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**BERLIN ALEXANDERPLATZ**

Burhan Qurbani

_The story of Francis, how Berlin becomes his undoing and how he finally emerges as a better person._

As Francis, 30, gets washed up at a beach in Southern Europe, he swears an oath to God: he will become a better man. Soon after Francis finds himself in Berlin, where he realizes how hard it is to be righteous when you are an illegal refugee. When he receives an enticing offer from the charismatic Reinhold to earn easy money, Francis initially resists the temptation. But eventually he is sucked into Berlin’s underworld and his life spirals out of control.

**180’ / Colour**

**Genre:** drama

Original title: **BERLIN ALEXANDERPLATZ**
Prod: Sommerhaus (DE)
Co-prod: Lemming Film (NL) - Leontine Petit, Erik Glijnis
Sc: Burhan Qurbani, Martin Behnke
D.O.P.: Yoshi Heimrath
Completed: February 2020
Language: German
Cast: Welket Bungué, Albrecht Schuch, Jella Haase, Martin Wuttke.

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The word ‘monster’ comes from the latin ‘monstrare’, meaning to show, to reveal, to demonstrate. A DEMONSTRATION picks up on these themes in a poetic exploration of the boundaries of sight and the metamorphosis of form.

Genre: documentary, experimental
Original title: A DEMONSTRATION
Prod: Video Power (NL) - Hans van Hezik, Daan Milius, CoSk (DE)
Completed: January 2020
Language: English

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Sun 23 Feb, 14:00 Cubix 6 (P&I)
Tue 25 Feb, 21:30 Cubix 9
Thu 27 Feb, 17:00 Colosseum 1
Fri 28 Feb, 13:30 Zoo Palast 3
Fri 28 Feb, 16:30 CinemaxX 3
PARADISE DRIFTERS

Mees Peijnenburg

A fragmented portrayal of three homeless young adults longing for money, security and human connection.

PARADISE DRIFTERS is a fragmented portrayal of the homeless young adults, Lorenzo, Yousef and Chloe. What starts off as an individual search that must lead to money, chances and new opportunities appears to be a longing for human connection, security and mutual affection.

Sun 23 Feb, 16:30 Urania
Mon 24 Feb, 13:30 CinemaxX 3
Wed 26 Feb, 15:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain
Sat 29 Feb, 20:30 Urania

85’ / colour

Genre: drama
Original title: PARADISE DRIFTERS
Prod: Pupkin Film - Iris Oten, Sander van Meurs, Pieter Kuijpers
Creative Producer: Nathalie van der Burg
Sc: Mees Peijnenburg
D.O.P.: Jasper Wolf
Completed: January 2020
Language: Dutch, English, French, Spanish
Cast: Bilal Wahib (MALIK, BROTHERS), Jonas Smulders (We Will Never Be Royals, Brothers), Tamor van Wanig (DREAM SCHOOL), Joren Seledschachts (Blind, Double Life).

Mees Peijnenburg:
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The friendship between three young synchronized swimmers is plagued by vicious tensions. The desire to belong destroys everything.

UNDER THE SKIN
Emma Branderhorst

The friendship between three young synchronized swimmers is plagued by vicious tensions. The desire to belong destroys everything.

EN ROUTE
Marit Weerheijm

When Inay (9) and her little brother join their father on a special trip through the city, she tries everything to force a delay. Because she knows that if they arrive late at their destination, she will be rewarded with sweet desserts.

Genre: children’s, drama
Original title: Onderhuids
Prod: Eva Schaaf, Patou ten Cate
Sc: Janna Grosfeld
Completed: September 2019
Language: Dutch

Marit Weerheijm:
BEFORE DARK (2018, short), WHEN GREY IS A COLOUR (2016, graduation short) Awards: a.o. Student Academy Award for Best Foreign Narrative Film, Jury Award-TIFF Kids FF.

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Mon 24 Feb, 09:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain
Thu 27 Feb, 11:00 CinemaxX 11
Sun 1 Mar, 11:00 Cubix 8

Genre: children’s, drama
Original title: En Route
Prod: Room for Film - Loes Komen, Eva Verweij
Completed: October 2019
Language: Dutch

Emma Branderhorst:
FEMME (2017, short).

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Mon 24 Feb, 12:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain
Fri 28 Feb, 10:00 Urania
Sun 1 Mar, 14:00 Cubix 8
A sailor aboard a cruiser discovers a hallway leading to an apartment in Montevideo, while in the Phillipines a group of peasants find an abandoned shed on a hill.

Aboard a cruiser that coasts through Southern Latin America, a sailor discovers a hallway mysteriously leading to an apartment in Montevideo. Thousands kilometres away, a group of Filipino peasants find an abandoned shed on a hill, assigning it supernatural powers.

Fri 21 Feb, 10:00 Cubix (Press)
Sun 23 Feb, 19:00 CinemaxX 3
Mon 24 Feb, 19:30 Colosseum 1
Tue 25 Feb, 14:00 Delphi Filmpalast
Wed 26 Feb, HAU 1
Sun 1 Mar, 13:00 Zoo Palast 2
A cinematographic portrait based on an archive of drawings made by the Waimiri-Atroari, a people native to the Brazilian Amazon, during their first literacy process. The drawings document and construct a collective visual memory from their learning process, perspective and territory, while attesting to a series of violent attacks they were submitted to during the military dictatorship in Brazil.
Teboho Edkins

An exploration of the frontiers that Chinese face in Africa, and Africans in China.

DAYS OF CANNIBALISM is set in a remote rural region in Southern Africa. The arrival of new settlers – economic migrants from China – has upset the balance of power. The unbridled forces of capitalism are felt deep in these rural communities as a new order begins to evolve. Subtle moments and small gestures reveal the effect of migration, personal sacrifice, solitude, alienation and the experience of otherness. A latent violence threatens to erupt. As old structures begin to disintegrate one rule asserts itself above all others: eat or be eaten.

77' / colour

Genre: documentary
Original title: DAYS OF CANNIBALISM
Prod: Kinoelektron (FR)
Co-prod: Keplerfilm (NL) - Derk-Jan Warrink, Koji Nelissen, Day Zero Films (SA)
Sc: Teboho Edkins
D.O.P.: Samuel lahu
Completed: February 2020
Language: Cantonese, English

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Sun 23 Feb, 16:15 Cubix 7
Mon 24 Feb, 13:30 CinemaxX 6
Tue 25 Feb, 14:00 HAU 1
Fri 28 Feb, 19:15 Cubix 7
**PARI**

Siamak Etemadi

Iranian Pari’s search for her son who has gone missing in Athens will take her on a journey towards ultimate freedom...

Babak, an Iranian student in Greece, doesn’t show up to welcome his visiting parents at the airport. Pari and her older husband, both devout Muslims abroad for the first time, are ill-prepared to search for their son in an intimidating and alien environment. Following the steps of her rebellious son in the dark corners of the city, Pari will exhaust her inner strength to achieve more than a mother’s search for her missing son.

Fri 21 Feb, 12:20 CinemaxX 13 (EFM)
Mon 24 Feb, 15:00 cinemaxX 13 (EFM)
Tue 25 Feb, 21:00 CinemaxX 7
Wed 26 Feb, 10:00 Cubix 7
Thu 27 Feb, 22:00 Cubix 7
Fri 28 Feb, 22:00 Zoo Palast 2
Sat 29 Feb, 13:00 Zoo Palast 2

90’ / colour

**Genre:** drama

Original title: **PARI**
Prod: Heretic (GR)
Co-prod: Topkapi Films (NL) - Frans van Gestel, Arnold Heslenfeld, Laurette Schillings, Le Bureau (FR), The Chouchkov Brothers (BU)
Sc: Siamak Etemadi
D.O.P.: Claudio Bolivar
Completed: December 2019
Language: Farsi, English, Greek
Cast: Melika Foroutan, Shahbaz Noshir, Sofia Kokkali.

**Siamak Etemadi:**
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When the mild unassuming Hannah Metzger takes control of her father’s once prestigious diamond company Precious, she must fend off Indian traders, foreign bankers, and a murder investigation that threatens to reveal her father’s disgraceful past.

**SHARK’S TEETH**

Anna Woltz

Eleven-year-old Atlanta has this amazing plan. She will cycle 360 kilometres around the IJsselmeer in 24 hours to try to save her mother’s life. This is the most important journey of her life and she cannot give up, or else everything will fail. She has just started cycling when she crashes into a young boy called Finley. He is funny, cheerful and mysterious: he ran away from his home and brought nothing but two shark’s teeth in his pocket. Together they embark on the journey that will forever change their lives.
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**THE BAREFOOT EMPEROR**

Jessica Woodworth & Peter Brosens

How the last King of the Belgians became the first Emperor of Europe.

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**BLACK WIDOW**

Diederik van Rooijen

After hiding in Canada for two years, former drugs queen Carmen has to return to Amsterdam to fight her demons and keep her family safe.
THE CLUB OF UGLY CHILDREN

Jonathan Elbers

After Paul is transported to a camp for ugly children he manages to escape, and hatches a plan to free all the other ugly kids.

90' / colour
Genre: action/adventure, children's, family
Original title: DE CLUB VAN LEILIJE KINDEREN
Prod: Umami Media - Niek Teunissen, Casper Eskes, Wim Boven
Co-prod: Shooting Star Film Company - Dave Schram
Completed: summer 2019
Language: Dutch

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THE COLUMNIST

Ivo van Aart

Columnist Femke is an unlikely murderer, but when she's bombarded by hateful messages and threats on social media, she decides to take revenge on her trolls.

90' / colour
Genre: black comedy, horror, thriller
Original title: KUTHOE
Prod: NL Film (NL)
Co-prod: BNNVARA (NL)
Completed: January 2020
Language: Dutch

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Mon 24 Feb, 11:05 Parliament
LA FORTALEZA
Jorge Thielen Armand

When riots break out in Venezuela’s capital, Roque heads for the Amazon jungle to restore the abandoned lodge he built during happier, healthier days. As the jungle closes in on him, good friends encourage bad habits and whisper promises of finding gold.

KALA AZAR
Janis Rafa

KALA AZAR describes a place that cannot sustain animal life any longer, where a young couple take care of dead animals to give meaning to their own lives.
MARIONETTE
Elbert van Strien

A child psychiatrist loses her grip on reality when a ten-year-old boy claims he can control her future.

112' / colour

Genre: psychological thriller
Original title: MARIONETTE
Prod: Accento Films (NL) - Claudia Brandt, Elbert van Strien, BosBros (NL) - Burny Bos
Co-prod: Samsa Film (LU), Black Camel Pictures (UK)
Completed: January 2020
Language: English

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Fri 21 Feb, 18:05 CinemaxX 18

MEN AT WORK - MIAMI
Johan Nijenhuis

With lots of humor, spectacular choreographies and tempting muscles, four Dutch strippers try to open a stripclub in Miami.

115' / colour

Genre: romantic comedy
Original title: ONZE JONGENS IN MIAMI
Prod: Johan Nijenhuis & Co - Ingmar Menning
Completed: January 2020
Language: Dutch

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Sat 22 Feb, 17:10 dffb Atelier
**MI VIDA**

Norbert ter Hall

Retired hairdresser Lou decides it is time to make a long-time dream come true. She sells her salon and heads off to Spain. Inspired by a sense of freedom, and encouraged by her Spanish teacher Andrea, she decides to permanently move to the coastal city of Cádiz.

88’ / colour

**Genre:** drama, feelgood  
**Original title:** Mi Vida  
**Prod:** Phanta Film (NL) - Petra Goedings, Maaike Benschop  
**Co-prod:** All Go Movies (ES)  
**Completed:** summer 2019  
**Language:** Dutch, Spanish, English

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**Fri 21 Feb, 14:20 CinemaxX 13**  
**Sat 22 Feb, 16:40 Parliament**

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**THE MOLE AGENT**

Maite Alberdi

An unusual crossover between traditional police fiction and observational documentary that, while humorous, offers a poignant reflection on the lifestyle of the elderly today.

83’ / colour

**Genre:** documentary  
**Original title:** El Agente Topo  
**Prod:** Micromundo Producciones (CL)  
**Co-prod:** Volya Films (NL) - Denis Vaslin, Fleur Knopperts, Motto Pictures (USA)  
**Completed:** January 2020  
**Language:** Spanish

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**Fri 21 Feb, 09:30 dffb Cinema**  
**Sat 22 Feb, 15:00 CinemaxX 16**
REMBRANDT

Oeke Hoogendijk

Rembrandt is the grandmaster of intimacy. Even 350 years after his death many people, even entire nations, are obsessed by his paintings.

PIRATES DOWN THE STREET

Pim van Hoeve

Michael (12) is very happy with his new friend next door, pirate Billy, but not everyone in the area is pleased with the new neighbors...
PROMISE OF PISA
Norbert ter Hall

A talented Moroccan boy from the hood must learn to survive at an elite music academy in Amsterdam’s affluent South, while his brother is in prison.

110’ / colour
Genre: drama
Original title: DE BELOFTE VAN PISA
Prod: All Yours Film BV (NL) - Rolf Koot
Co-prod: BNNVARA (NL), Minds Meet (BE)
Completed: September 2019
Language: Dutch, Arabic

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Sun 23 Feb, 16:40 CinemaxX 16

SHIT HAPPENS
Anna van der Heide

A recognizable story about one family’s struggles with Alzheimer’s disease.

96’ / colour
Genre: comedy, drama
Original title: DE LIEFHEBBERS
Prod: Topkapi Films (NL) - Frans van Gestel, Arnold Heslenfeld, Laurette Schillings
Co-prod: Menuetto Film (BE), BNNVARA (NL)
Completed: October 2019
Language: Dutch

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SINGLE STREET
Frank Krom

Surgeon Mo (39) has only one focus in life: her career. When the extrovert Max becomes her new neighbor, a special friendship arises.

90’ / colour

Genre: feelgood drama
Original title: SINGEL 39
Prod: Millstreet Films - Rachel van Bommel
Completed: spring 2019
Language: Dutch, English

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Fri 21 Feb, 11:00 Marriott 1

SUNBURNED
Carolina Hellsgård

A lonely 12-year-old girl on holiday with her family in Spain meets a teenage Senegalese migrant and tries to help him escape his desolate situation.

90’ / colour

Genre: drama, coming of age
Original title: SUNBURNED
Prod: Niko Film (DE)
Co-prod: The Film Kitchen (NL) - Ineke Kanters, Jan van der Zanden, Staron Film (PL)
Completed: September 2019
Language: German

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Thu 20 Feb, 15:30 dffb Cinema
85’ / colour

**Genre: horror, thriller**

Original title: **BUMPERKLEEF**

Prod: Topkapi Films (NL) – Laurette Schil-lings, Arnold Heslenfeld, Frans van Gestel

Co-prod: Savage Film (BE), AVROTROS (NL)

Completed: June 2019

Language: Dutch

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**Mon 24 Feb, 17:00 CinemaxX 5**

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**TAILGATE**

Lodewijk Crijns

What happens when you tailgate the wrong guy?

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**TENCH**

Patrice Toye

Jonathan is released from prison due to lack of evidence and returns to his mother’s house. He is determined to become a different and better person. He strictly adheres to the rules, but his good intentions are put to the test when a young woman moves in next to him with her small daughter.

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95’ / colour

**Genre: drama**

Original title: **MUIDHOND**

Prod: Prime Time (BE)

Co-prod: KeyFilm (NL) - Hanneke Niens, Hans de Wolf, Versus Production (BE)

Completed: March 2019

Language: Flemish, Dutch

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Based on the true story of notorious criminal Stanley Hillis. With the help of the government, Stanley evolves from 'gentleman' bank robber to ruthless kingpin.