MARIA VON HELAND

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FILMOGRAPHY & CURRICULUM VITAE

TELEVISION

2024–26 **Alea Aquarius**
International TV series · 26 × 25′ · ZDF / ZDF Studios / Red Balloon Film / Umedia
WRITER & DIRECTOR – 26 EPISODES

2024 **Slava the Dog** · Slava der Hund
TV series 6 × 15′ & feature cut 90′
WRITER · DIRECTOR
— Nominated – Prix Jeunesse International, 2024
— Nominated – Series Mania 2024, Best Series (Short Forms)

2022 **Sunshine Eyes**
Miniseries · 10 episodes
CREATOR · WRITER · DIRECTOR – 10 EPISODES
— Winner – Séries Mania 2022, International Panorama

2021 **Nord Nord Mord** · Sievers und der schönste Tag
TV film · ZDF
DIRECTOR

2019–21 **Heirs of the Night** · Die Erben der Nacht
International TV series · 26 × 25′
CO-CREATOR – 26 EPISODES · SCREENPLAY, EPISODES 1–13
— Nominated – International Emmy Kids Award
— Winner – Goldener Spatz
— Winner – White Elephant Art Award

2020 **Solo für Weiss** · Schlaflos
TV film · ZDF
WRITER · DIRECTOR

2019 **So einfach stirbt man nicht**
TV film · ZDF
WRITER · DIRECTOR

2018 **Julia Durant** · Jung, blond, tot
TV film · SAT.1
DIRECTOR

2018 **Solo für Weiss** · Für immer Schweigen
TV film · ZDF
DIRECTOR
— Nominated – Jupiter Award

2017 **Eltern und andere Wahrheiten**
TV film · ARD
DIRECTOR

2014 **Göttliche Funken**
TV film · ARD Degeto
CO-WRITER · DIRECTOR

2013 **Der Teufel mit den drei goldenen Haaren**
TV film · ARD
DIRECTOR
— Nominated – International Emmy Kids Award

2011 **Die Sterntaler**
TV film · ARD
DIRECTOR
— Winner – Bayerischer Fernsehpreis, Best Direction
— Winner – Best of the Fest, Chicago International Children's Film Festival
— Nominated – International Emmy Kids Award

FILM

2014 **Hector's Journey** · Hectors Reise oder die Suche nach dem Glück
CO-WRITER

2009 **Hilde**
WRITER

2008 **The Rainbowmaker**
CO-WRITER

2006 **Search** · Sök
WRITER · DIRECTOR · PRODUCER
— Winner – Guldbagge 2006, Best Supporting Actress
— Nominated – Guldbagge 2006, Best Actress

2002 **Big Girls Don't Cry** · Große Mädchen weinen nicht
WRITER · DIRECTOR
— Winner – Goldener Biber
— Nominated – New Faces Award

2000 **England!**
CO-WRITER
— Winner – Deutscher Filmpreis der Kritik, Best Screenplay

SHORT FILMS & EARLY WORK

1999 **Recycled**
Feature · 35mm · WDR / DOM-Film
CO-WRITER · DIRECTOR
— Nominated – Shooting Star, Baden-Baden, 2000

1998 **Real Men Eat Meat**
Short · 25′ · 35mm · black & white · MinFilm / Tossell Pictures
WRITER · DIRECTOR
— Winner – Grand Prix du Court Métrage, Valenciennes 1999
— Winner – Best Film & Best Black-and-White Film, Cork 1999
— Winner – Best Film, Dresden 1999
— Winner – Best Film, Bamberg 1999

1998 **State of Dogs**
Documentary by Peter Brosens & Dorjkhandyn Turmunkh
NARRATIVE VOICE-OVER WRITER
— 18 international awards, incl. Grand Prix – Visions du Réel, Nyon, and Best Script – MediaWave, Győr

1997 **Chainsmoker**
Short · 10′ · 35mm · BR / ARTE · Tossell Pictures
WRITER · DIRECTOR
— Winner – Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau Short Film Award, 1997
— Winner – FIPA d'Argent, Biarritz 1998
— Winner – Grand Prix du Court Métrage, Valenciennes 1998
— Winner – International Canal+ Award, 1998
— Winner – Danzante de Bronce, Huesca 1998
— Winner – Multicurta Award, São Paulo 1998
— Certificate of Merit, Bombay 1998

ARTISTIC DIRECTION

2008–18 **The European Film Awards**
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & WRITER

EDUCATION

1990–95 **California Institute of the Arts** · Los Angeles
Master of Fine Arts, School of Film and Video · Mentor: Alexander Mackendrick

1992–93 **Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen** · Babelsberg
Exchange student, Directing · Mentor: Egon Günther

1989 **Acting Studio Maurice Sarrazin** · Paris
Acting

1986–88 **Rider College** · Lawrenceville, NJ
Bachelor of Arts, Journalism · cum laude

1987–88 **Hagen-Berghof Studio** · New York
Acting

MEMBERSHIPS & ROLES

European Film Academy – Member

European Women's Audiovisual Network (EWA) – Member

Bundesverband Regie (BVR) – Member

ProQuote Regie – Member

Verband Deutscher Drehbuchautoren (VDD) – Member

Tindra Film, Berlin – Founder