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Dagmar Reim
Director Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb)

Berlin-Brandenburg is characterised by a vivid and creative production industry and is considered to be one of the most innovative and important locations for television and digital contents in Germany. Nearly 2,000 companies generate over € 2.2 bn in revenue each year. UFA, Germany’s largest film and television producer, is based here along with MME Movienent, Schwartzkopff TV and Ziegler Film. Numerous TV broadcasters are also headquartered here, including Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb), N24, Deutsche Welle TV and joiz. The international media group Viacom broadcasts its Viva, MTV, Comedy Central and Nickelodeon from Berlin; ARD, ZDF and RTL have studios in Germany’s capital city. Along with an established network and professional service providers, Studio Babelsberg, Studio Hamburg Berlin Brandenburg, Fernsehwerft, Berliner Union Film as well as the Park Studios in Potsdam offers excellent production conditions for fiction and non-fiction film and TV entertainment.

Successful Entertainment:
TV-Events, Series and Talk-Shows

Large scale TV events such as “Das Adlon – eine Familiensaga” (ZDF), “Der Turm” (ARD), “Generation War” (UFA Fiction/ZDF) and “Weißensee” (ARD) were created in Berlin-Brandenburg and consistently obtain top ratings. Since 1992, UFA Serial Drama has been producing “Gute Zeiten, schlechte Zeiten” (RTL), the series-perennial, in Babelsberg. Germany’s TV casting-show elite comes together in “The Voice of Germany” and “The Voice Kids” (Schwarzkopff/ProSiebenSat.1). “Circus Halligalli” (ProSiebenSat.1), with Joko Winterscheidt and Klaas Heufer-Umlauf, and “Krömer – Later Night Show” (rbb) have set new standards in television entertainment. Crime and action-series such as “Tatort” (ARD), “Ein starkes Team” and “Polizeiruf 110” and the scripted reality show “Berlin Tag & Nacht” are strong ratings earners and produced here. Talk-show formats such as “Günther Jauch”, “Anne Will”, and “Maybrit Illner” make Berlin the uncontested capital of talk-shows.

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Dr. Torsten Rossmann
Chairman of the Management Board N24 Media GmbH

© Berlin is a unique location. As an online flat rate platform for series and films, WATCHEVER appreciates the close proximity to co-operation partners from the film and media business and the excellent networks based in the melting pot of creative and IT scenes. The Berlin life-style, its residents and even its individual neighbourhoods remain as colourful and diverse as our programme.

Stefan Schulz
CEO WATCHEVER

The capital city region is home to television of the future – here, creative minds develop concepts for digital, cross-platform entertainment and young online and social TV channels, such as tape.tv are producing television for young audiences. Next to UFA LAB, a testing ground and platform for digital content creation, and Studio 71 (ProSiebenSat.1), a web-only producer, eNR berlin, Ulmen TV and Onkel Bernies Butze are based here and develop video formats and clips for popular YouTube channels. The Medienboard sponsored transmedia narratives “Dina Foxx” (ZDF), “Farewell Comrades!” (Arte) and “Wagnerwahn” (Arte) were also created here – digital storytelling made in Berlin-Brandenburg.

Platforms such as Watchever, Viewster, realeyz and alleskino.de offer films and TV series “on demand”. These platforms are challenging linear television with continuously growing programme content – available at all times and on various devices – and new payment models, such as subscription-VoD (SVoD). In addition, Axel Springer Digital offers cross-channel access to TV programmes through watchmi. And platforms like Zattoo, Tweek and Dailyyme make TV social, available everywhere and at all times.

Excellent Qualifications and Creative Talents

Berlin-Brandenburg offers up-and-coming creative talents exceptional training qualifications in international and innovative surroundings: Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin (dffb), Hochschule für Film- und Fernsehen “Konrad Wolf”, medienakademie, Skript akademie and Filmhaus Babelsberg train next generations in TV – from screenwriters, fiction producers and production managers to cinematographers. Medieninnovationszentrum (MIZ) offers workshops and coaching sessions for young creatives. The Entertainment Master Class has a globally unique programme featuring international experts in development, production, marketing and distribution of TV formats. Similarly, the UFA LAB promotes young talents and develops innovative contents for digital distribution channels in interdisciplinary teams.

TV-Producers
- Askamia Media
  • Cine+
  • DOKfilm Fernsehproduktion
  • Eikon Media
  • iTV Studio
  • MAZ&MORE TV
  • Medienkontor
  • Medienkontor
  • MME Movien
  • Moviement
  • Moovie- the art of entertainment
  • NFP neue film produktion
  • Opal Filmproduktion
  • Phoenix Film
  • Probrino.tv
  • Producers at Work
  • Provobis Film
  • Schwartzkopf TV
  • TV 21
  • UFA
  • Wieduwilt TV & Fernsehproduktion
  • Will Media
  • zero fiction film
  • zero one film
  • Ziegler Film

Platforms
- alleskino
  • Dailyyme
  • Realeyz
  • Tweek
  • Viewster
  • Watchever
  • Watchmi
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Events
- IFA
  • MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin
  • Prix Europa

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Leading location for news, talk and political journalism
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