# Christoph Wermke

Editor

# BIOGRAPHY

## ABSTRACT

Christoph is a graduate of the German Film and Television Academy Berlin (dffb). His credits include an array of feature films, TV-series, shorts and documentaries. He edited Netflix's Oscar®-nominated documentary short *Three Songs for Benazir*, which also won an Australian Screen Editors Award and was nominated for best editing at the Deutscher Kamerapreis. Most recently he edited Aemilia Scott's *Help Me Understand* which premiered at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival. He has edited numerous award-winning and nominated films, including *Krieg* which premiered at the Venice International Film Festival. His latest work for Television, the internationally-produced thriller *The NET*, premiered at the Munich International Film Festival. He has extensive working experience in both Avid and Adobe Premiere.

## FESTIVALS & AWARDS (selection)

HELP ME UNDERSTAND, short film

• Premiere: 39th Sundance Film Festival, 2023

THREE SONGS FOR BENAZIR, short documentary

- Nominee at the 94th Academy Awards (OSCARS®), 2022 Best Documentary (short subject)
- Winner: Australian Screen Editors Guild ELLIE Awards, 2021 Best Editing in Documentary and Series
- Nominee at the German Camera Award, 2022 Best Edit Short Film

DAS NETZ (The Net), limited series

• Premiere: 39th Munich International Film Festival, 2022

DAS HAUS (The House), feature film

• Premiere: 29th Filmfest Hamburg, 2021

KRIEG (War), feature film

• Premiere: 74th Venice International Film Festival, 2017

FOR A GOOD TIME, medium length film • Premiere: Aspen Shortsfest 2016

STOLZ DES OSTENS (*Pride of the East*), medium length film • Premiere: Festival International du Court Métrage Clermont-Ferrand, 2013

FLUCHT NACH VORN (*Breaking Through*), short film • Winner: Best short, National Competition, Filmfest Dresden, 2012

NOVEMBERKIND (*November Child*), feature film • Nominee at the German Camera Award for best editing, 2008



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# FEATURE FILMS

#### DAS HAUS

Fiction // 90 min. // 2021

Fiction // 88 min. // 2017

Fiction // 94 min. // 2008

Fiction // 88 min. // 2020

Fiction // 88 min. // 2019

Premiered at the 29th Filmfest Hamburg Trailer: <u>https://vimeo.com/599071036</u> Reviews: <u>Die Zeit</u> // <u>Süddeutsche Zeitung</u>

When a repressive government bans journalist Johann from plying his trade, he retreats with his wife, Lucia, to their high-tech vacation home. Soon, however, the smart home's artificial intelligence develops a life of its own.

#### KRIEG

Premiered at the 74. Venice International Film Festival Trailer: <u>https://vimeo.com/230191853</u> Reviews: <u>Variety // Hollywood Reporter</u>

A grieving schoolteacher retreats to a snowbound cabin only to discover that peace is not easily found, even for a pacifist.

#### NOVEMBERKIND

Nominated for Best Editing at Deutscher Kamerapreis Trailer: <u>https://vimeo.com/902078640</u>

East Germany, 1980. 20-year-old Anne is hiding Juri, a deserter of the Red Army, and the two fall in love. Fearing a death warrant, Juri and Anne flee to the West, leaving their sixmonth-old daughter Inga behind. 25 years later Inga meets the literature professor Robert, who sends her on the trail of her past.

#### OSTFRIESENGRAB

Broadcast on ZDF Television Trailer: <u>https://vimeo.com/390837056</u>

A thriller in the style of Mindhunter; after a bizarre murder, the suspect overpowers Commissioner Klaasen and manages to escape. A second murder occurs shortly afterwards.

#### OSTFRIESENSÜNDE

Broadcast on ZDF Television

Trailer: https://vimeo.com/327343340

A thriller in the style of Mindhunter, Detective Ann Klaasen searches for the abductor of several women who visited a certain clinic, while she herself is haunted by the ghost of her father.

#### OSTFRIESENBLUT

Broadcast on ZDF Television Trailer: <u>https://vimeo.com/327344357</u>

A thriller in the style of Mindhunter, Detective Ann Klaasen finds a dead body laid on her

doorstep. The killer is as obsessed with revenge over an abusive schoolmaster, as he is obsessed with impressing Ann.



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Fiction // 88 min. // 2018

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# **TV-SERIES**

HAUS AUS GLAS

Mini-Series // 6 x 45 min. // 2023

Premiered at the Film Festival Cologne 2023, Broadcast on arte and ARD Television Streaming: ARD Mediathek Trailer: https://vimeo.com/898478793 Reviews: FAZ // Süddeutsche Zeitung

Playing with the codes of the thriller, the "House Of Glass" series stages a slow descent into family hell. Four brothers and sisters get together for the wedding of their youngest daughter. The atmosphere, initially joyful, grows heavier as old family grudges resurface..

TV-Series // 8 x 45 min. // 2022 DAS NETZ Premiered at the 39th Munich International Film Festival, 2022, Broadcast on ARD Television Trailer: https://vimeo.com/826063330 Reviews: Frankfurter Rundschau // taz Lea Brandstätter witnesses the death of her boyfriend. The investigation leads to Jean Leco, the president of the World Football Association. Their paths cross with that of

# SHORTS

HELP ME UNDERSTAND Premiered at the 39th Sundance Film Festival, 2023 Review: New York Times Follows six women as they come to a consensus.

Marcel, whose best friend has just been stabbed.

THREE SONGS FOR BENAZIR Short Documentary // 22 min. // 2021 Premiered at Full Frame Documentary Film Festival 2021 Streaming on NETFLIX Reviews: Variety // IndieWire Even as Shaista's love for Benazir is palpable, the choices he must make to build a life with her have profound consequences.

### FOR A GOOD TIME

Premiered in the international competition at the 25th Aspen Shortsfest A grieving woman finds herself sitting in the stall of a public bathroom. Out of options and going out of her mind, she decides to call a phone number written on the wall.

### STOLZ DES OSTENS

Premiered in the international competition, Festival du Court Métrage Clermont-Ferrand Tobias is living in his Indian tent for the summer after his mother rents out their home to a wealthy family from Berlin. Tobias roams his small town and the fields around, scheming to get rid of the intruders.

### FLUCHT NACH VORN

Winner: national competition at Filmfest Dresden

In the visiting room of a German women's prison, Vicky breaks off her relationship with her longtime boyfriend Wolf. Wolf breaks into the prison to win back her love.

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#### Fiction // 20 min. // 2016

Fiction // 15 min. // 2023

#### Fiction // 27 min. // 2013

Fiction // 9.20 min // 2013