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PHARAOHS' GOLD

Documentary Series **4x45'**

WHERE DID THE WEALTH OF THE RICHEST PHARAOHS IN HISTORY COME FROM?

In ancient Egypt, some pharaohs amassed colossal fortunes - still visible today in giant temples, lavish tombs, and priceless treasures.

How did these god-kings build their economic empires? Why did some become far richer than others? By examining wealth as a lens into power, the film uncovers the political, religious, and military mechanics behind one of the world's oldest centralized states.

Each episode focuses on a single pharaoh, starting with an estimate of their treasure and tracing the story of how their fortune was built. Satellite archival footage, 3D CGI, expert analysis, archaeological finds, and breathtaking locations guide this immersive journey into eternal Egypt.

Ep 1: Thutmose III
Ep 2: Amenhotep III
Ep 3: Senusret III
Ep 4: Seti I

Directed by **François Pomès**
Produced by **Label News** for **RMC Découverte**

Delivery: **End of 2026**



SECRET TRACES OF EGYPT

Documentary Series **6x45'**

A 3,000-YEAR JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF PHARAONIC ARCHITECTURE

To understand ancient Egypt, you have to follow the Nile. Along its sacred banks, the pharaohs built one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever known. Today, its legendary monuments still echo with the brilliance, belief, and power of a people like no other.

What do these temples, pyramids, and necropolises reveal? Who built them, and why here? Monument by monument, the film explores the meteoric rise of this civilization - its faith, its rulers, its divisions, and its architectural genius.

The series will draw on iconic archaeological sites, the latest academic research, 2D and 3D animations, breathtaking footage, and expert insights. Each episode will unpack a key site to shed light on the legacy of a people who set out to build for eternity.

Ep 1: The revelations of the Giza plateau / Ep 2: The incredible necropolis of Saqqara / Ep 3: The hidden treasures of the Valley of the Kings / Ep 4: The secret pharaohs of Fayum / Ep 5: The building genius of Ramses II / Ep 6: The revelation of ancient Alexandria

Directed by **Anne-Fleur Delaistre & Jeanne Lefèvre**
Produced by **Label News** for **NOVO19**

Delivery: **Summer 2026**



EGYPT'S ATLANTIS: TREASURES OF A SUNKEN CITY

Documentary Film 2x45' & 90'

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EPIC UNRAVELS
THE MYSTERIES OF EGYPT'S SUNKEN CITY**

3,000 years ago, at the mouth of the Nile, stood a sumptuous, cosmopolitan and thriving port city: Thonis-Heracleion, symbol of the power and glory of ancient Egypt. Swallowed up by the waters of the Mediterranean in the 2nd century BC following a series of natural disasters, the city became a distant legend... until an exceptional discovery was made in the early 2000s.

In 2001, explorer Franck Goddio and his team brought archaeological remains to the surface of the Abu Qir Bay, including a two-meter stele. Since then, they have been exhuming treasures year after year – each more fascinating than the last. Today, we are embarking on one of the last expeditions of this prodigious mission.

With exclusive access to the current excavations, and thanks to the recent digitization of underwater archives and 3D reconstruction, this archaeological and scientific epic will bring this Egyptian Atlantis back to life and unravel its enduring mysteries.

Directed by **Anne-Fleur Delaistre & François Pomès**
Produced by **Label News for France Télévisions & Histoire TV**

Delivery: **Fall 2026**



THE PURSUIT OF KHUFU'S FUNERARY TREASURE

Documentary Film 52'

**COULD THE FUNERARY TREASURE OF KHUFU
STILL BE LYING BENEATH THE GREAT PYRAMID?**

Impressive and majestic, the Great Pyramid of Giza, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World still standing, has towered over Egypt for centuries. But a mystery remains: this colossal pyramid appears to be empty. Neither King Khufu's mummy nor his treasure have ever been found.

After researchers claimed to have found an “underground city” 600 meters deep beneath the pyramids of Giza in March 2025, the question arises: Could the tomb of Khufu be hidden under the Great pyramid - built during his reign?

Following the course of the Nile with leading international experts, and retracing the steps of the most iconic pharaohs, we set out in search of the treasure of Khufu. We will explore the king's pyramid, its interior, and iconic tombs, with the idea of a hidden treasure in the background, whose contours and location will be discussed with archaeological and editorial rigor.

Directed by **François Pomès**
Produced by **Label News for M6**

Delivery: **End of 2026**

CALIGULA: THE HIDDEN LEGACY

Documentary Film 2x52'

**CAPRICIOUS MEGALOMANIAC, CRUEL TYRANT OR VISIONARY
ARCHITECTURAL GENIUS, WHO REALLY WAS CALIGULA?**

Caligula. He only ruled the Roman Empire for 4 years, he was one of the most controversial Roman leaders in History, his name is a household word, synonymous with excess and tyranny, but was he really?

Recent archaeological discoveries allow us to reassess the legacy of this controversial emperor: the floating palaces found under Lake Nemi, the temple of Castor and Pollux, and in 2024 the discovery of the ruins of the imperial garden in Rome. Why did he undertake such outrageous projects? How could he orchestrate the transport of a colossal obelisk to the heart of Rome? How did these floating palaces mark underwater archaeology?

Through expert analysis and 3D modeling, we explore these impressive achievements. By meticulously tracing the construction process, this miniseries reveals how Caligula left an architectural legacy that defies simplistic and caricatured perceptions of the emperor's personality.

Directed by **Vivien Floris & Gokce Ozer**
Produced by **Alma Productions** for **Histoire TV,**
FTV Prima & TV5 Québec

Winner of the Best Pitch Award at MIPLONDON 2025

Delivery: **End of 2025**



Ancient History



BABYLON: THE TOWER TO THE HEAVENS

Documentary Film 52' & 70'

UNCOVER THE ARCHITECTURAL FEAT BEHIND THE MYTHICAL TOWER OF BABEL

In the second millennium BCE, in the heart of Babylon, the most famous city from ancient Mesopotamia, King Hammurabi launched a colossal project: the construction of the Etemenanki ziggurat, a gigantic tower intended to link the world of men with that of the gods.

Spanning over a thousand years of construction, this monument was a triumph of architecture and engineering: 90 meters wide by 90 meters high, seven levels crowned with a temple of six chapels, and visible from dozens of kilometers away. A symbol of Babylon's power, the Etemenanki inspired the biblical tale of the Tower of Babel – and ultimately shared its tragic fate.

But where does the universal myth end, and where does historical truth begin? With the insights of international experts, and thanks to 3D modeling and AI-generated animations, this film attempts to unravel the secrets of the tallest tower in all Antiquity, and of the legendary megacity that raised it.

Directed by **Thomas Risch**
Produced by **ZED** for **RMC Découverte**

Delivery: **Spring 2026**

Middle Ages



WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR: THE GREAT LANDING

Documentary Film 52'

RELIVE THE GREATEST LANDING IN MEDIEVAL HISTORY THAT CHANGED EUROPE'S DESTINY

In 1066, William, Duke of Normandy, launched the largest sea invasion of the Middle Ages in order to seize the English crown by force. This decision would trigger the greatest military invasion of the medieval world and change the course of European history forever.

How did William the Conqueror defeat his enemy and impose his rule on a foreign land? And how did this unique offensive lay the foundations for an all-powerful dynasty? At the heart of this monumental undertaking was his 40-meter-long flagship, the Mora, the centerpiece of an unprecedented fleet of 1,500 ships.

Through a combination of striking AI-generated historical reconstructions, the knowledge of historians, and on-site footage of experts currently working on rebuilding the legendary Mora piece by piece, this film will bring to life a thousand-year-old story that redrew the map of Europe, and whose consequences still resonate today.

Directed by **Camille de Brèvedent**
Produced by **ZED** for **NOVO19**
For the millennium of William the Conqueror's birth in 2027
Delivery: **End of 2026**



Middle Ages

KNUT, THE VIKING EMPEROR

Documentary Series 4x52'

THE FABULOUS EPIC OF A POWER-HUNGRY VIKING KING

On a quest to avenge his father, Knut the Great defied the odds to ascend to power. With cunning raids, fierce battles, and strategic alliances, he conquered England, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, forging an unprecedented union of Nordic and Anglo-Saxon lands and establishing a maritime empire spanning the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean.

An unmatched achievement that allowed him to secure lasting political and cultural control over Northern Europe and to become the ruler of the largest empire ever created by the Vikings.

A tale of warfare, blood and command, *Knut, the Viking Emperor*, is a deep dive inside the head of a military mastermind whose hunger for glory left an indelible mark on European history. An unprecedented experience in the world of the Vikings, made possible by visually stunning, fully AI-generated reconstructions designed in collaboration with historical advisors.

Ep 1: The Birth of a Viking Warrior

Ep 2: The Revenge of a Landless King

Ep 3: The Last Duel for England

Ep 4: Knut The Great, Master of Northern Europe

Directed by **Fabrice Buysschaert**
Produced by **ZED** for **Histoire TV, Sky History, SVT & ZDF Studios**

Delivery: **Summer 2026**



Middle Ages



BESIEGED FORTRESSES, LEGENDARY BATTLES - SEASON 3

Documentary Series **4x52' 4K**

UNRAVEL THE FALL OF FOUR STRONGHOLDS ONCE THOUGHT UNBEATABLE

Built on strategic sites, protected by imposing walls and revolutionary mechanisms, fortresses embody the genius of medieval builders. Technical prowess, exceptional know-how, colossal challenges... From their design to their construction techniques, the series reveals the secrets of megastructures, designed to be impregnable.

And yet, daring warlords managed to achieve the unthinkable: seize them. How did they do it? What strategies and war machines enabled them to triumph?

Thanks to stunning AI-generated images, and the expertise of specialists, we're immersed in a spectacular clash between the genius of the builders and the ingenuity of the invaders.

Ep 1: Salses: The Unbreachable Moat

Ep 2: The Citadel of Bitche: The Last Bastion of Resistance

Ep 3: Chinon: The Battle of Three Castles

Ep 4: The Siege of Breisach: Key to the Holy Roman Empire

Directed by **Sylvie Aguirre, Claire Denavarre, Linda Bendali
& Sophie Scala**

Produced by **ZED** for **NOVO19**

Delivery: **End of 2026**

Contemporary History



ATOMIC LOVE: THE JOLIOT-CURIE STORY

Documentary Series **6x26' & 3x52'**

THE GENIUS COUPLE WHO SECRETLY CREATED THE FRENCH ATOMIC BOMB

The story of the French atomic bomb is one of the Republic's best-kept secrets. Behind this epic story, which began with the discovery of artificial radioactivity and culminated in the dropping of the first French atomic bomb in Algeria, lies a couple of geniuses: Irène and Frédéric Joliot-Curie.

It's an extraordinary adventure, rarely told, spanning the tormented years between the wars, the Second World War and the Cold War, with its division of the world into two blocs. The story combines spectacular scientific discoveries, crucial military and geopolitical stakes, hopes, tragedies, secrets and the intimate wanderings of the couple behind this decisive breakthrough.

With its innovative direction - a mix of fictional sequences, archival sound recordings performed by actors, and a hybrid narrative featuring real/fake interviews with the Joliot-Curies - this series will reveal the dramatic tension at the heart of this visionary duo.

Directed by **Charles-Antoine de Rouvre**
Produced by **La Compagnie des Taxi-Brousse** for **Canal+**

For the 70th anniversary of Irène Joliot-Curie's death on March 17, 2026

Delivery: **End of 2025**





1946: TOKYO FILES

Documentary Film 52' & 60'

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT AN OVERSHADOWED TRIAL

In 1946, while the world focused on Nuremberg, another historic trial was unfolding in Tokyo to prosecute leaders of Imperial Japan. Yet, this trial remains largely forgotten, despite the horrific Pacific War that claimed nearly twenty million lives. Why was this trial overshadowed?

This documentary uncovers how the Tokyo Trial, meant to establish international justice after the war, was manipulated by the United States to serve its interests against the USSR. By sparing Emperor Hirohito to secure Japan as a strategic ally, the Americans compromised the ideal of impartial justice. This flawed trial still leaves deep wounds today between Japan and its neighbors, particularly China and South Korea.

Drawing from never-before-seen archives of French judge Bernard, sent to Tokyo to represent France, this film takes viewers behind the scenes of a forgotten trial. Expert interviews, restored footage, and untold stories reveal a clash between justice and politics, challenging our ability to truly learn from history.

Directed by **Cédric Condon**
Produced by **Kilaohm for France Télévisions**
For the 80th anniversary of the Trial (May 1946 - November 1948)
Delivery: **Fall 2025**



THE NAZIS' CUT AND RUN

Documentary Film 52'

HUNTED BY THE ALLIES AFTER WWII, MANY NAZIS ESCAPED OUT EUROPE SECRETLY HELPED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the end of WWII, Europe was in chaos, still haunted by the horrors of Holocaust, but determined to bring the Nazis to justice. The Allies compiled a list of approximately 30,000 war criminals which triggered a worldwide hunt of an unprecedented scale.

This turn of events caused many Nazis to attempt to flee the European continent. Secret networks were created that enabled between 5,000 and 10,000 of them to escape capture. Among them, were some of the most notorious: Dr. Josef Mengele, Auschwitz's "Angel of Death"; Adolf Eichmann, a key figure in the "Final Solution" genocide; Franz Stangl, who oversaw the Sobibor and Treblinka extermination camps; and Klaus Barbie, known as the "Butcher of Lyon". The search for these criminals has long been part of our collective speculation, fueling mysteries and theories. But the truth behind their escape from justice is almost unimaginable because they were aided by a powerful and surprising ally: the Catholic Church.

Probing the intricate network that helped Nazis flee via "ratlines", also known as "the monastery road", this documentary reveals how and why the Church played such a key role in their escape.

Directed by **Anne Véron**
Produced by **Alma Productions for France Télévisions, Histoire TV, Telewizja Polsat & SVT**

Delivery: **November 2025**

SCANDAL IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL

Documentary Film 52' 4K

HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COVERED MICHELANGELO'S PAINTINGS

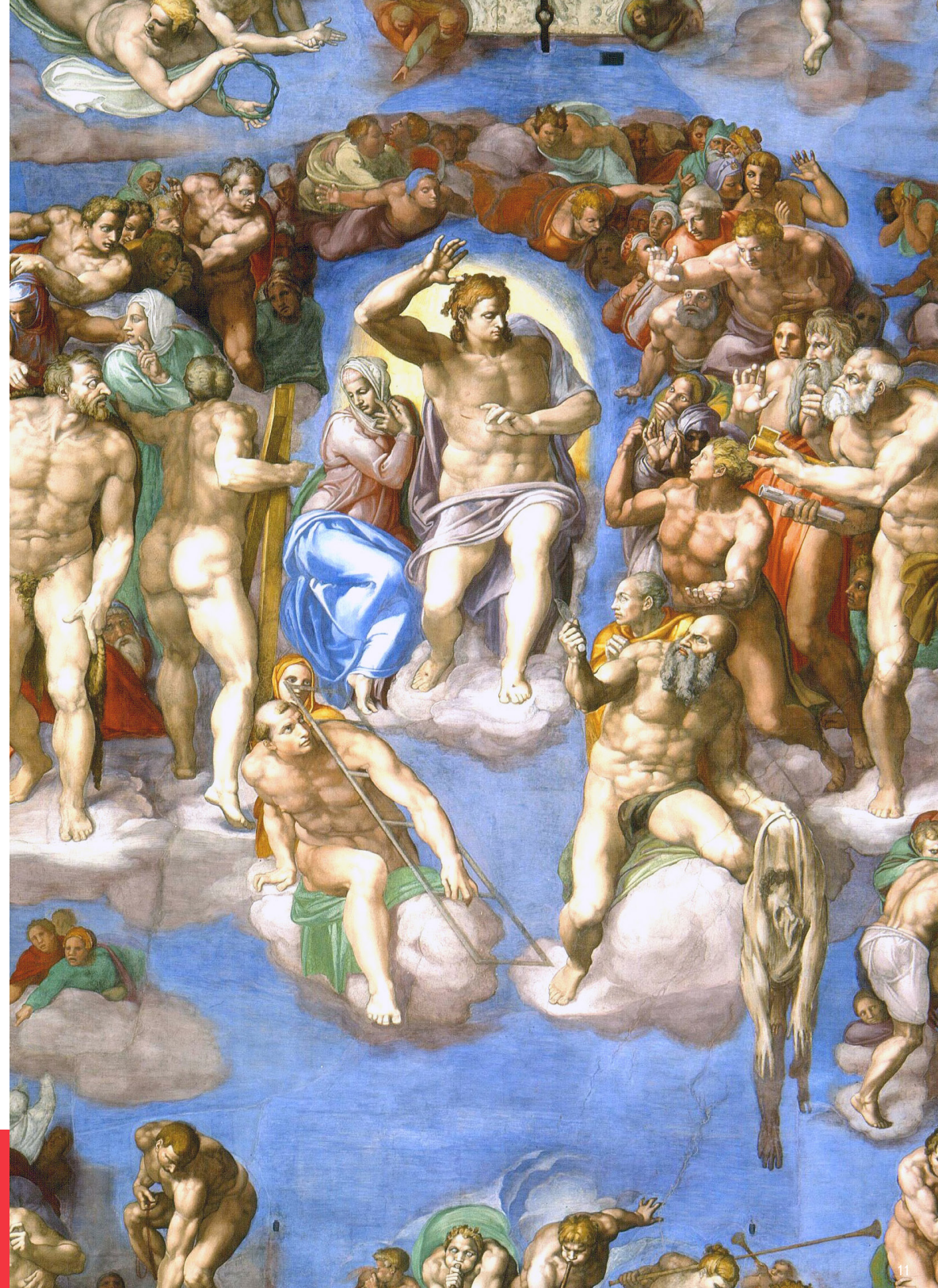
In 1563, Michelangelo's *The Last Judgment* was targeted by the Catholic Church's first official censorship based on perceptions of scandalous imagery and intended indecency. This monumental fresco, illustrated with naked bodies, had caused a shockwave throughout Europe. But, behind this scandal, a much larger war was being waged: the battle for authority and control over art.

This film explores the fundamental tensions of the Renaissance through this masterpiece and investigates artistic freedom versus authority, celebrating the body versus fears of desire, and conservative faith versus aesthetic choices. It reveals how Michelangelo, by painting naked flesh, touched the untouchable. Through him, we discover the reality of soft religious power and the dramatic beginnings of artistic censorship.

Incorporating expert analysis by art historians and biographers, and delving into archives and correspondence, we'll conduct a meticulous visual exploration of the fresco and a sensitive reinterpretation of its context. This documentary offers a new perspective on this iconic, legendary work and the history of Catholic censorship.

Directed by **Frédéric Biamonti**
Produced by **CFRT** for **ARTE France**

Delivery: **End of 2025**



Megastructure



THE (RE)BIRTH OF THE LOUVRE

Documentary Film **52' & 70'**

**THE WORLD'S GREATEST CULTURAL MEGASTRUCTURE
IS ON THE BRINK OF CHANGE**

The Louvre Museum has built its immensity on a history of metamorphoses. And even today, it must reinvent itself through a colossal project, "Louvre Renaissance," which will begin in 2026 to welcome even more visitors in 2031.

How did the Louvre become the largest museum in the world? And how will it remain so thanks to its dizzying transformation?

With a highly refined visual approach, this project is both an exploration of what the Louvre is and will be, and a captivating detour through its collections. With the help of international experts and key figures who keep the Louvre running, we will take a leap between the present, the future of the Louvre, and its past heritage. Digital technologies in 2D and 3D, along with VFX on real images will accompany sequences shot in the heart of the museum.

Directed by **François Pomès**
Produced by **Label News** for **NOVO19**

Delivery: **Spring 2026**



Historic & Scientific Adventures



REBUILDING MOSUL

Documentary Film **52' & 90'**

**A MAJOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT TO BRING
A WAR-TORN IRAQI CITY BACK TO LIFE**

Spring 2024, Mosul is buzzing with activity. Gigantic works are underway to rebuild what was destroyed: An entire city. Particular monuments are at the heart of the site's efforts and those of the scientific teams. Starting with the famous Al-Hadba leaning minaret, a national landmark that set the pace of life in the city since the 12th century, until it was partially demolished during war. But also the Al-Nuri mosque and the Al-Tahera church.

How do you revive the spirit of Mosul? How do you rebuild an entire city? While the war has taken its toll, it has also rekindled a common feeling: awareness of the incredible wealth of Mosul's heritage. And the need for the city to rise from its ashes.

With exceptional access to the construction sites, we follow this titanic reconstruction step by step, mobilizing Iraqi locals, site managers and international scientists - supported by UNESCO, the Louvre Museum, the Swiss ALIPH Foundation, the British Museum and the American Smithsonian Institute.

Directed by **Aurine Crémieu**
Produced by **ZED & UNESCO** for **ARTE France**

Delivery: **End of 2025**

Investigation & Politics

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THE BIBLE FORGERS

Documentary Film **2x45'**

HOW THE DISCOVERY OF BIBLICAL FRAGMENTS IS USED FOR IDEOLOGICAL PURPOSES

After the expectational discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Judean Desert in 1947, new biblical fragments deemed priceless have more recently been discovered, causing a worldwide craze. Since the early 2000s, auction houses have been buzzing with activity, with sacred manuscripts getting snatched up at gold prices by private collectors and the world's greatest museums. But the authenticity of these coveted relics is quickly called into question...

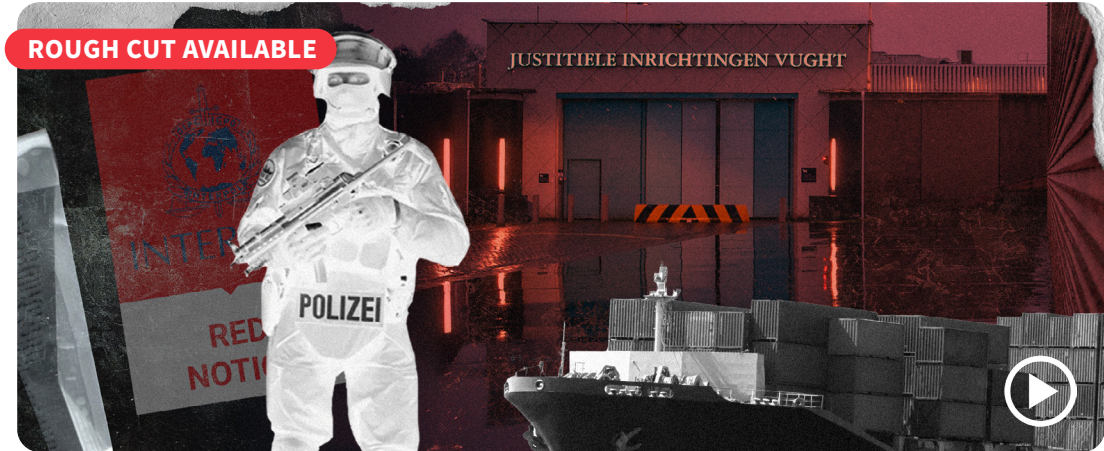
International experts - including archaeologists, chemists, antiquarians, epigraphists and museum curators - embark on a fascinating investigation to unravel the true nature and origin of these fragments. From Washington to Jerusalem, via Paris, Berlin and Oslo, we follow in their footsteps to shed light on the hidden side of the Bible.

At the crossroads of historical film and contemporary investigation, this documentary takes us on a captivating and incredible journey, where the Holy Scriptures rub shoulders with economic, ideological, political, and geopolitical interests.

Directed by **Rémi Lainé & Fanny Belvisi**
Produced by **ZED for ARTE France & Histoire TV**

Delivery: **September 2025**

ROUGH CUT AVAILABLE



EUROPEAN NARCOS

Documentary Film **2x52'**

THE RISE OF A MULTINATIONAL DRUG CARTEL IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Between 2019 and 2024, the largest criminal trial in Dutch history unfolded inside a heavily fortified courtroom in the suburbs of Amsterdam: the Marengo Trial. It exposed the inner workings of an ultra-violent, hyper-connected criminal organization, born from an alliance between street criminals, businessmen, cartel bosses and mafia figures. This unprecedented case laid bare a phenomenon rooted in the Netherlands that is now spreading across Europe.

Why has this new form of criminal power taken root in the Netherlands? By tracing the deep history of drug trafficking in Europe, this film exposes the colonial roots of the trade, the contradictions of Dutch drug policy, and the impact of globalization on a booming illicit market. It also questions the myths surrounding this "new mafia" and the limits of democratic states faced with such underground empires.

This in-depth investigation draws on rare archives and interviews with journalists, criminologists and customs officers. It offers a gripping dive into the criminal economy, at the crossroads of colonial legacy, unbridled capitalism and the erosion of the rule of law. The film sheds light on a relentless fight waged by law enforcement, showing it is no longer just a matter of security - it's a societal crisis.

Directed by **Christophe Bouquet & Mathieu Verboud**
Produced by **YAMI 2, Naoko Films & Umedia for ARTE & RTBF**

Delivery: **End of 2025**



Investigation & Politics



HOSTAGES IN LEBANON: WHO PULLED THE STRINGS?

Documentary Series **4x52'**

IRAN'S HOSTAGE-TAKING STRATEGY TO OBTAIN THE ATOMIC BOMB

The covert history of Iran's nuclear project dates back to the 1970s, with its main bias being hostage-taking. In the name of Iran's war of influence, and its absolute quest for the atom, Westerners were kidnapped. Locked up for years, they endured a truly horrifying ordeal in dreadful conditions of detention.

This was all part of a clever underground strategy masterminded by the Iranian mullahs and Lebanese militias. This secret plan mobilized all the Western secret services in a Beirut that had become a nest of spies amid the fracas of a fratricidal war. This story is at the heart of contemporary and future geopolitics, without anyone knowing anything about it. How did the Iranians use kidnapping to get what they wanted during the negotiations?

With the stories of each hostage, the forces of law and order, archives and evocations, the series will recount the details and implications of 4 hostage-takings of different nationalities, with the same sponsor in common: Iran.

Directed by **Isabelle Gendre**
Produced by **UPSIDE** for **Planète+**

Delivery: **End of 2025**

Science & Tech



EX(O)ISTENCE

Documentary Series **5x26' & 5x52' 4K**

UNKNOWN INTELLIGENCE, A COSMIC SEARCH

Since time immemorial, humanity has looked up at the sky, wondering if we are alone in the universe. The possibility of other forms of life - perhaps even advanced intelligences - is one of the greatest mysteries of our time.

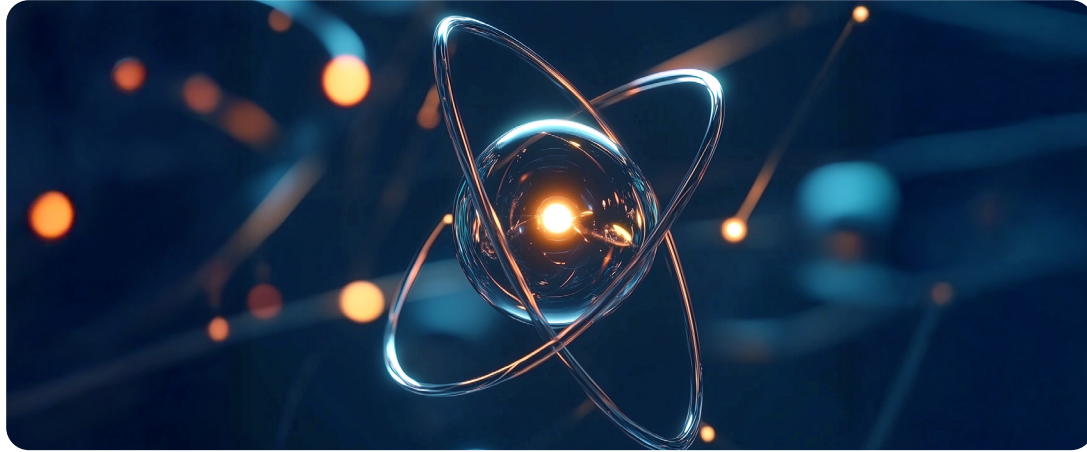
This series will translate complex ideas into clear and accessible language, while maintaining rigorous scientific accuracy. The search for extraterrestrial intelligence is not just a subject of science fiction; it is one of the deepest investigations we can undertake into the nature of the universe and our own place within it.

Through cutting-edge research, expert interviews, and an innovative visual approach, this series invites us a journey into the very heart of science and the meaning of existence itself.

Ep 1: The Spark of Life. A Universal Phenomenon?
Ep 2: Living Worlds: Planets as Laboratories of Life
Ep 3: Listening to the Stars: The Search for Alien Signals
Ep 4: Beyond Biology: The Future of Alien Intelligence
Ep 5: The Fermi Paradox

Directed by **Ruth Chao**
Produced by **Somadrome**

Delivery: **End of 2026**



CHASING HYDROGEN

Documentary Film **52' 4K**

IS NATURAL HYDROGEN REALLY THE ENERGY OF THE FUTURE?

Over the past few years, hydrogen has become a real social issue, with more and more reports on the subject and its use spreading in both transport and aerospace. But while its industrial production comes at the cost of heavy pollution, the discovery of natural hydrogen reservoirs around the world is raising hopes of an energy transition away from fossil fuels.

But what do we really know about this gas? What role does it play in the cycle of life? Is it a finite or renewable resource? Sometimes described as a miracle solution to the climate crisis, sometimes as an ecological mirage, natural hydrogen is above all a mystery, for the general public and researchers alike.

The race is on to expand our knowledge on hydrogen, before the industry gets hold of it. Current scientific missions promise a better understanding of our planet's mechanisms, at a time when it is crucial to reconcile the exploitation of resources with the preservation of living organisms.

Directed by **Denis Sneguirev**
Produced by **ZED for ARTE France**

Delivery: **End of 2025**



XENOGRAFTS: THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE?

Documentary Film **52' 4K**

WITH THE LACK OF DONORS, XENOTRANSPLANTATION CAN BE A SOLUTION TO SAVE MORE HUMAN LIVES

In 2022, surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical School achieved a medical miracle with the first successful transplant of a heart from a genetically modified pig into a man with incurable heart disease. Three years later, a woman - Towana Looney - broke records by becoming the first recipient of a pig kidney to live for more than two months.

Faced with a lack of donors, science is now considering transplanting an animal organ into a human. The risks of rejection and infection are among the many scientific challenges to be overcome. Other essential questions arise: Where is the ethical limit on manipulating the boundaries between humans and animals? Does the future of xenografts lie in breeding genetically modified pigs, or in growing human organs in pig bodies? What would be the consequences for the pig graft market?

In the USA, over 100,000 patients are currently waiting for an organ transplant. Every day in Europe, 18 patients who are candidates for organ transplants die for lack of donor organs. This scientific investigation reveals the inner workings of these medical advances, with their considerable ethical, human and economic consequences.

Directed by **Pierre-François Gaudry & Thierry Berrod**
Produced by **Mona Lisa Production & Wide Studios**
for **ARTE & MagellanTV**

Delivery: **June 2026**

Science & Tech



ONCE UPON A TIME: THE SCIENCE OF STORIES

Documentary Film 52'

FORGET HOMO SAPIENS: MAYBE WE ACTUALLY ARE HOMO FICTIONUS?

From cave paintings to contemporary blockbusters via mythology, telling stories has always been a fundamental part of our humanity. But why exactly do we love stories so much?

Today, neurologists, psychologists and historians are opening up exciting avenues of research on the subject. Whether listening to a podcast, watching a movie or contemplating a painting, stories exert a profound impact on our brains and emotions. What's more, they have played a decisive role in the evolution of our species! Some specialists claim they helped us emerge from prehistoric caves and forge societies.

Alongside international experts, we'll examine the profound and complex transformations that fiction can bring about in us, proving that humans are true storytellers.

Directed by **Vincent Amouroux**
Produced by **ZED for ARTE France**
With the support of the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

Delivery: **End of 2025**

Natural History



MARMOTS: WAR OF CLANS

Documentary Film 52'

CUTE BUT FEROCIOUS, THE ALPINE MARMOTS ENGAGE IN A MERCILESS TERRITORIAL BATTLE

Who would have thought that Alpine marmots, those sweet bundles of fluff, had a penchant for killing each other with teeth and stones? Yet this is precisely what unfolds in the breathtaking, though far from peaceful, Alpine landscapes where, for thousands of years, marmots have waged a ruthless clan war. Duels, beheadings, infanticide, adultery... These rodents will stop at nothing to assert their dominance over a burrow and its surrounding territory!

But today, with the acceleration of climate change, internecine conflicts are erupting within the clans themselves - threatening the very survival of this iconic Alpine species.

In a protected reserve at the heart of the Vanoise National Park, researchers are closely monitoring the rivalries that have pitted these fierce warriors against each other for generations. This documentary takes us deep into the world of the Alpine marmot - a paradoxical animal, as endearing as it is ferocious - while raising urgent questions about the future of the species in a rapidly changing environment.

Directed by **Matthias Abrantes**
Produced by **Alma Productions for ARTE France**

Delivery: **End of 2025**



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JAPANIMATION, 100 YEARS OF MASTERY

Documentary Film 2x52' & 4x30'

HOW HAS JAPANESE ANIMATION HAD SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL IMPACT?

For 50 years, characters from the most popular Japanese anime TV series and films have literally taken over the world. Displayed everywhere from our clothes to our tattoos, wallpapers and smartphone cases, San Goku, Luffy, Naruto or Totoro are beloved by the most hardcore fans as well as young and fresh newcomers.

But even though Japanimation is definitely part of our pop-culture, for many it still remains misunderstood, and fans aren't necessarily aware of its origin, and the craft that goes behind making such IPs.

To cover the History of Japanese animation industry, its impact and its evolution through the years, we imagined a series that will take us over 3 continents and meet the very best contributors in the industry: studio Execs, producers, directors, artists, mangaka, writers, journalists and experts - Inoxtag, Rintaro, Masao Maruyama, Manabu Otsuka, Wesley Louis, Naoko Yamada, Maciej Kuciara...- will help us better understand the key milestones, pillars and rules, that shaped Japanese animation.

- Ep 1: What is Japanimation
- Ep 2: The Anime Triumph
- Ep 3: Behind the Scenes
- Ep 4: Worldwide Impact

Directed by Colas Tran
Produced by **FIRST FRAME** for **France TV Slash**, **Culturebox** & **RTS**

Delivery: **October 2025**



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