Film Festival in collaboration with Le Groupe Ouest

2021 -

2025 **HOUSE OF BELLEVUE**

DRAMA SERIES (6 x 45 min.) | Don't Panic Films GmbH, ZDF, ZDFneo

Writers' Room + Writer (episode 6, co-writer episode 1)

Director with Gabriel B. Arrahnio + Kai S. Pieck

since

2024 **TOUGH COOKIES**

FEATURE FILM

writer + director

NEST - development funding by MOIN Film Funding Hamburg Schleswig Holstein

(in development)

SWEETIE

COMEDY SERIES | TELLUX FILM

Creator

(in development)

since

2023 **TITCOM**

COMEDY SERIES | creator with Corinne Le Hong

development funding by Kulturamt Münster and Filmservice Münster. Land

(in development)



since

2021

GLITTER KING

FEATURE FILM | writer & director
treatment and screenplay development funded by
MOIN Film Funding Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein
(in development)

2020

LIESELOTTE

CHILDRENS' ANIMATED SERIES | WUNDERWERK WITH FABRIQUE D'IMAGES & ZDF
writers' Room + writer episodes 34 and 45
(based on the book series "Lieselotte" by Alexander Steffensmeier)
Nominierung Goldener Spatz 2020

2015 -

2017

QUEER AMSTERDAM

DIGITAL SHORT FORM SERIES (9 X 7 MIN) | ROZING PRODUCTIES & BNNVARA (NL)
creator with Bart Peters & Dorien Rozing | writer | co-director with Bart Peters
Special Jury Award & WWW Series Critics Award 2019
Wendie Webfest Hamburg - Best Series Award 2018
Webfest Berlin - What's Next Director Award 2018

2017

TOOTHPAINTER

MUSIC VIDEO | FOR A BOY NAMED RIVER
director | concept with Darja Pilz and Michael Lewandowski

2014

RED DOGZ

GRADUATION SHORT FILM | HAMBURG MEDIA SCHOOL
director, co-writer with Florian Wentsch
Thessaloniki International Short Film Festival (TISFF) - Cinematic Achievement Award 2015

2013

FINAL STROKE (Dünnes Eis)

SHORT FILM | HAMBURG MEDIA SCHOOL
director
European Independent Film Festival (ÉCU) - „Excellence In Women's Filmmaking" Award 2016

12 LIKES

SHORT FILM | HAMBURG MEDIA SCHOOL



FURTHER ACTIVITIES (SELECTION)

2022-

2025 **ZENITH (NL)**

Musical Theatre / theatre tour 2025

Co-Writer + Dramaturge

JURY MEMBER & SPEAKER

e.g. jury member Talentfilm, HESSEN FILM AND MEDIA since 2026

and jury member MOIN FILM FUND / NEST since 2025

SENSITIVITY READING

e.g. for RatPack Filmproduktion Bavaria Fiction, SquareOne Entertainment