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The Mysteries of the Brain

The brain is the nerve center of the human body. It is the point where all information from the body and its environment is collected and processed into reactions and memories. Everything we think, say or do is controlled by the brain, as are processes that occur without our conscious input, such as understanding what we are seeing or hearing, feeling joy or fear, or recognizing danger. Researching the workings of the human brain is an even greater scientific challenge than decoding the human genome.

264762

Documentary,
03 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

15 additional
episodes available

264762 016

Man or Machine: Creating an Artificial Brain

In recent decades cognitive research, neuroscience and imaging techniques have produced fundamental insights into the workings of the human brain.

These demonstrate the processing of environmental stimuli, memories and action triggers. Can this knowledge be used to lend awareness to robots and machines?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264762 017

False Memories: How the Brain Deceives Us

We often think we can remember particular events in exact detail. This makes it all the more astonishing how frequently our memories are far off the mark. Awareness, the formation of ideas and remembering and forgetting are highly efficient processes within the brain; but sometimes they produce illusions that appear to us to be very real.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264762 018

Hearing Voices in the Head

People who hear internal voices are often viewed as sick, disturbed, abnormal or schizophrenic. But from a historical point of view, this is a frequently documented phenomenon with some well-known sufferers. Scientific research into the condition has yielded some surprising insights: brain scans show that those affected do actually perceive the internal voices as an auditory experience. Why does our psyche sometimes speak to us in this way? And at what point is the phenomenon an indication of some form of mental illness?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



The Quest for Knowledge

Humans have always had a thirst for knowledge – whether it be to improve their lives and circumstances or out of sheer curiosity and the urge to get to the bottom of things. Without scientific discoveries, humanity would not have evolved at such a rapid pace. Life as we know it today would be unthinkable without the knowledge we gain through science and scholarship. Innovations and new insights are integrated into our lives in ever quicker succession. We watch scientists, engineers and inventors as they look for ways to increase human knowledge. These fascinating films accompany them in their Quest for Knowledge.

264700

Documentary,
04 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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264700 089

Testosterone: The Aggression Hormone?

Testosterone is the primary male sex hormone. It is often said that under its influence, men are driven by instinct and aggression. But recent studies tell a different story, finding that testosterone enables men to act strategically and promotes social behavior – even if that is aimed at boosting their own status. Conversely, the hormone is also influenced by social status and individual personality. The basic equation “testosterone equals aggression equals power” simply doesn’t add up.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 090

Avalanches in the Era of Climate Change

They can be hugely destructive and deadly. Avalanches kill around 100 people every year in the European Alps alone. Dendrologists, meteorologists and statisticians are looking for ways to spot the emergence of an avalanche in good time. The effects of climate change are making it even harder to model the risks. Undeterred, researchers are working tirelessly to develop early warning systems.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 091

Mona Lisa: The Woman Behind the Portrait

It may be the most famous painting in the world but it remains shrouded in mystery. The portrait by Leonardo da Vinci, exhibited in the Louvre in Paris, depicts a woman with an enigmatic smile and a captivating gaze. It is generally thought that the subject is Lisa del Giocondo, the wife of a wealthy Florentine merchant. But if so, why did the painting not end up in the possession of the merchant? Could it be that the Mona Lisa depicts someone else?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264700 092

The Healing Power of Cuddles: Why Touch is Healthy

Humans are social beings and need the company of other humans. Physical contact with other members of the species is also known to be very important. But some scientists go one step further: they say we need to be touched and even cuddled to stay healthy. There is a wealth of evidence to show that people who spend long periods in physical and mental isolation are more likely to succumb to illness. After all, touch is the first sense we acquire and the last to diminish when we age.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







TeleMed

Huge progress has been made in medicine over recent decades. For example, the discovery of fiber optics has made it possible to take a close look at the stomach and intestines. Magnetic resonance imaging creates three-dimensional images without using harmful X-rays. Advances in intensive care, transplantation and genetic engineering are making it possible to tackle diseases previously regarded as incurable. But there is still much uncharted scientific territory, for example with regard to diseases that have only emerged with our civilization.

264607

Documentary,
06 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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264607 093

Approaches to Osteoarthritis: Gentle Treatments for Joint Deterioration

Overloading and age-related wear and tear cause many people to experience joint pain. For some time now, it has been possible to replace entire joints with prostheses. But nowadays, more gentle treatments are achieving success with increasing frequency: for example, procedures to strengthen the cartilage or replace just the damaged parts of the joint with smaller prostheses.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 094

DNA Analysis: Perspectives for Modern Medicine

In recent years, it has become easier to have your own genome tested for personal risk factors. But just how reliable is this information and in which areas is it truly beneficial? Research shows that genetic dispositions often determine the efficacy of a particular medication. This means that in many cases, bespoke treatments can be put together in a bid to avoid side effects.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 095

The Long Arm of the Doc: Precision Surgery with New Robots

For many years now, robots have been used in operations involving joints, the bladder, the kidneys and the prostate gland. Up-to-date equipment of this kind now facilitates highly complex procedures in the stomach and chest area. The robots are controlled by surgeons. With the help of these devices, the surgeons are able to conduct operations with great precision – to the benefit of the patients.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 096

Crazy Hormones – Women and Men in Mid-Life

Women, and also many men, experience dramatic hormonal changes in middle age. Some people think of menopause as if it were a kind of illness. But from a medical perspective, it is a natural change in the body, albeit with sometimes unpleasant side effects. The jury is still out on whether hormone replacement therapy is appropriate in such cases.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 097

Tuberculosis – A Lurking Threat

In several countries it looked like TB had been almost vanquished, and then the incidence started rising again in recent years. It is a dangerous infectious disease. Misdiagnosis is not uncommon. What is more, some strains of the bacteria that cause TB are developing a resistance to antibiotics.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264607 098

Genetic Destinies – How Much Do We Need to Know?

How does knowing you have inherited a genetic defect affect your life? How much do we want to know about our future health? More and more often, doctors and patients are being confronted with questions such as these. Of particular concern to parents: are they passing on risks to future generations?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



Struggle for Survival

One in four species of mammal, one in eight species of bird and a third of all amphibian species are threatened with extinction. The diversity of life on our planet is declining at an alarming rate. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species shows that not enough is being done to save them. The number of species on it has increased dramatically. Immediate, drastic action is required to preserve valuable habitats and halt the extinction of species.

264702

Documentary,
05 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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264702 040

Replica Leopard Fur – A Unique Conservation Project

The southern African leopard population is decreasing at an alarming rate. One key factor: members of a religious community wear leopard skins, once reserved for Zulu kings, as ceremonial garments – and they need replacing every few years. Conservationists are helping church members switch to faux fur.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 041

The Alpine Ibex – A Success Story

The Alpine ibex was almost extinct two centuries ago, with just one hundred of them living in a single area of the Italian Alps. Thanks to conservation efforts and resettlement programs, this species of wild goat with its magnificent horns now numbers more than 30,000 and can once again be found throughout the Alps.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 042

Desert Observations – The Gobi Bear

The Gobi bear is an extremely rare sub-species of brown bear and is considered critically endangered. It's thought there are only 20-30 specimens left, living in a remote area of the Gobi Desert. But if they are to be protected, we need to find out more about them.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 043

Vipers – The Snake That Came in From the Cold

The common European viper or adder is a small poisonous snake found across Europe and Asia. It's special because it can also survive in northern climates, even beyond the Arctic Circle. While its total population is not under threat, the snake's habitat requirements are so specific it faces challenges on a regional level.

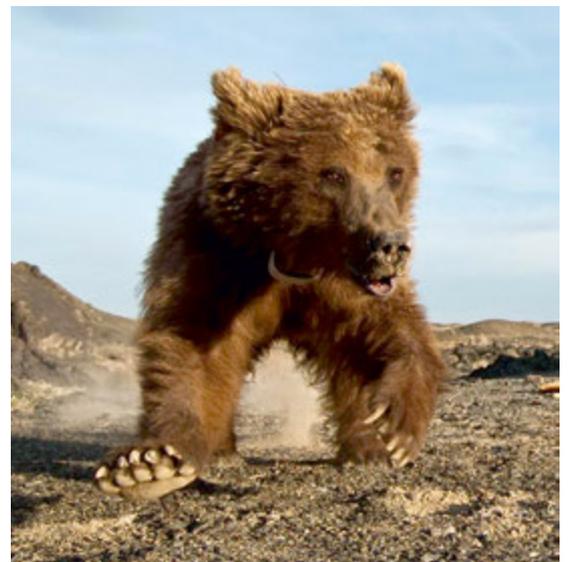
Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

264702 044

Lemurs in Need – The Last Silky Sifakas

The demand for prized hardwoods is threatening the forests of Madagascar and the animals living there. The north of the island is home to the last 250 silky sifakas, a species of lemur. Its mountain habitat is being destroyed and the entire species is in critical danger.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







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Global Ideas

Melting polar caps, devastating hurricanes, and rising sea levels. The changes ascribed to climate change are disheartening to say the least. Our series Global Ideas features people across the world who are pursuing innovative projects to counter global warming.

To reduce greenhouse gases, maintain biodiversity, provide food for thought, and promote effective action – these are the goals of the projects we profile. We present initiatives that are exemplary in character and creative in approach. Each show has four reports. All the projects are “best practice” models, featuring ideas worthy of emulation.

264753

Magazine,

05 x 30 min.,

2020, HD;

English, Spanish

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SAMPLE EPISODE OF A 30 MINUTE VERSION

Peru – Battling Wildlife Trafficking

At a market in Iquitos, Peru, all sorts of endangered animals are sold both dead and alive. Animal conservationists do what they can to rescue endangered species from wildlife traffickers.

Rwanda – Deforestation Threatens Rare Golden Monkeys

Golden monkeys are one of the rarest primate species in the world – but their habitat is threatened by people cutting down trees for firewood. More efficient stoves run on less fuel, so fewer trees are felled.

224768

Clips, 20 x 07 min.,

2020, HD;

Arabic, English,

German, Spanish

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Belize – Climate Friendly Farming

In Belize, woodlands are often burned to create fertile fields, but that releases vast amounts of CO² into the atmosphere. Now farmers are reviving traditional, more climate-friendly methods.

Kenya – Maasai Women Working as Rangers

The Maasai are nomadic pastoralists of East Africa. The Maasai women traditionally don't hold jobs. But now several are being trained to work as rangers around Amboseli National Park.



Assassination in Minsk

A Witness Speaks Out

864935

Documentary,
01 x 30 min.,

2020, HD;

English, Spanish

Political murders in Belarus: For the first time a witness has spoken out in an exclusive interview. Twenty years ago, three prominent members of the opposition disappeared without a trace. Back then rumors began to circulate that they had been assassinated by a death squad.

Were the three men Yuri Zakharenko, Viktor Gonchar and Anatoly Krasovsky, all members of the opposition, abducted and murdered by a hit squad in 1999? This is the rumor that has circulated ever since. Yet the presumed contract killings under the authoritarian leadership of President Alexander Lukashenko have never been proven. Now a key witness has come forward to shed light on the matter. At the time of the killings, Yuri G. was serving in a special unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Now he has revealed insider knowledge of the crime. He depicts the precise sequence of events, from the kidnappings to the disposal of the bodies. The former elite soldier names the culprits and admits to being an accessory to the murders. His information leaves little doubt that in 1999 government agencies in Minsk brutally eliminated the leaders of the opposition in Belarus. How do the relatives of the deceased react to this disclosure? What does it mean for the already tense relationship between Belarus and Europe? And what is it like to live with such guilt?

Between India and Pakistan

The Sikh Dilemma

864936

Documentary,
01 x 30 min.,

2020, HD;

Arabic, English, Spanish



India and Pakistan traditionally have hostile relations, but there is hope on one front, at least. In order to enable the Sikhs from India to make a pilgrimage to one of their holiest shrines, a "peace corridor" has been opened between the two countries.

Sikhs constitute the fourth largest religious community in India, but find themselves caught between India and Pakistan, between Hindus and Muslims. The majority of Sikhs worldwide live on the Indian subcontinent. The hostile relations between India and Pakistan since partition in 1947 meant that for decades Sikhs were unable to visit their holiest shrine.

Despite ongoing political tensions – especially concerning Kashmir – 73 years after their separation, India and Pakistan have fulfilled a promise that was made 20 years ago: on the occasion of the 550th birthday of the founder of their religion, Sikhs in India can now use a new border crossing to make a pilgrimage to the mausoleum of Guru Nanak in Kartarpur, Pakistan – four kilometers behind the border. The Kartarpur Corridor was opened on schedule by the prime ministers of the two countries – albeit not in a joint ceremony. Both spoke of a new "Peace Corridor". The opening of the corridor on 9 November 2019, the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, was no coincidence; Indian prime minister Narendra Modi directly compared the two historic events. This documentary accompanies an Indian Sikh who goes to Pakistan for the first time as part of a very special pilgrimage, while for outsiders also providing a better understanding of Sikhs as well as India and Pakistan.





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Full Report Zoom

824869
Report,
25 x 12 min.,
 2020, HD;
 Arabic, English,
 German, Spanish

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DW's on-the-ground reporters are always close to the action, be it covering international events or zooming in on the quirks of daily life. Camera always in hand, they report on the changes they see taking place in Europe and around the world. This represents a selection of reports from our ongoing series.

SAMPLE EPISODES

For a Free Future! – Young Hongkongers Rise Up

17-year-old Zack Ho should really be studying for his final exams. But Hong Kong's future is so important to him that he's spending most of his time on the street – protesting against a proposed extradition bill with hundreds of thousands of others.

Moon Mission – Matthias Maurer Prepares for Space

Matthias Maurer has always dreamed of being the first German on the moon. Out of 8,500 applicants who share the same dream, he was one of only 10 selected. Now, he's going through rigorous astronaut training.

Setting Foot on the Mainland – Joel Wants to go to University

Joel lives on Santa Cruz del Islote, a tiny island that's one of the most densely-populated on Earth. Despite the cramped conditions and poverty, most inhabitants stay. Joel hopes to get to the mainland, however, as he wants to study.

The Puppy Mafia – Europe's Canine Black Market

Stefan Klippstein is an expert on the dog trade. For over five years now, the volunteer animal welfarist has been rescuing dogs from smugglers. Millions of dogs are thought to be sold illegally in Europe every year.

Menzi's Dream – From Taxi Driver to Opera Star

A viral video can change everything. Minza Mngoma from Durban in South Africa worked as a taxi driver, and he treated his guests to arias and songs. After a former rider videoed his singing and uploaded it online, his phone won't stop ringing.

Mean Streets and Haute Couture – Diamantina Shows Off her Collection

The fashion designer Diamantina Arcoiris knowingly relocated her studio to Santa Fé, one of the most dangerous districts of Bogota. Crack, glue and alcohol abound; prostitution is rife. She gives them a chance to embroider her dresses and strut their stuff on the catwalk.

Dance! – Semyon Wants to Take the Stage

Semyon is a promising ballet pupil in eastern Russia, about to make his debut in "The Nutcracker" in Vladivostok. Even on breaks at home in Siberia, he trains every day – after taking care of the chickens.





Displaced

884926

Documentary,
03 x 60 min.,
2020, HD;
Arabic, English,
Spanish

According to the UN there are now more than 70 million refugees worldwide. The series Displaced focuses on the causes of this historical negative record and tells exemplary stories from different continents.

The documentaries draw attention to questions to which there are only complex answers – for example, about the links between international trade policy and migration, about the effects of the lifestyle of people in the northern hemisphere on their neighbors in the southern hemisphere, or why some countries become a political football for the great powers USA, Russia and China.

001

Oil and Ruin – The Venezuelan Exodus

Venezuela is experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Hunger is widespread and there is a severe shortage of medicines. The UN estimates that more than four million people have now fled what was once South America’s richest nation.

002

Ghana’s Bitter Fruit – Tomatoes, Dumping and Migration

What do tomatoes have to do with mass migration? Tomatoes are a poker chip in global trade policies. Subsidized products from the EU, China and elsewhere are sold at dumping prices, destroying markets and livelihoods in Africa in the process.

003

Drought and Floods – The Climate Exodus

More people around the world are fleeing from climate change than from war. If human-induced climate change continues at the current rate, the World Bank warns that by 2050 there could be as many as 180 million climate refugees.





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Classified: World War II

During World War Two, lies, propaganda and disinformation were the order of the day. What do we now know about the machinations of those involved, kept secret from the public for decades after the end of the conflict? What were the crimes that one simply didn't speak of, even if one was aware of them? What were the events that historians were only able to find out about years after they happened? New facts are coming to light all the time, whether about espionage, diplomatic contacts or economic ties. *Classified: World War II* tells the stories from this terrible war that aren't common knowledge.

364900

Documentary,
04 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

12 additional
episodes available

364900 013

Hollywood and the War

When the US entered World War Two in 1941, Americans accustomed to isolationism had to be convinced that this was the right move. To do this, the government in Washington turned to the movies. As a result, the Hollywood dream factory, focused on entertainment and profit, became a patriotic institution. Renowned directors, some of them refugees from the Nazis, dedicated themselves to documentaries and filmed on the frontline. What motivated them, how did they tread the fine line between reality and propaganda? From a modern perspective, not only is their unique footage an important historical resource, it also presents Hollywood in a new light.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 014

The Salvation of Paris

Paris, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, in flames, totally destroyed, reduced to a heap of rubble: a crazy vision that Adolf Hitler wanted to see realized when it became clear in August 1944 that the German Army would have to give up the French capital. It was incumbent upon the German commander of the city, General Dietrich von Choltitz, to carry out this order. He had already played a role in the extermination of the Jews in eastern Europe. Nevertheless, he defied the orders of the Führer, and became known as the Nazi general who spared Paris. But what do the facts tell us? Did von Choltitz have the military resources to carry out destruction on such a massive scale? Was his decision ethically motivated, or did he just want to save his own skin before the arrival of the Allied forces?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 015

Babies for the "Master Race"

One of the Nazis' goals was the salvation and supremacy of what they termed the "Nordic race". The annihilation of those they deemed inferior was just as much part of the grand plan as the establishment of homes for the birth and post-natal care of "racially valuable" and "genetically healthy" children, some of them the product of extramarital relationships between women and members of the SS. These children would be taken away from their parents and raised by families who were adherents of Nazism. The long-term goal was the formation of a kind of Nazi elite. The homes were run by an association called "Lebensborn", or "Fount of Life". More than 20,000 "Lebensborn" children were born in Germany and other European nations between 1936 and the end of the war. Their fate bears tragic witness to the Nazis' inhumane ideology.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

364900 016

Hitler's Death and Stalin's Secret

Once the Red Army had surrounded Berlin in mid-April 1945, the Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin ordered his men to capture his German counterpart Hitler alive at all costs. But this was not to be, because the Führer committed suicide in his bunker on April 30. His corpse was then burned. Thanks to a Russian interpreter and a German dental assistant, both of them women, the Soviets were able to identify Hitler's remains. Nevertheless, Stalin publicly maintained that Hitler's body had not been found. He also blamed his allies for supporting the Nazi leader's apparent escape. What were his intentions? And what happened to the two women who thought they had helped to establish the truth?

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish



The Art of Space

Green oases in the desert sands. Cool high-rise blocks and mythical gardens. Floating cities and underwater settlements. Skyscrapers and towers. Architecture in a category of its own, employing the most up-to-the-minute construction designs and traditional composition in natural spaces. From the breathtaking to the bizarre, the series *The Art of Space* shows the incredible variety of spatial experimentation being conducted today. It shines the spotlight on the risks and opportunities presented by the ever-changing face of our world.

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Documentary,
04 x 30 min.,
Arabic, English,
Spanish

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564704 080

Up in the Treetops – Living the High Life

For many, to have a hut up in the branches of a tree is a childhood dream. Treehouses open up new perspectives and are highly fashionable – and not just as holiday accommodation. More and more architects are creating prototypes for innovative, minimalist living in the midst of Nature. They can be very comfortable, supplied with electricity and water. Primarily in areas close to towns and cities, tree- and stilt houses aim to provide an alternative to conventional living.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 081

Architectural Mavericks – Coop Himmelb(l)au

The bold designs of the Vienna-based architectural practice Coop Himmelb(l)au provoke strong – and mixed – reactions. The architects enjoy international success. In their avantgarde designs, roofs become clouds and houses become crystal sculptures. They put up slanting walls, juxtapose horizontal and vertical features, explode surfaces and lines and make angular structures smash into roofs and facades like meteorites.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 082

Behind Prestigious Facades – Villas Past and Present

Villas designed by great architects are perhaps the most exclusive places to live. They are intended to convey the wealth, lifestyle and power of their owners. In southwest Germany there are many villas, both classical and modern in style, with colorful back stories. Nowadays, designing a villa often means adding smart technology as well as splendid gardens and a swimming pool.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish

564704 083

Tokyo – Building on Unstable Ground

Tokyo is hit by earthquakes and typhoons several times a year. Architects and urban planners aim to design buildings to withstand the forces of nature. Today, Tokyo is home to the world's most earthquake-resistant structures with ingenious motion-absorbing features, supporting carbon fiber rods and steel frames. Rooms are suspended from these frames allowing them to move when a quake strikes. Beneath the city, cavernous spaces have been created to take in water in the event of a typhoon.

Documentary, 30 min., 2020, HD; Arabic, English, Spanish







Euromaxx

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Euromaxx Architecture

European architecture stands out through an almost unparalleled pluralism of style. The striking buildings of the modern era are characterized sometimes by structural achievements or the innovative use of materials, sometimes by a special language of form. In view of such architectural variety, it is impossible to talk in terms of a pan-European style. Yet constants and popular stylistic devices can be identified. In postmodern architecture everything seems possible: from geometric cubes to organic domes, from neo-classical stylistic creations to futuristic constructions.

To a certain extent, the latest examples of postmodern European architecture pay homage to the old rule “form follows function”, which dominated all schools of architecture and design in the early 20th century.

We proudly present Euromaxx Architecture showcasing the most important and exciting and also the most controversial European buildings of the 20th and 21st centuries.

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Magazine,
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2020, HD;
English

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Libraries of the Future

Libraries don't have to be stuffy, boring places. In Europe, more and more are becoming hubs for communication and culture. With impressive architecture to boot! For example, libraries in Bilbao, Stuttgart and Tilburg in the Netherlands.

Minimalistic Living: Le Cabanon

Le Cabanon, built as a holiday cottage in 1952, is a minimalistic living module designed to meet the needs of the architect Le Corbusier. It's seen as model for today's tiny houses.

Alpine Architecture

Designing houses for the mountains involves special challenges. Werner Tscholl's straightforward and modern houses seem to float or segue into the slopes.

524881

Clips,
18 x 03-05 min.,
2020, HD;
Arabic

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The Gantry – London's Creative East

The former broadcast center for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London has become a technology park called The Gantry. Its proprietors have a special concept enabling them to offer attractive, affordable office space.

A Night in an Ice Hotel

Every year, the original Swedish “Icehotel” has to be built again from fresh snow and ice. It's the oldest hotel of its kind in the world. Guests have been coming here to spend a frosty night since 1989.

A City of Many Colors

The architecture of many cities is dominated by gray functional structures. Young photographer Paul Eis counters this dreary sight by coloring the buildings facades digitally in his images – with impressive results.







Euromaxx on Vacation

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Hiking for Beginners

Hiking used to be considered a little dull. But times have changed. Now, an increasing number of people are interested in exploring the great outdoors. There are even mountain treks for total beginners.

A Green Haven of Tranquility and Tolerance

Famous German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once sang the praises of the Garden Kingdom of Dessau-Wörlitz. Created in the 18th century, the park is now a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

What Romans Think of Rome

The eternal city and its ancient monuments are a major tourist magnet. And the Romans' pride in their city's long history is often quite apparent. Many residents earn livings as city guides, restorers or bar proprietors.

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41 x 03–05 min.,
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Wish You Were Here: 150 Years of Postcards

The first postcard was sent in 1869. And the short greetings are still popular today. Even in the age of text messaging and WhatsApp, snail-mail cards are still keeping us up-to-date and spreading cheer.

Davos Travel Tips from Meggin Leigh

Reporter Meggin Leigh takes a whirlwind tour of the Swiss resort village Davos. Highlights include a visit to the Parsenn ski area and an evening chilling out in the icy Igloo Bar.

A Berlin Monument With History

The Brandenburg Gate is more than just another historic highlight in the German capital. It has become a symbol of how Germany was divided and is now reunited. And it's the big photo opportunity in Berlin.





Faith Matters

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Faith provides many people with a framework for life and a moral code. This series offers insights into matters of faith, with reports on contemporary Catholic and Protestant communities around the world. The main focus is on the purpose of existence, Christian values and social responsibility, as well as contributions Christians make to society, culture and the arts. Faith Matters portrays the everyday life of Christians; it reports on the latest events in the Christian community and on the work of churches in Germany and worldwide.

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'Sign of Solidarity' – A Hospital Ship on the Amazon

The Papa Francisco is the best-equipped hospital ship in Brazil's Amazon Region. She was launched in August 2019. Her mission is to serve more than 1,000 isolated communities along the world's longest river – villages where there is no hospital and no doctor.

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Silent is the Grave – The Changing Landscape of German Cemeteries

Burial sites in all cultures speak loudly of the prevailing values and beliefs of the societies that design them. Germany's cemetery culture is unique. But it is currently changing. Many Germans are no longer choosing the time-honored cemetery for their final resting place; more and more people are seeking alternatives to the traditional family grave.

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Helping People Help Themselves – 50 Years of Kolping International

It started half a century ago with a campaign to provide vocational training for young Brazilians. Today the Catholic social services association Kolping International is a worldwide network with some 400,000 members in more than 60 countries.

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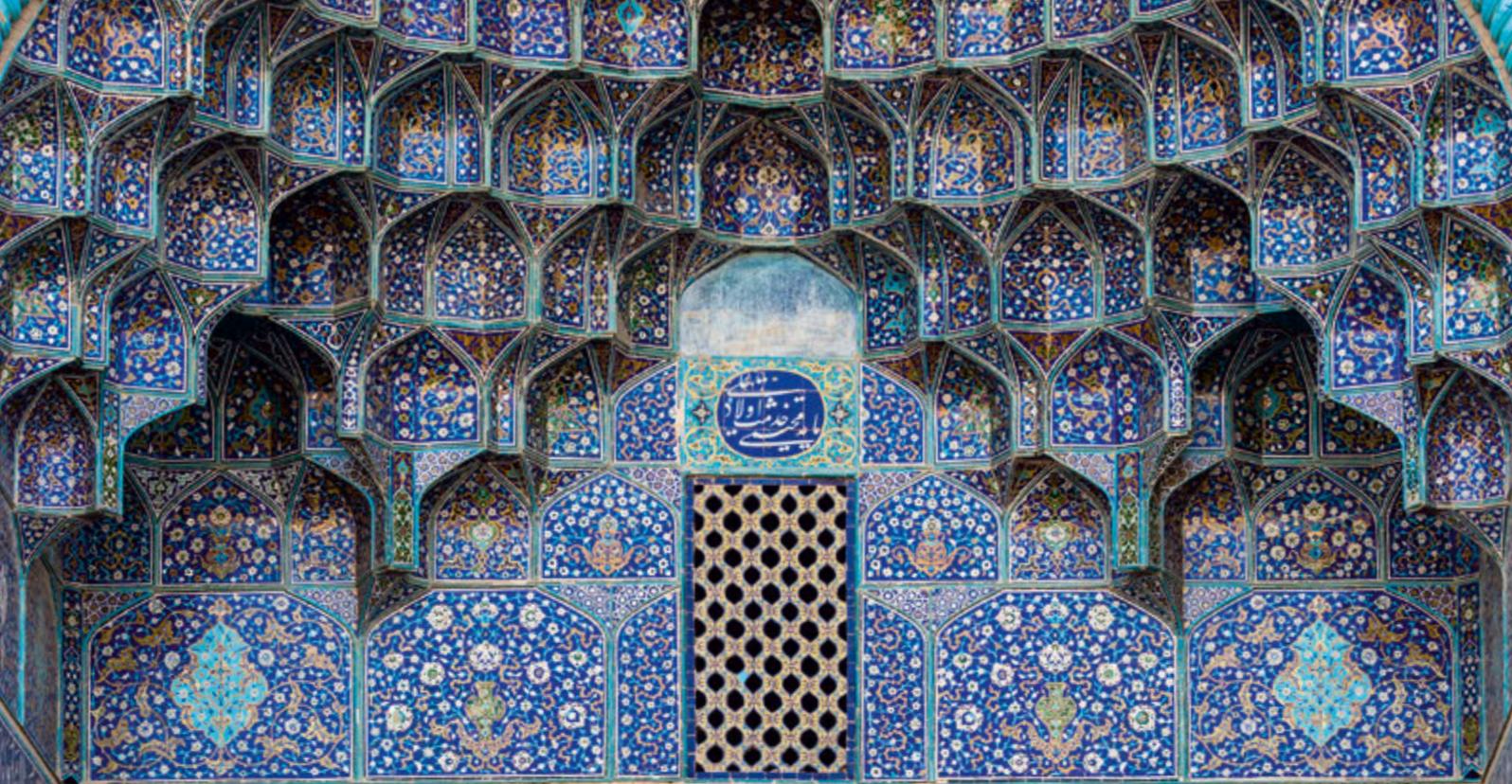
The Female Peacemakers – 50 Years of "Religions for Peace"

Religions for Peace (RfP) is an association of people representing members of diverse religions in more than 100 countries. This independent organization is committed to mediating in religious conflicts worldwide. RfP will be fifty-years-old in 2020. The endeavors of these women is only now receiving international recognition.

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Rabbi Schudrich's Miracle – Jewish Life in Poland

Jewish culture festivals, kosher restaurants, Klezmer bands and Jewish schools. This is Poland today – a country that had been crushed by Nazi Germany; its Jewish population almost entirely exterminated in Auschwitz-Birkenau and lesser-known German concentration camps. The revival of Jewish life here is little short of a miracle.



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A Window on ...

Cities are more than just a concentration of houses and people. Great cities have a very special appeal – not just for their residents, but also for visitors from all over the world. It is a joy to explore their beautiful buildings and public spaces, museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. Cities are also places where people go to realize their dreams, to live and to work. A Window on ... takes a look at some of the most fascinating cities in the world – as seen through the eyes of people fortunate enough to live in them.

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Ancient city of kings in the heart of Iran:
Between tradition and individualism
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Arts capital, financial hub, home of the Queen:
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Symphony for the World

Beethoven's Ninth

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Documentary,

01 x 90 min.,

2019, 4K;

English, German,

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Documentary,

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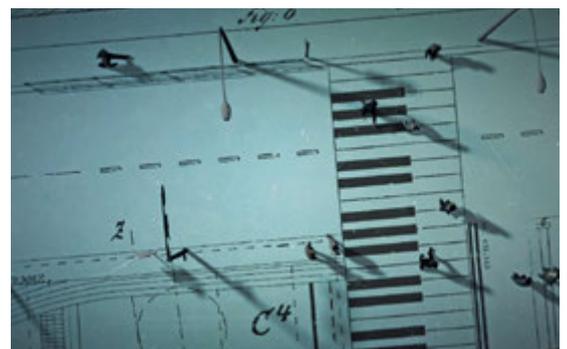
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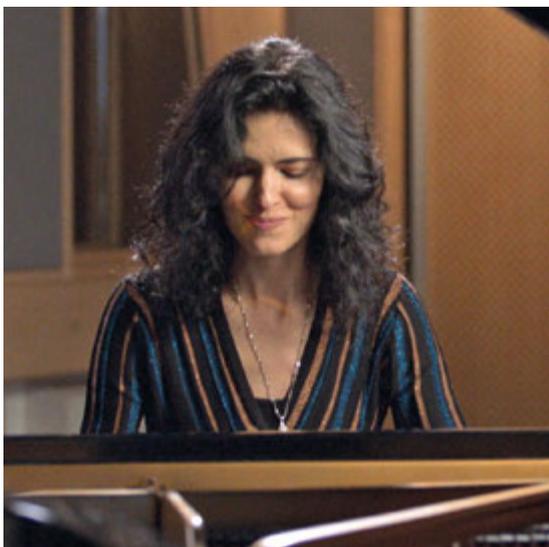
Ludwig van Beethoven's 9th Symphony is one of the most popular pieces of classical music in the world. Countless people are familiar with its Ode to Joy.

Beethoven composed it during a time of personal and political crisis. He was struggling financially and as his deafness worsened, his social isolation became yet more acute. He also suffered from worsening ill-health, partly caused by his consumption of wine apparently contaminated with lead. Beethoven completed the 9th Symphony in 1824. Thirty five years after the French Revolution ushered in liberty, equality and fraternity, there was little left of these aspirations in Europe. Instead, life was marked by war and oppression.

Despite the grim context in which it arose, the 9th Symphony leaves us fascinated, moved and elated by its creativity, its power and its culmination in the Ode to Joy. More than 160 years after it was written, Beethoven's hymn to brotherhood was adopted by the European Union as its official anthem. But Beethoven's Ninth is also met with enthusiasm far beyond the borders of Europe. What's the explanation for its enduring success? What is it about this work that fascinates people all over the world?

To mark the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony for the World travels around the globe from Europe to South America, Asia and Africa. We meet extraordinary musicians who interpret Beethoven's Ninth in new and different ways, sometimes forging ties to the musical tradition of their home countries. These musical encounters are profound and personal, yet they always draw us back to Beethoven himself and the turbulent times he lived in.





A World Without Beethoven?

Music Documentary with Sarah Willis

684933

Documentary,
01 x 90 min.,
2020, HD;
English, German

Celebrating Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday, the world is paying tribute to a cultural icon, a genius, a wildly popular composer – and a deeply radical artist who expanded the horizons of music and who engaged with the political upheavals of his time.

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Documentary,
01 x 52 min.,
2020, HD;
English, German

It is said that Beethoven changed the world. But what does that mean? Can an individual artist influence the course of (musical) history? And how do we gauge the extent of that influence? One way to find some answers might be to imagine a world in which there had been no Beethoven!

684930

Documentary,
02 x 45 min.,
2020, HD;
Arabic, English,
German, Spanish

How would the film composers of today set the mood without the nuances of instrumentation created by Beethoven in his symphonies? What would jazz be without the syncopation found in Beethoven's later works? And aren't all rock music riffs based on Beethoven's famous "da-da-da-daaa", the shocking opening notes of his 5th symphony?

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Clips,
07 x 10 min.,
2020, HD;
English, German

So Beethoven is clearly still with us. His works are performed around the world. He is an inspiration to artists who engage with politics. The anthem of the European Union derives from his 9th symphony. And he also wrote the first ever solo for horn!

Sarah Willis, French horn player with the Berlin Philharmonic and a well-known music educator, explores Beethoven's enduring influence in conversation with musicians and experts – among them film composer John Williams, jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, the Brazilian musician and former political refugee Chico Buarque, the multitalented Van Dyke Parks, rock guitarist Rudolf Schenker, and the director of the Vienna Musikverein concert hall Thomas Angyan. We also hear excerpts from works by the master himself.





Inspired by Nature

Beethoven Worldwide: the Pastoral Project

684931

Documentary,
01 x 52 min.,
2020, HD;
English, German

Ludwig van Beethoven loved nature. His 6th Symphony, the Pastoral, is an expression of this love; it is a celebration of Creation and at the same time a call for its protection and care.

The 250th birthday of the great composer is the occasion for a global art project against environmental destruction, with the Pastoral as its point of departure: What does Beethoven's music and its message still have to say to us in an era of climate change and species extinction? Some eight billion people share our planet. How can we ensure peaceful coexistence in the face of all the social and ecological challenges?

The Beethoven Pastoral Project calls on artists, civil society, governments, cities and communities across the world to propose answers. Musicians and ensembles on five continents are the protagonists of this DW documentary: Ricky Kej, Indian film composer and Grammy Award winner, is also a champion of environmental awareness in a country of extreme contrasts. He records his version of the Pastoral for us and takes us to visit a school in Delhi, where, with the help of his music, students learn about climate protection and sustainability. Brett Dean is a viola player and one of the most influential composers of contemporary classical music. He spent time in a national park at home in Australia to write his own Pastoral Symphony, which includes the song of the butcherbird, which he calls the most magical sound on the continent. Betty G. is a singer and songwriter from Ethiopia and a supporter of the UNHCR.

Her music, which incorporates the masinko or Ethiopian violin and the eskista dance, is firmly rooted in her country's musical traditions. Ethiopia is struggling with rural depopulation and burgeoning cities. Aterciopelados is a Grammy Award winning Colombian rock band. Its two members have long championed women's rights and environmental protection. The jazz quartet ADHD from Iceland are known for their low-key sense of humor; but their music can also express anger at how Iceland's natural beauty is being damaged by climate change. For example, the Okjokull glacier has melted away and been declared dead.





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