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THE MOST AMAZING CAT
IN THE WORLD IS BACK
FOR ANOTHER THRILLING ADVENTURE IN
THIS SKY ORIGINAL.

OUTSTANDING WORLD-WIDE BOX OFFICE OF AROUND US\$ 24 M.





### THE AMAZING MAURICE - THE WATERS OF LIFE

CGI | Family Entertainment | UK, Germany | 90 min | 2027

Maurice, the most amazing cat in the world, or so he says, along with Malicia, Keith and the Clan Rats, are back for another thrilling adventure in a tale of pirates, vampires, werewolves and sirens, a furless cat and a perilous quest to find the Waters of Life. A Sky Original based on the books by Terry Pratchett.

Maurice, living with Malicia and Keith in Bad Blintz, fears he is becoming domesticated. He steals away, hopping onto a barge, hoping to find a new life at sea as a ship's cat, something he's always wanted. Malicia's father, the Mayor, is seriously ill. Malicia learns the only thing that might save him is the Waters of Life, which her aunts, the Grim Sisters, wrote about in their 'Grim Book of Fairy Stories'. Malicia and Peaches head to the docks and stow away on a barge sailing up the river... only to find Maurice aboard. The barge is attacked by 'The Lorelei', a pirate ship captained by a furless cat, Admiral Katz. Maurice wants Katz' job. Katz surprises Maurice by telling him he can't have it - Katz can talk, too! Maurice doesn't like that. Cue the catfight. Keith, who should have accompanied Malicia on her quest, travels with the Clan Rats in a bid to catch up with Malicia. Their journey sees them facing vampires in recovery therapy and a werewolf who is a balding literary scholar by day in the forests of Uberwald. Will our heroes meet eventually? Will Malicia find the Waters of Life? Will Keith lose his trousers? You bet... but not in any way that's expected.

The English-language animated feature is, like the multi-award-winning first film, based on the books by Sir Terry Pratchett and his popular Discovorld novels, which have sold over 100 million copies in 37 languages. The first Maurice film grossed a global box office of over 24 million USD and made top 5 in most every territory. The movie won a British Animation Award, a Pulcinella Award, was nominated for the European Film Award and longlisted at the BAFTA Film Awards and the "Oscars" Academy Awards. It premiered in the U.S. at the Sundance Film Festival.

The creative team behind "The Amazing Maurice" movie has reunited for this exciting new adventure, which is to be directed again by Toby Genkel ("Ooops! Noah is Gone...", "Paul McCartney's High in the Clouds"). The film is produced once again by Emely Christians ("Niko & The Way to the Stars", "Two by Two: Overboard!"), Andrew Baker ("Bad Jelly", "Bollywoof"), and Robert Chandler ("A Christmas Number One", "The Canterville Ghost"). Character design is by Carter Goodrich ("Finding Nemo", "Shrek") and Heiko Hentschel ("Ooops! Noah is Gone..."), with the script written by Giles New and Keiron Self ("The Canterville Ghost", "Mimi & Harold - Out of Frame").

### **DIRECTED BY**

Toby Genkel

#### WRITTEN BY

Giles New, Keiron Self

### **AUTHOR OF ORIGINAL WORK**

Sir Terry Pratchett

### CHARACTER DESIGN

Carter Goodrich, Heiko Hentschel

### **PRODUCERS**

Emely Christians, Andrew Baker, Robert Chandler, Rob Wilkins

#### **PRODUCTION**

Ulysses Films, Cantilever Media, Space Age Films in coproduction with Sky and Narrativia

### ANIMATION STUDIO

Studio Rakete, Red Star

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

English



BASED ON THE TRUE TALE
OF THE WORLD'S MOST
FAVOURITE SEA MONSTER.

FROM THE PRODUCERS
OF "DRAGON RIDER" AND
"THE AMAZING MAURICE".





### **NESSIE JUNIOR**

CGI | Family Entertainment | Germany, UK | 90 min | 2027

Fin, aka Nessie Junior, facing a family challenge, embarks on a dangerous journey to his ancestral home, the mystical Loch Ness. Once there, he has to rely on the help of an unexpected human friend, Kellina, to unravel a gigantic mystery and save the last of his kind.

The beautiful lake of Loch Ness, overlooked by the ruins of Urquhart Castle, has become a highly attractive holiday destination. Local fisherman, Mylo, who claims to have been attacked by the sea creature, runs a Loch Ness Monster tourist show on the banks of the loch. His teenage daughter, Kellina, doesn't believe his stories, nor does she believe in any of the myths of Loch Ness ... but that all changes when she meets an actual, young Nessie named Fin. And so begins a tale of friendship and caution, loyalty and betrayal, fun and breathtaking adventure as the pair team up to uncover the sea creature's family secrets hidden in the water's depths.

NESSIE JUNIOR is an exciting, unique, and entertaining high-end CGI-animated movie based on the tale of the Loch Ness Monster, the mythical creature that has for centuries enchanted travelers and sightseers to the Scottish Highlands.

The producers' team is Matthias Drescher, known for "Shifting the Blame" and the Emmy-winning "War of Lies," along with Ulrich Schwarz, co-producer of Constantin Film's "Dragon Rider" and producer of the Netflix sci-fi thriller "Stowaway". Award-winning Robert Chandler, whose producer credits include "The Amazing Maurice" and "The Canterville Ghost", serves as executive producer. The first animation studio to join is the highly experienced M.A.R.K.13, which is known for its work on popular films such as "Vic the Viking and the Magic Sword" and "Maya the Bee".

### **WRITTEN BY**

Matthias Drescher, Jens Opatz

### **PRODUCERS**

Matthias Drescher, Ulrich Schwarz

### **EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS**

Robert Chandler, Julia Weber

### **ANIMATION STUDIO**

M.A.R.K.13 Studios

### **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

English





FROM THE PRODUCERS
OF "THE AMAZING MAURICE", "OOOPS! THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES..."
AND "NIKO BEYOND THE
NORTHERN LIGHTS".

AWARDED FOR THE
SCREENPLAY WITH THE
BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL
MARKET POTENTIAL.



### MIMI & HAROLD - OUT OF FRAME

CGI | Family Entertainment | Germany, UK | 85 min | 2027

When Mimi, a scrappy crossbreed dog, falls out of a painting of old, she is lost in the real world of a museum, the home of Harold, an art-loving but snobbish dog. Armed only with her determination and Harold's friendship, Mimi recklessly jumps into paintings to find her beloved owner - and Harold becomes the hero he never dreamt of being.

Mimi is a brave, scruffy dog belonging to Evi, a little girl. One day, playing in a wheat field with her owner, Mimi sees the whole world around her falling apart, the fields and Evi vanishing before her fearful eyes. Summoning all her courage, she hurls herself into the white nothingness! In the present day, Harold, another dog, a real one, is with his owner, Lori, in a gallery. Harold, who aspires to be an artist, is waiting for inspiration to strike. Mimi, a painted dog, gradually wins over the proud and superior Harold, by showing him - a highbrow lover of art - her ability to leap into paintings. Travelling together through their greatest adventure and the dizzying history of painting, from Da Vinci to Kandinsky, the doggy duo will need to be brave and clever in their race against time - as the artworks around them begin to disappear. Only Harold, with his fine knowledge about art, can guide her through the masterworks of the past, to find Evi and her true place in art history.

MIMI & HAROLD - OUT OF FRAME is a breathless and fetching adventure through the world of art, with two quarrelling dog-buddies who will stop at nothing to save their loved ones. It brings to life animals from famous paintings. It is produced by Ulysses Filmproduktion ("The Amazing Maurice", "Niko-Beyond the Northern Lights", "Ooops! The Adventure continues...").

Directed by Toby Genkel, renowned for internationally successful animated films, such as "The Amazing Maurice", an adaption of the bestselling Novel by Terry Pratchett. His current project is the animated adaptation of Paul McCartney's children's book "High in the Clouds".

MIMI & HAROLD - OUT OF FRAME will be released in Germany by DCM.

### **DIRECTED BY**

Toby Genkel

### **WRITTEN BY**

Keiron Self & Giles New

### **PRODUCERS**

Emely Christians, Sonja Matthes, Robert Chandler

#### **PRODUCTION**

Ulysses Filmproduktion in coproduction with Space Age Films

### ANIMATION STUDIO

Studio Rakete

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

English





FROM THE PRODUCERS
OF "THE GARFIELD SHOW",
"THE SMURFS" AND "ASTERIX AND CLEOPATRA".

THE TV SERIES IS BROAD-CASTED IN MORE THAN 150 TERRITORIES.





### **BRAVE HEART YAKARI**

CGI | Family Entertainment | France | approx. 80 min | 2026

Yakari, the little Sioux, wants to save his injured friend Buffalo-Seed. While Rainbow tries to heal their friend, Yakari gallops with Little Thunder to the far reaches of Sioux territory to seek help from the only being capable of awakening him: Buffalo-Seed's totem, the fearsome giant bison Thathanka!

Yakari, protected by Great Eagle, his totem, who gave him the fabulous power to talk to animals, lives happily in the land of the Sioux. He gallops with his friend, the wild mustang Little Thunder, and plays with two friends his own age, Rainbow and Buffalo-Seed. Yakari proudly wears his feather of bravery, proof of the tribe's respect for him. But such honor makes one jealous: Buffalo-Seed, breaking their oath of friendship, defies authority and puts himself in great danger by attempting to capture a bison on his own. Seriously wounded, he plunges into a deep coma from which the shaman says he will never awaken. Determined to save him, Yakari and Rainbow investigate, only to discover that Buffalo-Seed also has a totem: the giant bison Thathanka! Thathanka may have the power to bring their friend back to life, but the totem refuses to appear.

This new Yakari adventure for the whole family will take audiences even further and leave them breathless. With its wide open spaces, its colorful characters and its overflowing love, BRAVE HEART YAKARI is made for cinema. Carried by the magic of the totems and the power of friendship, Yakari, Rainbow and Buffalo-Seed will know that courage and wisdom combined can help everyone find their place on "Mother Earth", the name the Sioux give to nature and and the world. From the producers of "The Garfield Show" and the Director of "Yakari – A Spectacular Journey". Yakari is a strong brand: Since the 1980s, Yakari has been widely distributed in all around the world and has already won over a large international audience far beyond the borders of the Great Plains. Yakari is a humanist saga of a rare richness, and its values still resonate today like the distant echo of a lost paradise. The film will be released in France by BAC FILMS.

### **DIRECTED BY**

Xavier Giacometti

### **WRITTEN BY**

Xavier Giacometti

### **PRODUCERS**

Pierre Reyssat, Caroline Duvochel, Caroline Audebert

### **COPRODUCER**

Raphaële Ingberg

### **PRODUCTION**

Dargaud Media, Belvision, France 3 Cinéma

### **ANIMATION STUDIO**

Ellipse Studio

#### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, French



A FRESH TAKE ON THE LEGENDARY TALE OF ROBIN HOOD.

A SKY ORIGINAL STARRING NAOMI HARRIS (SKYFALL, NO TIME TO DIE) AND GWENDOLINE CHRISTIE (GAME OF THRONES).





### ROBIN AND THE HOODS

Live Action | Family Adventure | UK, Switzerland | 96 min | 2024

A spirited young girl and her close-knit group of friends, 'the Hoods,' take on a powerful property developer to defend their beloved play world, which they see as their 'kingdom.' Thrilling family fantasy adventure with Naomie Harris ("Skyfall", "Spectre") and Gwendoline Christie ("Game of Thrones").

For the tenacious 11-year-old Robin and her loyal band of friends ,The Hoods', the patch of overgrown scrubland at the end of their cul-de-sac is a magical kingdom. Sticks and bin lids have become swords and shields, drones have become majestic eagles and the hippy lady in the forest is a terrifying witch. The only thing limiting their colourful imagination is the prospect of losing their kingdom forever. When a slippery property developer, Clipboard, turns up and dazzles the parents of the area with promises of health spas and day-care facilities, Robin and The Hoods' world is faced with an existential threat. Despite the children's best efforts, their protests fall on deaf ears. When their parents can't see the wood for the trees, Robin and her friends take matters into their own hands to defend their kingdom.

This feel good film with lots of humor and action for kids and adults with a fresh take on the Robin Hood legend, is packed with imagination, bravery and delivers the message of standing up for what is right. ROBIN AND THE HOODS stars "Spectre" and "Skyfall" star Naomie Harris. She is joined by Gwendoline Christie, known 'Brienne of Tarth' of "Game of Thrones". Mark Williams, beloved as 'Arthur Weasley' from the "Harry Potter" series.

ROBIN AND THE HOODS promises to be an action-packed fantasy adventure that balances excitement with heartfelt moments to captivate audiences of all ages. This Original is directed by Phil Hawkins ("Prancer: A Christmas Tale", "It Lies Within" – TV Mini Series).

### **DIRECTED BY**

Phil Hawkins

### **WRITTEN BY**

Paul Davidson, Stuart Benson

### **PRODUCERS**

Claudia Bluemhuber, Matt Williams

### **EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

Alexander Jooss

### **PRODUCTION**

Silver Reel, Future Artists Entertainment, Sky

### **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

English

### **CAST**

Naomie Harris, Gwendoline Christie, Mark Williams, Darcey Ewart, Bruno Edgington-Gibson, Darcey Ewart

### MARKET SCREENINGS

### **ROBIN AND THE HOODS**

AFM On Demand

On Demand Theatre



THE NEW #1 IN GERMANY, OPENING 9TH IN WORLD-WIDE BOX OFFICE WITH \$ 4.2 MILLIONS.

PART 1 AND 2 SOLD TO OVER 100 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE US.





### SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS 3

Live Action | Family Entertainment | Germany | 100 min | 2024

The magic's back! The magical community at Winterstein School is in for another incredible adventure that moves between a Forest Day and a fashion show, a snobbish cat and a vegan crocodile as well as between friendship and the pangs of first love.

Ida and her class are preparing for the annual Forest Day to protect the local forest. Even Helene, whose family is facing bankruptcy, will be taking part, hoping to gain followers for her influencer channel and thus increase her income, while her magical animal, tomcat Karajan, demands a luxurious lifestyle. Silas, Jo's best friend, also gets a new magical companion: vegan crocodile Rick, who looks scary but secretly fears he can't compete with the tough-looking Silas. Silas himself has his eye on Helene and thinks he only has a chance with her if he wears a designer shirt. When Helene learns that her icon's fashion show is to be held at the Natural History Museum, she persuades the museum director to allow the class to perform there as a show act. But the fashion show is scheduled for the same day as Ida's Forest Day... the magical community is once again faced with turbulent events and big decisions.

An exceptional family entertainment with a universal theme of friendship, team spirit and magic, SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS 3 is visually stunning, wildly entertaining, and hilarious. Based on one of the world's most successful children's book series, "The School of Magical Animals", which has sold more than 12 million copies in German-speaking countries alone has been translated into more than 26 languages. The first two films of this charming live-action adventure about an unusual school, where children are accompanied by magical animals, grossed over US\$36.5 million in Germany and were also very successfully released internationally, including in the US, where Blue Fox released the dubbed version of Part 1 and

### **MARKET SCREENINGS**

**SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS 3** 

2. Part 3 just opened in Germany and grossed over US\$20 million so far.

Wed, Nov. 6 9:00 am

**Brenden Theatres 5** 

### **DIRECTED BY**

Sven Unterwaldt

### **WRITTEN BY**

Sven Unterwaldt, Thorsten Näter, Viola M.J. Schmidt, Ursula Gruber and Barbara Te Kock

### **ORIGINAL NOVEL**

Margit Auer

### **PRODUCERS**

Alexandra Kordes & Meike Kordes

### **PRODUCTION**

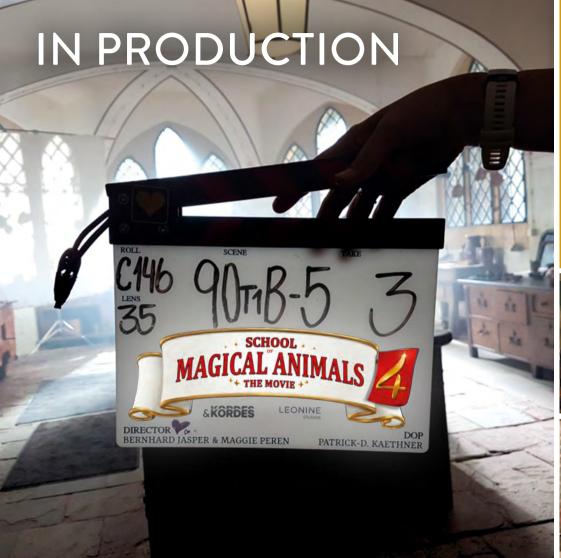
Kordes & Kordes Film Süd in co-production with Leonine Studios and Lightburst Pictures

### **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

German

### **CAST**

Emilia Maier, Emilia Pieske, Luis Vorbach, Loris Sichrovsky, Leonard Conrads, Lilith Johna



BASED ON ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESS-FUL CHILDREN'S BOOK SERIES.

PART 1, 2 AND 3 GROSSED OVER \$56.5 MILLION IN GERMANY.





### SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS 4

Live Action | Family Entertainment | Germany | 2025

Ida's friend Miriam arrives at the Winterstein School for three months, but a secret threatens to tear them apart. Miriam is entrusted with the tarsier Fitzgeraldo, while Max, deeply in love, is given the owl Muriel. Meanwhile, the sale of the school is imminent - and the entire magical community is at stake! Will the upcoming school challenge be the saving grace?

Ida's best friend, Miriam, is staying with the Kronenbergs for three months and will be attending Winterstein School alongside Ida. On Miriam's first day, Max gets the magical owl, Muriel, and to her surprise, Miriam also receives a magical animal, the energetic tarsier Fitzgeraldo.

Max and Muriel quickly form a bond, and the perceptive little owl soon notices that Max may have deeper feelings for his best friend, Leonie, than he is ready to admit. Meanwhile, Ida discovers that the desperate headmaster, Siegmann, has been keeping a crucial secret from the students: Winterstein School is about to be sold. Ida and her class see the upcoming school challenge as their last chance to save the school.

However, Miriam is shocked to learn that her former school is also competing in the challenge. Feeling like an outsider among her old classmates, she confides her worries only to Fitzgeraldo. Torn between two worlds, Miriam faces pressure from her past friends, leaving her conflicted about where her true loyalties lie.

In the grand finale, the magical community comes together, led by the determined headmaster Siegmann. With his extraordinary support, they manage to bring the adventure to a triumphant conclusion. Building on the huge success of its three predecessors, which have collectively grossed over \$56.5 million in Germany, School of Magical Animals 4 continues the beloved brand based on Margit Auer's bestselling book series. Adapted for the screen by the renowned production company Kordes & Kordes Süd, this fourth installment brings another magical adventure to life at the Winterstein School, featuring the star-studded cast from the previous films. Set to release in Germany on October 2, 2025, through co-producer Leonine, the film is expected to enchant audiences once again. The successful book series has been translated into more than 26 languages.

### **DIRECTED BY**

Maggie Peren, Bernhard Jasper

### **ORIGINAL NOVEL**

Margit Auer

### **PRODUCERS**

Alexandra Kordes & Meike Kordes

#### **PRODUCTION**

Kordes & Kordes Film Süd in coproduction with Leonine Studios and Kodachrome

### **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

German

### **CAST**

Emilia Maier, Loris Sichrovsky, Tomomi Themann, Thilo Fridolin Matthes, Purnima Grätz, Emilia Pieske, Luis Vorbach, Leonard Conrads

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