

ABOVE THE LINE



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FILMOGRAPHY (Selection)

2019	PROFESSIONALS - DANGER PAYS - SEASON 1	Production: Most Media Director: Oliver Schmitz 3 Episodes
2018	JENNY - ECHT GERECHT! - SEASON 2	RTL Production: Talpa Germany Fiction Writer: Sabrina Maria Roessel, Sabine Leipert Director: Oliver Schmitz 10 x 42 min, Folgen 15 - 18
	AMOKSPIEL	Sat.1 Production: TV60 Filmproduktion Writer: Christoph Busche Director: Oliver Schmitz ROMY Nominated for Best Actress Leading Role (2017)
2017	DAS PUBERTIER	ZDF Production: UFA Fiction Writer: David Ungureit Director: Oliver Schmitz 6 x 45 min, Episodes 1 - 3
	DER USEDOM - KRIMI - GEISTERSCHIFF	NDR Production: Polyphon Film und Fernsehgesellschaft Writer: Scarlett Kleint Director: Oliver Schmitz
	VON FALL ZU FALL - STUBBE - TOD AUF DER INSEL	ZDF Production: Polyphon Film und Fernsehgesellschaft Writer: Scarlett Kleint Director: Oliver Schmitz
2016	FAMILIE MIT HINDERNISSEN	MDR/ORF Production: Ariane Krampe Filmproduktion Writer: Sophia Krapoth Director: Oliver Schmitz
	LIEBLING, LASS DIE HÜHNER FREI	WDR Production: UFA Fiction Writer: Martin Douven Director: Oliver Schmitz
	SANKT MAIK	RTL Production: UFA Fiction Writer: Vivien Hoppe Director: Oliver Schmitz Pilot Nominated for Comedy Preis (2017)
2015	SHEPHERDS AND BUTCHERS	Production: Distant Horizon Writer: Brian Cox Director: Oliver Schmitz Marrakech International Filmfestival - Competition (2016) Sydney Film Festival (2016) South African Film and Television Awards Best Achievement in Directing (2017) South African Film and Television Best Feature Film Videovision Entertainment (2017) Afrika Film Festival Köln - Audience Award (2017) Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin - Panorama Audience Award 3. Prize (2016)
	DER USEDOM - KRIMI - SCHANDFLECK	NDR Production: Razor Film Director: Oliver Schmitz

2014	FRÜHLING - FRÜHLING IN WEIß	ZDF Production: UFA Fiction Writer: Natalie Scharf Director: Oliver Schmitz
	REIFF FÜR DIE INSEL - KATHARINA UND DER SCHÄFER	RBB Production: Nordfilm Writer: Marcus Hertneck Director: Oliver Schmitz
	ALLEIN UNTER ÄRZTEN	Sat.1 Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Caroline Hecht Director: Oliver Schmitz
2013	WILLKOMMEN IM CLUB	Sat.1 Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Kristin Derfler, Christoph Darnstädt Director: Oliver Schmitz Jupiter Award - Nominated for Best TV Movie (National) (2014)
	REIFF FÜR DIE INSEL KATHARINA UND DIE DÄNEN	RBB Production: Nordfilm Writer: Marcus Hertneck Director: Oliver Schmitz
	ALLE UNTER EINER TANNE	ARD/Degeto Production: UFA Fiction Writer: Lo Malinke, Philipp Müller Director: Oliver Schmitz
2012	ALLEIN UNTER NACHBARN	Sat.1 Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Carolin Hecht Director: Oliver Schmitz
	BELLA DILEMMA - DREI SIND EINER ZU VIEL	ZDF Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Stefan Kuhlmann, Sathyan Ramesh Director: Oliver Schmitz
2011	WILLKOMMEN IM KRIEG	Sat.1 Production: Ninety-Minute Film Writer: Christian Pötschke Director: Oliver Schmitz
2010	ALLEIN UNTER MÜTTERN	Sat.1 Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Carolin Hecht Director: Oliver Schmitz
2009-2010	LIFE, ABOVE ALL	Production: Dreamer Joint Venture (Distributor: Senator Film Verleih) Writer: Dennis Foon Director: Oliver Schmitz Festival de Cannes - Un Certain Regard, Prix Francois Chalais (2010) Dubai International Film Festival - Muhr Asia Africa Feature - Special Jury Prize (2010) National Board of Review New York - Top Five Foreign Films (2010) South African Film and Television Awards - a total of 9 Awards, including Best Director, Best Picture, Jury Award (2011) Academy Awards - Shortlist Best Foreign Language Film (2011) Filmfestival Granada CINES DE SUR - Audience Award (2011) The Leo Awards Canada - Best Screenplay (2011) Canberra International Filmfestival - Audience Award Best Picture International (2011)
2009	ALLEIN UNTER SCHÜLERN	Sat.1 Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Carolin Hecht Director: Oliver Schmitz Bayerischer Fernsehpreis - Best Screenplay & Newcomer Encouragement Award (2010)
2007	PARIS JE T'AIME - PLACE DES FÊTES	Production: Novem Production Writer and Director: Oliver Schmitz
	FLEISCH	ProSieben Production: Lionhart Filmproduktion Writer: Thomas Gaschler Director: Oliver Schmitz
	DOCTOR'S DIARY - STAFFEL 1	RTL Production: Polyphon Pictures Director: Oliver Schmitz 3 x 45 min Grimme-Preis (2009) Deutscher Fernsehpreis - Beste Serie (2008) Deutscher Comedypreis - Beste Serie (2008)
2006	DIE ARMEN MILLIONÄRE	RTL Production: Sanset Filmproduktion Director: Oliver Schmitz 2 x 45 min
	DOCTOR'S DIARY - STAFFEL 1	RTL Production: Polyphon Pictures Director: Oliver Schmitz Pilot

2005-2008	TÜRKISCH FÜR ANFÄNGER - SEASON 1 - 3	ARD/Degeto Production: H & V Entertainment Director: Oliver Schmitz 24 x 25 min
2005	GENERAL DAD	Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Carolin Hecht Director: Oliver Schmitz
2004	PRINZESSIN MACHT BLAU	ProSieben Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Jens Urban Director: Oliver Schmitz
	PLÖTZLICH BERÜHMT	ProSieben Production: Cologne Film Writer: Eva und Volker A. Zahn Director: Oliver Schmitz
2003	WAS SIE SCHON IMMER ÜBER SINGLES WISSEN WOLLTEN	RTL Production: Hager Moss Film Writer: Georg Heinzen Director: Oliver Schmitz
2002	DAS BESTE STÜCK	ProSieben Production: Janus Filmproduktion Writer: Sebastian Rix Director: Oliver Schmitz
2000	HIJACK STORIES	Production: Schlemmer Film Writer and Director: Oliver Schmitz "Bronze Tanit" Carthage Film Festival; Menzione Speciale, 12 Festival Cineaema Africano (2002)
1999	BOESMAN & LENA - THE MAKING OF	Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
	THE STORY	Production: Mehlo Films Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
1998	IN SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND	SABC Production: Ubuntu Productions Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
1997	JO'BURG STORIES	Arte Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary Prix du Documentaire , Vues d'Afrique, Montreal (1998)
1996	THE GODFAHTER OF SOWETO	SABC Writer: Oliver Schmitz Pilot
1995	RHYTHM AND RIGHTS	SABC Writer and Director: Oliver Schmitz
1994	NELSON MANDELA INAUGURATION	SABC Production: Afravision Production Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
1993	THE LINE	CHANNEL 4 Writer: Oliver Schmitz
	SHACKING UP	CHANNEL 4 Writer and Director: Oliver Schmitz Pilot
	DARK CITY	SABC Director: Oliver Schmitz Pilot
	VIDEO REVOLUTION	SABC Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
1990-1992	SOFT TARGETS	Production: Schlemmer Film Writer: Oliver Schmitz
1990	HLANGANANI	Production: Afravision Productions Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary
1989-1990	FRUITS OF DEFIANCE	Production: Afravision Productions Director: Oliver Schmitz
1988	THE PEOPLE'S POET	Production: Afravision Productions Director: Oliver Schmitz Documentary

1987

MAPANTSULA

Production: One Look Production
Writer and Director: Oliver Schmitz
South African Film & Television Awards Golden Horn - Best South African Film of the decade (2006)
Australian Human Rights Award (1990)
Interchurch Film Prize (1988)
Filmfest München (1988)
AA Vita Film Awards South Africa - Best Picture, Best Director & Best Script (1988)

THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Production: Afravision Productionis
Director: Oliver Schmitz
Documentary

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Script Supervisor for TV Series at Curious Pictures and SABC. (2000)

Directing and Scriptwriting Workshops in Finland and South African (1991 - 1995)

Director and Editor for the Anti-Apartheid-Documentary-Initiative AFRAVISION. (1987 - 1994)

Editor at WDR, Dortmund. (1985 - 1986)

Trainee as Editor at Momentum Films, Johannesburg. (1983 - 1984)

Co-Manager and DJ at the legendary Nightclub "Scratch", Cape Town (1980 - 1982)

BA Fine Arts at Michealis School of Fine Arts, University of Cape Town (1978 - 1982)

Exhibition "Art-pop Militants", Loader Street Galerie, Cape Town (1981)

Highschool-Graduation in Cape Town