



DANIEL ANDREAS SAGER

Daniel Sager is a film director and producer. He creates documentary films for cinema, streaming platforms and tv. He covered stories from war-torn and crisis regions, including Ukraine, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, South Sudan, Mexico or Colombia.

Born in Berlin and raised in Moscow, he studied ethnology and philosophy before embarking on his film directing studies at the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg. His diploma film, "THE LONG DISTANCE," received the First Steps Award. His debut film, "BEHIND THE HEADLINES," was shortlisted for the German Film Award. His latest film, "INVENTING TRUTH," about one of the biggest media scandals of our time, had its world premiere at the CPH:DOX Film Festival in Copenhagen. Daniel is currently preparing his first fiction feature film. www.danielsager.com

FILMOGRAPHY

(IN PRODUCTION) **WHEN IT BLEEDS** (Germany) Fictional Film 90', ZDF/ARTE

2024 **YOUNG JOURNALIST IN UKR** (Ukraine) TV-Dokumentary, 30', ZDF

2023 **DANGEROUS COCAINE HARVEST** (Colombia) TV-Documentary, 30', SRF/3Sat

2023 **INVENTING TRUTH** (Germany, USA, Iraq) Cinema Documentary 90', SKY

- * Word Premier: CPH:DOX 2023, Copenhagen
- * Winner: Deutscher Fernsehpreis: Best Camera
- * Journalismusfest Innsbruck
- * Watch Docs Human Rights Film Festival, Warsaw
- * Solidarity Human Rights Film Festival, Tel Aviv

2022 **HELP IN CRISIS ZONES** (South Sudan, Sudan, Germany) TV-Documentary, 30', ZDF

2022 **COCAIN FOR GERMANY** (Spain, Kenya, Germany) TV-Documentary, 45', ZDF

2021 **BEHIND THE HEADLINES** (Russia, Israel, USA, Malta, France, Ger) Cinema Documentary, 90', ZDF

- * Theatrical Release Germany / Austria: September 2021
- * Shortlisted for Lola 2021 (Deutscher Filmpreis)
- * Word Premier: CPH:DOX 2021, F:act Awards Competition, Copenhagen
- * HotDocs Documentary Filmfestival, Canada
- * Germany Premier: DokFest Munich, Germany
- * Audience Award Bolzano Film Festival Bozen, Italy
- * Kassel Documentary Film Festival, Germany
- * Crossing Europe Film Festival, Austria
- * Vancouver International Film Festival, Canada
- * Docs Against Gravity Film Festival, Poland
- * Biografilm Festival, Italy
- * Dokufest, Kosovo
- * Film Festival Lünen, Germany
- * One World Film Festival, Prag

* San Sebastian Human Rights Film Festival, Spain

* Dokville 2022, Stuttgart, Germany

- 2021 **FIGHTING ISIS** (Iraq) TV-Documentary, 30', SRF/3SAT
- 2021 **ACROSS THE SAHARA** (Mauritania) TV-Documentary, 52, ARTE
- 2020 **NAIROBI'S SLUMLORDS** (Kenya) Reportage, 12', DW
- 2020 **AFTER COVID-19 – BACK TO OLD LIFE?** (Germany) Reportage, 12', DW
- 2019 **THE LAST NETWORK**, (Iran) TV-Documentary, 24', ARTE
- 2019 **CHEMNITZ AHEAD OF STATE ELECTIONS**, (Germany) Reportage, 12', DW
- 2019 **SO NEAR YET SO FAR**, (Mexico) TV-Documentary 24', ARTE
- 2015 **THE LONG DISTANCE**, (Kenya) Cinema Documentary, 90', ZDF
- * Caligari Advancement Award 2013
 - * Script Masterclass at Docu-Village 2013 Haifa Film Festival, Haifa/Israel
 - * First Steps No Fear Award 2015
 - * First Steps Award 2015, Nomination
 - * 11. Zurich Filmfestival 2015, Zurich/Swiss
 - * Baden-Württembergischer Film Preis 2015, Nomination
 - * Film Festival Max-Ophüls-Preis 2016, Saarbrücken/Germany
 - * International Documentary Film Festival DokFest Munich, 2016
 - * Deutscher Dokumentarfilmmusikpreis 2016, Nomination
 - * One World Human Rights Documentary Film Festival 2016, Prague
 - * Beijing International Film Festival 2016, Nominated as Best Feature Documentary, China
 - * Documentary Film Festival One World 2016, Bratislava/ Slovakia
 - * Festival International de Cinema Ecrans Noir 2016, Yaoundé /Cameroon
 - * Docs DF, Festival Internacional de Cine 2016 de la Ciudad de México
 - * Award for Best Director at Zimbabwe International Film Festival 2016
 - * 16th Escales Documentaires - International Festival of Documentary, La Rochelle/France
 - * 14th International Short & Independent Film Festival Dhakar/Bangladesh
 - * Nomination für 'Golden Kapok Award', Guangzhou International Doc Film Festival, China
 - * Filmfestival Les Escales documentaires de Libreville/Gabon
 - * 16th WATCH DOCS International Film Festival, Warsaw/Poland
 - * 18th Madurai Film Festival 2016, Madurai/Indien
 - * Mediterranean Film Festival Cannes 2016, Cannes/France
 - * 6th Colortape International Film Festival, Australia
 - * ONE Country ONE Film International Festival, Le Mans/France
 - * North Carolina Film Award 2016, Raleigh/USA
 - * Utah Film Awards 2017, Nomination, Utah/USA
 - * Lanús Festival Internacional de Cine 2017, Lanús/Argentina
 - * International Film Festival of the Caribbean Sea, Nueva Esparta/Venezuela
 - * BCN Sports Film Festival 2017, Barcelona/Spain
- 2015 **RUNNER'S HIGH**, TV-Documentary (Kenya), 44', ZDF/Deutsche Welle
- 2014 **LIGHT AND SHADE**, Short Documentary, 45', Filmakademie BW
- * Grand OFF 2014 Warsaw, Poland, Nomination best Documentary Film, Poland
 - * Docudays International Human Rights Documentary FF 2015 Kiev, Ukraine
- 2013 **FINISTÈRE** (France) Short Documentary Film, 26'

- * Prize Best Film at Aljazeera Int. Documentary Film Festival 2014 Doha, Katar, Categorie New Horizon
- * 2. Jury Prize at FIFE - Festival International de l'Etudiant Casablanca, Marokko
- * Award for best directing, CineMAiubit 2014 Bukarest, Rumänien
- * Award for the best Documentary Film: OpenEyes Filmfest Marburg, Germany
- * One World Human Rights Documentary Film Festival 2016, Prague
- * American Documentary Festival 2014 Palm Springs, USA
- * DokLeipzig 56. International Documentary Film Festival 2013
- * Sehsüchte 2014 – 43. International Student Film Festival Potsdam, Germany
- * DokumentART - European Documentary Film Festival 2013, Germany/Poland
- * Doc East Silver Market 2013, Czechia
- * Grand OFF 2013 Warsaw, Poland
- * EuroEkoFest Sofia, Bulgaria
- * Rencontres Henri Langlois Festival de Cinema, Frankreich
- * International Film Festival Tbilisi, Georgien
- * Open Cinema International Film Festival St.Petersburg, Russia

- 2011 **DEIN WILLE GESCHEHE** Short Documentary, 24'
- * Award for best Film at Kurzsüchtig Filmfestival 2012
 - * Landshuter Kurzfilmfestival 2012
 - * Internationales Filmfestival Bunter Hund München 2012
 - * Open Eyes Festival Marburg 2012
 - * Kurzfilmtage Bamberg 2012
 - * Filmzeit Kaufbeuren 2012

- 2011 **STEPPEWÖLFE** Short Documentary, 20'
- * 2. Jury Prize Localize Film Festival Potsdam