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# Egyptology



## PHARAOS' GOLD

Documentary Series **4x45'**

### WHERE DID THE WEALTH OF THE RICHEST PHARAOS 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, Česká Televize**  
& **AMC Networks International Southern Europe**

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 100-pyramid construction site / Ep 2: The Hidden Structures of the Valley of the Kings / Ep 3: The Ramses - A Monumental Dynasty / Ep 4: The Secrets of the Builder Queens / Ep 5: The Temples of Egypt's last Kings / Ep 6: Karnak, the vast Cathedral of the Pharaohs

Directed by **Anne-Fleur Delaistre & Jeanne Lefèvre**  
Produced by **Label News** for **NOVO19, Česká Televize**,  
**AMC Networks International Southern Europe & FOXTEL**

Delivery: **Summer 2026**



# Egyptology



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
& AMC Networks International Southern Europe**

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, Česká Televize  
& AMC Networks International Southern Europe**

Delivery: **End of 2026**



# Ancient History

## SPARTACUS: THE MAN WHO SHOOK ROME

Documentary Film 2x52' & 2x70'

### THE EPIC DESTINY OF HISTORY'S MOST FEARSOME GLADIATOR

In 73 BC, Spartacus, a Thracian soldier taken prisoner by the Romans, was sold into slavery and forced to fight as a gladiator. Breaking free with a handful of companions, he was soon joined by thousands of slaves seeking liberty.

Rome dispatched its legions to extinguish the rebellion – but the fugitives had already transformed into a formidable army. At their head, Spartacus revealed an unexpected genius for strategy: ambushing Roman troops, outmaneuvering generals, and inflicting crushing defeats. A military brilliance that came with relentless brutality. As his forces swept through Italy, towns were pillaged and thousands perished. After the death of his closest ally Crixus, Spartacus exacted a chilling revenge, forcing 300 Roman prisoners to fight to the death like gladiators.

But after two years of astonishing victories, the tide turned. Trapped by converging legions, and refusing to surrender, Spartacus chose to fight a final battle – determined that, if he was to die, it would be as a free man.

Carried by AI-driven cinematic reconstructions and insights from leading experts, this film tells the epic rise and tragic fall of the man who defied the most powerful military machine of the ancient world and whose name became a legend.



Directed by **Fabrice Buyschaert**  
Produced by **ZED**

Delivery: **Spring 2027**



## THE ASSYRIAN EMPIRE: THE UNTOLD STORY

Documentary Film 52' & 90' 4K

### UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPERPOWER

It was the first superpower in history. A formidable empire that stretched its power from the Mediterranean to the frontiers of Iran, from the high plateaus of Anatolia to the lands of Egypt. Yet, until recently, it remained largely unknown.

Who were the Assyrians really? And how did they build, from Assur – a modest city-state of humble beginnings – one of the most powerful and feared empires of the ancient world, ruled by a dynasty of warrior-kings? Today, teams of archaeologists from around the world are conducting an unprecedented investigation to unlock the mysteries of this ancient civilization. In the course of their research, another truth emerges: that of a hinterland shaped by a monumental system of waterworks, where canals and aqueducts made water the secret weapon of the Assyrian cities.

With exclusive access to the excavations, and through AI-generated historical reconstructions, this documentary sets out to uncover the little-known story of one of the greatest empires in ancient Mesopotamia.



Directed by **Luis Miranda**  
Produced by **BambooDoc** for **France Télévisions & SBS**

Delivery: **Summer 2026**



# Ancient History

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## BABYLON: THE TOWER TO THE HEAVENS

Documentary Film 52' & 70' 4K

**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, AMC Networks  
International Southern Europe, Télé Québec & FOXTEL

Delivery: May 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 and the insights of experts, 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, TV5 Québec Canada & FOXTEL  
For the millennium of William the Conqueror's birth in 2027

Delivery: End of 2026



# Middle Ages

FIRST EPISODES AVAILABLE



## 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 Buyschaert**  
Produced by ZED for Histoire TV, Sky History,  
SVT, ZDF Studios, TCD, Radio Canada & FOXTEL

Delivery: **Summer 2026**

FIRST EPISODES AVAILABLE



## 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, Česká Televize & FOXTEL

Delivery: **End of 2026**



## KAMIKAZE, THE STORY

Documentary Film 2x45'

### THE OVERLOOKED STORY OF THE JAPANESE SOLDIERS WHO SACRIFICED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

During the Pacific War, special units of the Japanese Army organized suicide missions in an attempt to halt the US Navy's advance toward Japan. In total, no fewer than 4,000 pilots would plunge their planes into American ships at the cost of their lives.

Since the 1930s, militarist culture had permeated Japanese society and its soldiers. On this fertile ground, a subtle form of conditioning enabled the psychological subjugation of many young men during the Second World War. The kamikaze mission quickly became central to Japan's counteroffensive. It would last ten months, up to the very last day of the war.

Blending previously unseen archives, letters, poems, and wills written by pilots just before their ultimate mission, as well as the written accounts of those who survived, this documentary evokes the sacrifice of these kamikaze pilots in the name of a war lost from the start and tells the story from within of this little-known, large-scale operation.



Directed by **Marie-Pierre Camus**  
 Produced by **ZED for ARTE France & Canal+ Polska**

Delivery: **Early 2027**

## ENIGMA: DECODING THE THIRD REICH

Documentary Film 2x52'

### THE UNKNOWN STORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION, THAT CRACKED THE IMPENETRABLE NAZI CODE SYSTEM

Like a presage of today's era of cyber warfare, a fierce battle raged during the Second World War to break the first mechanical cipher in history: the Enigma machine. Everyone has heard of Enigma, and of the brilliant British mathematician Alan Turing, who changed the course of history by cracking Nazi radio communications.

But few realize that to crack the impenetrable code system used by the Nazis, a veritable army of shortwave specialists – French, Polish and British intelligence agents, mathematicians, and cryptographers – coordinated their capabilities in an unprecedented and largely unsung pan-European effort.

This ambitious miniseries sets out to cast new light on a history that is resolutely pan-European – one that has long been obscured by excessively nationalistic accounts of the Second World War. Only now are the achievements of these unsung heroes beginning to receive the recognition they deserve. Today, historians and experts from Poland, Great Britain, France and Germany, are joining forces to recover and celebrate the bonds that once united the protagonists of this extraordinary story.



Directed by **Rafael Lewandowski**  
Produced by **FACTORY DOCS, Zadig Productions, Manufactura Pictures**  
& **Vertigo** for **ARTE G.E.I.E.**

Delivery: **Summer 2027**



# History & Civilizations



## ELISABETTA SIRANI: QUEEN OF THE BAROQUE

Documentary Film 52'

### THE STORY OF A VIRTUOSA WHO BROKE BARRIERS FOR WOMEN IN ART

17<sup>th</sup>-century Bologna stood apart from other Italian cities by the place it allowed women in society, defying the conventions of the time. The city boasted three times as many professional women artists as either Rome or Venice, and twice as many as Florence. What's more, not all of them came from elite families. What made this sort of progress possible here, and not elsewhere?

At the time, one young Bolognese woman painter broke into a field long dominated by men: history painting - considered the most prestigious genre of all. Through technical skill, and a network of intellectuals and patrons, Elisabetta Sirani drew commissions from across Europe. A true pioneer who died prematurely at the young age of 27, her work - long overlooked - is now being brought back into the public eye.

Blending animation, rare archival material, and interviews with experts, this documentary reveals how a unique cultural setting and an extraordinary individual converged to challenge the social order and pave the way for women's emancipation.

Directed by **Christiane Ratiney & Yvan Gaillard**  
Produced by **Les Batelières Productions** for ARTE

Delivery: **Summer 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.

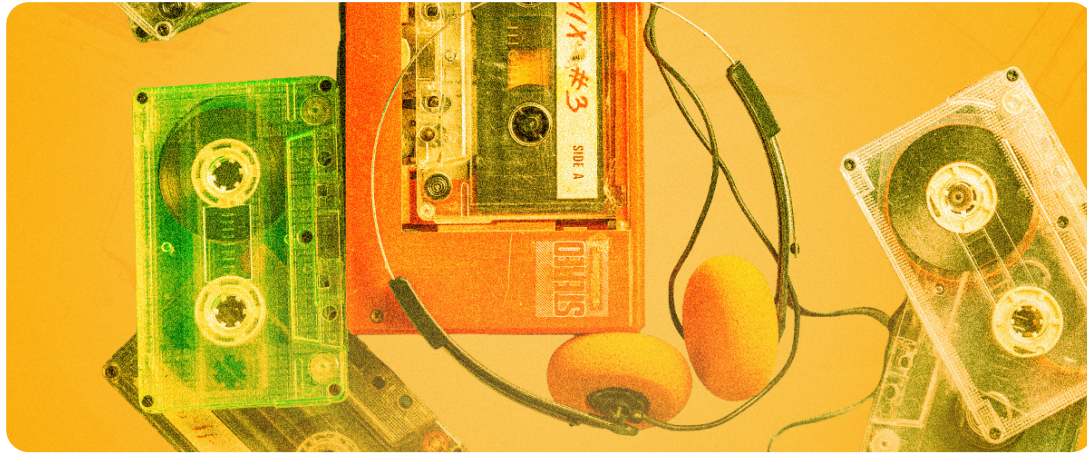
With its innovative direction - a mix of fictional sequences, archival sound recordings performed by actors, and a hybrid narrative featuring real/fake interviews with the Joliot-Curies - this series will reveal the dramatic tension at the heart of this visionary duo.

Directed by **Charles-Antoine de Rouvre**  
Produced by **La Compagnie des Taxi-Brousse**  
for **Canal+ & TV5 Québec**

Delivery: **Fall 2026**



# Contemporary History



## THE WALKMAN WAR

Documentary Film 52' & 70'

### THE UNTOLD BATTLE BEHIND THE DEVICE THAT CHANGED MUSIC FOREVER

In the early 1970s, moving between São Paulo, Milan, London, and Germany, Andreas Pavel invented the Stereobelt, the world's first personal stereo player. When the Japanese company Sony began selling its famous Walkman in 1979, a 20-year legal battle broke out between this unknown inventor and one of the most powerful electronics multinationals.

During this astounding trial, Pavel defended the perspective of someone who had achieved his vision - in which a device freed humanity to listen to music anywhere and anytime - nearly ten years before Sony introduced the Walkman. How did this unknown man, who claimed he was dispossessed by the multinational, successfully assert his rights?

Pavel looks back at this little-known battle, and gives us access to his personal archives. Now freed of their duty of confidentiality, the lawyers who were involved reveal what truly happened behind the scenes. In exploring this extraordinary case of a modern David vs. Goliath - a complex affair full of twists and turns - the film focuses on the true origin of an invention that revolutionized our relation to music.

Directed by **Régis Brochier**  
Produced by **TSVP for Planète+**

Delivery: **End of 2026**



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## ON THE HIPPIE TRAIL

Documentary Film 52'

### LOOKING BACK ON THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY OF AN ICONIC ERA THAT SHAPED A GENERATION

Between the mid-1950s and the late 1970s, hundreds of thousands of young Westerners set off by car, bus or even hitchhiking, on a 6,000-kilometer journey to Kathmandu. Belonging to the last generation of the baby boom, these backpackers longed to leave behind their parents' world, dominated by consumerism, colonialism, and the looming shadow of war.

This phenomenon, later dubbed the "Hippie Trail", was unprecedented: never before had so many people travelled solely in search of adventure, self-discovery and encounters with others. Far from being limited to the hippie movement alone, this odyssey was a complex, collective and intercultural experience - one that sheds new light on key moments in contemporary history.

Based on an exceptional trove of personal archives - Super 8 films, photographs, travel diaries, and more -, this documentary retraces the journey between Europe and Nepal, as seen through the eyes of those who made the journey. A compelling story that revisits one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most fascinating utopias, and its clash with historical reality.

Directed by **Nicolas Autheman**  
Produced by **Minimum Moderne for France Télévisions**

Delivery: **May 2026**



# Historic & Scientific Adventure

## CSI: THE BIRTH OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

Documentary Film 52' & 90' 4K

### HOW SCIENCE REVOLUTIONIZED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, science emerged as a revolutionary tool in criminal investigations. Pioneered by international experts, this new approach propelled solving crimes into a brand-new era.

From Paris to London, from Graz to Buenos Aires, a handful of pioneers developed groundbreaking methods that included fingerprinting, ballistics analysis, anthropometry, and the interpretation of physical analysis to create what is now known as forensic science. Every criminal case became an innovative laboratory that transformed judicial investigation. Physical evidence replaced confessions as the cornerstones of truth, championed by strong personalities. Felons now engaged in a cat-and-mouse game with these first “experts” of forensic criminology, and each case advanced the body of knowledge that is still used today.

This documentary exposes the rise of forensic science and how its use radically transformed criminal justice. By retracing this epic story, we'll reveal how 19<sup>th</sup>-century discoveries solve police investigations today.



Directed by **Mathieu Schwartz**  
Produced by **TSVP** for **ARTE France**

Delivery: **End of 2026**



# Historic & Scientific Adventure



## ANCIENT BLING

Documentary Film **52' & 90' 4K**

### THE MAJOR DISCOVERY OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST JEWELRY RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR ORIGINS

In a lost cave in southern Morocco, a team of scientists has uncovered what could be the oldest piece of jewelry known to humanity. These tiny perforated shells, decorated and worn as adornments 150,000 years ago, are revolutionizing our understanding of the emergence of symbols, art, and culture in Homo sapiens.

These ornaments may well constitute the first tangible evidence of symbolic behavior, challenging our assumptions and potentially repositioning North Africa as a central cradle of human innovation in Prehistory. Through ongoing excavations, we follow the trail of a major archaeological discovery, revealing how a modest artifact can overturn an entire narrative about our origins.

Through immersive storytelling, CGI reconstructions, and a deep dive into the gestures of the earliest makers of symbolic objects, we reveal how these marine beads bear witness to the very first forms of abstract thought, social communication, and identity.

Directed by **Robin Bicknell**  
Produced by **Bellota Films & Yap Films** for **ARTE France**

Delivery: **Summer 2027**

# Megastructure



## MEDITERRANEAN MEGASTRUCTURES

Documentary Series **3x60'**

### EXPLORING THREE MEDITERRANEAN MARVELS OF ENGINEERING

The Mediterranean basin is home to some of France's most remarkable feats of engineering, including the Marseille canal winding through Provence, the 2,000-kilometers of sewers running below the city, and the mythical "Autoroute du Soleil" (Highway of the Sun) connecting Paris and Marseille, used by 80 million vehicles per year.

How were these megastructures designed and built? What challenges did the engineers of the past have to face? How are today's engineers reinventing these structures in light of future challenges?

Combining 3D imagery, expert insight, and on-site footage of colossal infrastructure, the series reveals the hidden stories and inner workings of the extraordinary constructions that shape the Mediterranean area.

- Ep 1: French Highways: Epic Engineering
- Ep 2: Marseille: Mastering Water
- Ep 3: Marseille's Sewer System

Directed by **Olivier Mirguet & Franck Gombert**  
Produced by **La Famiglia** for **NOVO19**

Delivery: **Mid-2026**



# Investigation & Politics

## CIA: INSIDE THE AFTERMATH OF 9/11

Documentary Series **3x45'**

**AFTER THE SHOCK OF 9/11, THE CIA WAS PERMANENTLY RESHAPED TO ELIMINATE THE TERRORIST THREAT, AT ANY COST**

September 11, 2001: the first attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor. In its aftermath, the CIA - tasked by the White House with leading the response - transformed into a paramilitary outfit with an unprecedented mandate: eliminate the terrorist threat by any means necessary.

From the lightning-fast invasion of Afghanistan (2001) to the Taliban's humiliating return (2021), from the killing of Bin Laden (2011) to the rise of ISIS (2014)... Former spies, officers, analysts, and directors of the world's largest intelligence agency break their silence and reveal the inner workings of this secret war.

Through rare and sometimes never-before-heard accounts from American intelligence figures in particular, we'll plunge into the covert operations that shook the US foundations. It'll show how the quest for security tipped us into a new era. Let's enter the backstage of a realm steeped in secrets and contradictions.

Ep 1: From Shock to Total War

Ep 2: Chaos, Alliances, and New Monsters

Ep 3: Manipulation and Fiascos

Directed by **Antoine Mariotti & Manuel Guillon**  
Produced by **Tohubohu** for **France Télévisions, Canal+ Polska,**  
**Radio Canada & FOXTEL**

For the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks  
Delivery: **Summer 2026**



# Investigation & Politics



## EUROPE AWAKENS

Documentary Series **3x45' & 2x52'**

**EUROPE BELIEVED IT HAD BANISHED WAR FROM ITS HORIZON  
BUT MUST ONCE AGAIN THINK OF ITSELF AS A POWER**

Thirty-five years after the euphoria of 1989 and the promise of perpetual peace founded on trade, Europe is discovering that it must once again think of itself as a power. The invasion of Ukraine, the return of Russian imperial logic, and the American shift have shattered the illusion of a Europe protected by History.

From the end of the Cold War to the shock of 2022, the series explores a geopolitical transformation long postponed - strategic dependence on NATO, fractures between East and West, and the shift of Europe's beating heart toward its eastern flank. What does Europe now seek to defend? At what democratic, industrial, and political cost can it become a sovereign military power?

Drawing on major archives, testimony from political, diplomatic, and military decision-makers, and analysis by European experts, this documentary series retraces the continent's geopolitical awakening and examines a moment of truth - the moment when Europe must choose between becoming an actor or once again becoming a battlefield.

Directed by **Muriel Domenach & Ruth Zylberman**  
Produced by **Zadig Productions** for ARTE

Delivery: **Early 2027**

# Science & Tech



## 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: **Summer 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: **Summer 2026**

# Nature



## 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: **Summer 2026**





## ON THE WINGS OF THE HARPY EAGLE

Documentary Film 52'

### A JOURNEY INTO THE AMAZON IN SEARCH OF A GIANT RAPTOR

The harpy eagle is one of the largest and most powerful raptors in the South American rainforest. This majestic species plays a key role in maintaining the balance of an entire ecosystem by regulating its prey population. Today, its protection has become a major challenge, as humans - its only predator - have devastated its habitat.

Christine Morrier, a renowned zoologist, travels to Ecuador to meet Ruth Muñiz, a leading specialist in birds of prey. United by the same hope of observing this elusive bird of prey up close, and alerted by activity detected in a monitored nest, the two women set out on an expedition into the heart of the Amazon rainforest.

Alongside them, we follow the trail of the enigmatic harpy eagle, discovering an environment that is both rich and fragile. Along the way, we will meet the communities working to protect this species - a true living symbol of the forest and the wild.

Directed by **Denis Sneguirev**  
Produced by **Arturo Mio** for ARTE France

Delivery: **End of 2026**



## BEAVERS: HEALERS OF RIVERS

Documentary Film 52'

### WHEN BEAVER INGENUITY LEADS THE WAY TO RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS

When a beaver couple made their home in a river, below an experimental farm perched atop a dry mountain in the Drôme department of France, the agronomist and farmer Marco Forconi saw it as a tremendous opportunity for bio-inspiration. He and his partners decided to give the plot of land over to the two rodents. The result? A cool and humid haven spread around the river, with no human or financial contribution.

Could beavers hold the key to restoring the valley's ecosystems by creating new branches between waterways?

But after their dams upstream were destroyed, the rodent couple disappeared. Determined to have them return, Marco set out to investigate with scientists, rural communities, and environmental actors. His goal was to learn how to "cultivate water" like beavers, and to mobilize the entire Drôme drainage basin as part of a citizenled movement for their return.

Directed by **Coraline Molinié & Chloé Henry-Biabaud**  
Produced by **CICADA Production** for ARTE

Delivery: **Summer 2026**

# Our Planet



## SUPER SEEDS

Documentary Film 4x52' 4K

### HOW DID SEEDS SHAPE OUR CIVILIZATIONS AND LANDSCAPES?

Over centuries, four critical seeds have become the pillars of our global diet. Rice, wheat, beans and peanuts are nutritious, easy to store, water efficient and endlessly versatile... They've conquered the planet!

Today's seeds are larger, more nutritious, more resistant to disease and pests - and they're even more beautiful - as the result of generations of careful selection. And what's more: they command spectacular landscapes wherever they're planted!

This documentary series travels the globe to meet the men and women who grow and use these seeds for food, health, or even rituals. Through their stories and expertise, each episode reveals the deep and enduring connection between humans and seeds. Throughout the journey, we'll also meet botanists, agronomists, or geneticists now pioneering ways to further improve them, preparing us for a growing population amidst climate upheaval.

Ep 1: Wheat, Champion of Transformation / Ep 2: Peanut, the Protein Powerhouse  
Ep 3: Rice, Master of Water / Ep 4: Bean, The Climber of the Garden

Directed by **Sacha Bollet, Benoit Demarle & Sarah Laîné**  
Produced by **ZED for ARTE France**

Delivery: **Early 2027**



## RAONI, AMAZONIAN WARRIOR

Documentary Film 52' & 70' 4K

### AN INDIGENOUS LEADER'S FIGHT TO SAVE THE AMAZON

In Brazil, where deforestation advances at a brutal pace, the Xingu Reserve still stands strong, home to unique biodiversity and a mosaic of Indigenous cultures. For generations, the Kayapo have defended this land with all their strength. And for the past 50 years, Raoni Metuktire has been the voice of their struggle.

Throughout his life, the last great Kayapo chief has never ceased to denounce the dangers threatening the Amazon rainforest and its peoples. Able to unite Indigenous peoples and engage with the world's powerful leaders, he has become a symbol of awakening to a crisis that is urgent and undeniable. Now over 90, he is passing the torch to a new generation of Kayapo activists determined to keep up the resistance.

Thanks to exclusive access to Raoni, and by blending immersive footage with precious archives, this film will retrace his incredible story, while following him on a final journey across the Xingu River to a sacred ceremony - the Kuarup.

Directed by **Alexandre Bouchet**  
Produced by **Yemaya Productions for Ushuaïa TV**

Delivery: **Summer 2026**



## MARTIAL RAYSSÉ

Documentary Film 52'

### A RARE INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF A LIVING LEGEND OF FRENCH ART

Martial Raysse, 90, ranks among the most highly valued living French artists in the world. His works have been exhibited in major international museums, from the Centre Pompidou to MoMa, passing by the Tate Gallery in London.

A leading figure in contemporary art, he has nevertheless remained a lifelong rebel, pushing boundaries through constant experimentation and radical shifts. A precursor of French Pop Art in the early 1960s, he achieved early acclaim with artworks that challenged consumer society. Shunning the spotlight, he then turned his back to the art world in favor of communal living, devoting himself to experimental filmmaking and the creation of poetic objects. He later returned to painting with monumental canvases that unfold a unique vision blending the everyday with the marvelous.

In this documentary, Martial Raysse opens the doors on his studio in Southern France for a rare and intimate conservation – enriched by testimonies of collaborators and close ones. A portrait that draws us deep into the life and work of a singular artist in perpetual reinvention.



Directed by **Stéphane Berthomieux**  
Produced by **Kcraft&Co & Legato Films** for **France Télévisions**

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