

Documentaries

Manfred Durniok Produktion

1957 PEOPLE AT BUSSTOPS

Witty observation of people at busstops
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1958 BLACK NEW YORK

Documentary about Harlem
Directed by Manfred Durnio

1958 MEMORIES OF A MOVING PAST

Impressionistic documentary, comparison/ confrontation
with the of the once German economic miracle and the Stunde Null 1945
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 BERLIN KALEIDOSCOPE

Animation film with works of the Berliner cartoonist, Robinson
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 WOMAN AT THE WHEEL

Documentary featuring female drivers
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 MADE IN USA

16 entertaining programmes with well-known American orchestras and interpreters
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

Moving impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok
Music by Oskar Sala

1960 UNDER THE SURFACE

A study in slow motion of people in nightclubs
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY

Observations of Saturday nightlife
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 WE'RE FLYING

Impressions about the Frankfurt Airport and the switch from
propeller-driven planes to jets
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 PORTRAIT OF A RAILWAY STATION

A film about the topography of Frankfurt's central station
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1961 DIARY OF A REPORTER

Photographic montage with works of Berlin's photojournalist
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 PHOTOGRAPHERS OF OUR TIME

3-part documentary, filmed worldwide, on the well-known contemporary photographers, with commentary by L. Fritz Gruber, Director of Photokina
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 DAYDREAMS

Cinematic impressions of New York, Moscow and Tokyo
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 MODERN TOOLS OF LEARNING

A film about the introduction of computers in American schools, supported by the U.S. State Department
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 WITH EYES OPEN

TV documentary

1962 THE STUDENTS OF TODAI

Documentary about Tokyo's elite university
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 MALAYSIA – UNDER THE SHADOW OF PEKING

A film about the founding of the confederation of Malaya, Borneo and Singapore
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 AN OUTSIDER

A report on Germany's excursion into colonization
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 ABOVE AND BENEATH THE WIND

About the Caribbean
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 NEW YORK

Cityscape of the American metropole
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 NEWS PHOTO: MIGHTIER THAN WORDS

A cinematic report on the most important news photographers of the world,
with L. Fritz Gruber
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 DREAM JOB: FLIGHT CAPTAIN

The profession of pilots
Directed by Heinz Deutschendorf

1962 SKETCHES OF OSWIN

Visual and musical composition with focus on the Berlin cartoonist, Oswin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 BETWEEN SHOPPING AND MANEUVERS

The Western Allied Forces in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 JERUSALEM: A DIVIDED CITY

A documentary on the formerly divided city of Jerusalem,
filmed in Jordan and in Israel
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HOME FOR THE AGED

The well-known old folks' home in Goslar
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 THE FIRST 40 YEARS

Extensive TV documentation about the first 40 years of German radio broadcasting
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

The oldest Philippine university in Manila
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HARLEM SINGS

About spirituals and Gospels, filmed in churches in Harlem
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 MUTATION

Impressionistic visual and music collage
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 AFTER THE TRIP

Travel feature about the Canary Islands
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 BERNARD BUFFET AND HIS TIME

Visual and musical impressions of the work of the French painter
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HE WHO AROUSES THE DRAGON

Documentary about the influence of colonial powers in China
Book Nigel Cameron
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 THE CALCULATED ADVENTURE

German geologists in Afghanistan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 MURDERED CITY

Architecture in Berlin, in cooperation with Wolf Jobst Siedler
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 THREE THORNS IN THE FLESH

Documentary on the 3 independent Bantu regions in South Africa
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 SOWETO

The black suburb of Johannesburg
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 ISLE OF BLISS

Travel report on the Canary Islands
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 ROCKETS INSTEAD OF PEPPERS

Documentation on the construction of the European rocket station in French Guiana
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 BREAD AND GAMES

Full-length documentary film, shot worldwide
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 THE ZAR IS FAR AND WIDE

Photographic report about the city of Tbilissi, Georgia
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 INVENTORY FROM SIX TO SIX

The construction of Europa Center in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 LIGHT AND SHADOW

Focus on the city of Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL

A photographic documentation
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 MOSCOW

Portrait of a city
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 FOLKSONGS OF NAPLES

A colorful, lyrical documentation
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 SCRAPS

Short film consisting of visual and musical impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 SCHOOL FOR MAN AND BEAST

Documentary
Directed by Horst Peets

1965 TOURNAMENTS

Sports documentary
Directed by Horst Peets

1965 WHY I LOVE BERLIN

A cinematic portrait of the city
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 DIARY SKETCHES OF HOMER E. MÜLLER-SCHWABINGHAUSEN

Experimental animation film featuring the drawings of the Berlin cartoonist, Oswin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 OFF TO THE END OF THE WORLD

The Twenties in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 KABUL – CITY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Portrait of the capital of Afghanistan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 HOW GERMANS LIVE

2-part documentary with Dr. Ulrich Conrads, Editor of the magazine, Bauwelt
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 BUSKASHI

The wild equestrian sport in Afghanistan dating back to the days of Genghis Khan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 IN THE GARDEN OF THE GODS

A documentary about Bali
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 ROYAL CREMATION IN BALI

The cremation of the last king of Bali
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 A CITY HALL IN GERMANY

A documentary with Jürgen Graf, about Rathaus Schöneberg, the world-famous city hall at the time when Berlin was divided
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 THE STORY OF O.R.

A portrait of a professional criminal
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 MERRY-GO-ROUND

Visual and musical impressions of the fairgrounds
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 MILTON

A portrait of the Swedish publisher, Milton

1967 MOTORAMA

13-part series with the racecar driver, Richard von Frankenberg

1968 GINZA

Cityscape of Tokyo
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1968 PRUSSIA – PORTRAIT OF A POLITICAL CULTURE

6-part documentary of Prussian history by Hans Joachim Netzer, Harry Pross, Sebastian Haffner, Golo Mann and Burghard Freudenfeld
Directed by Manfred Durniok, Musik Oskar Sala

1968 WEEKEND IN...

Documentary of a weekend in Hamburg
Directed by Konrad Wagner

1968 ATOMIC WONDER

A film about the peaceful utilization of atomic energy

1969 ARCHAİKUM/NO ROAD

Short film – visual and musical impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 A WORKING DAY

Impressions captured on film
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 BIRKENAU

Documentary about the concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 THE OTHER

Promotional Film
Directed by Edward Reveaux

1969 THE EMPEROR

A documentary about Emperor Wilhelm II.

1969 THE CAKE

Entertainment programme
Directed by Rudolf Lorenzen

1969 PEAK OF LOVE

Entertainment programme

1969 LES HALLES

Documentary about the Parisian market hall before its demolition

1969 MARKETS

Features documentary
Directed by Konrad Wagner

1969 MURDER IN THE SCRAPYARD

Short film

1969 BOULEVARD HOUR

Film feature

1969 BUT WE MUST LIVE UNDER

Visual and music collage
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 STUDS AT THE BORDER

Documentary about the horse farm Janow Podlaski on the Polish-Soviet border
Directed by Horst Peets

1970 BERLIN – ANHALTER STATION

Short film

Directed by Wawilow

Director of Photography Michael Ballhaus

1970 AT DAY AT THE WARSAW RACES

Documentary about horseracing in Warsaw

Directed by Horst Peets

1970 NO FACTORY NO

Short film, visual and music impressions

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 A PORTRAIT OF KRZYSZTOF PENDERECKI

TV documentary about the Polish composer

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 POTSDAM – BETWEEN ERAS

A cityscape

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 SPORTS IN POLAND

TV documentary

Directed by Horst Peets

1970 ZASSADA

Portrait of the popular Polish racecar driver

Directed by Horst Peets

1971 CRITICAL FORUM

Entertainment programme

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1971 EGYPT

Documentary

Directed by Brian Brake

1971 HUBERTUS – AN ARTIST'S LIFE

Short film

Directed by Eugen Alexandrow

1971 SHOWTIME BERLIN

Annual cross-section of international artists' and showgroups' appearances in Berlin

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1972 REQUIEM FOR ROCK'N ROLL

Short film, visual and music impressions

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1973 THE PROLETARIAN FILM IN GERMANY

A Filmforum for German TV, ZDF by Peter B. Schurmann

1973 365 METERS ABOVE BERLIN

Documentary about the TV Tower in the former East Berlin

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1973 ENTERTAINMENT IN THE GDR

A comprehensive TV documentary for German TV, ARD with Manfred Krug and numerous other entertainers from the former German Democratic Republic

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1974 BERLIN'S SPORTS PALACE

Extensive entertainment documentary by Rudolf Lorenzen about the Sports Palace shortly before its demolition

1974 EMERSON FITTIPALDI

Portrait of a racecar driver

1974 MEETING POINT – PEKING

The first documentary for German TV filmed in the People's Republic of China

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1974 FOUR SEASONS (FACES OF A CITY)

Film for the Press and Information Office of the City of Berlin

1975 A VOYAGE TO THE MOON

Cinematic impressions about the voyage to the moon, made in cooperation with NASA

Directed by Manfred Durniok

Music by Oskar Sala

1975/76 MECCA – FORBIDDEN TO NON-BELIEVERS

Documentary filmed in Saudi Arabia

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1975/76 DUBAI – PEARL OF THE GULF

Documentary

Directed by Peter Klein

1975/76 ABU DHABI

Documentary

1975/76 DETAILS OF LIFE

Documentary

Directed by Eberhard Fechner

1977 SOUTH OF SEVILLE

Documentary about horseriding and horse breeding in Spain

Directed by Horst Peets

1977 CONTEMPORARY POLISH COMPOSERS

Portrait of the polish composers, Latoslawski, Penderecki and Baird

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1978 DYNASTY OF SILK AND LACQUER

Documentary about Chinese art treasures

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1978 BENJAMINO GIGLI

A portrait of the great tenor

1978 A TRIP ON THE ELBE

Documentary about the Elbe, filmed while Germany was still divided

Directed by Otto Meyer

1978 GOETHE'S WEIMAR TODAY

A film by the Polish documentalist, Jerzy Bossak

1978 HAWAII

A film about Hawaii and its music

1978 LA CUMPARSITA

Documentary in preparation for the football world championship in Argentina

Directed by Karl-Heinz Deickert

1978 OPRYLAND

Music film about the mecca of American country music,
with popular american interpret

1978 HOLLYWOOD MUSIC

A „Sunday Concert“ with music from the show business metropole

Directed by Georg Wildhagen

1978 RUDOLF HESS

Documentary

Directed by Hans-Jörg Dürrmeier

1978 SPIRITUALS WITH THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

Music film with one of the renowned American Gospel choirs
Directed by Georg Wildhagen

1978 LATE SUMMER IN SOUTHERN TYROL

A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Tilo Philipp

1978 THE PALACE MUSEUM

Documentary about the unique collection of Chinese art treasures in Taipei
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1979 MEMPHIS

1979 GREETINGS FROM CHINA

First biggest music programme from China for German TV, ARD
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1979 ERZGEBIRGE

A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 BALALAIKA

A „Sunday Concert“, filmed in different parts of the former Soviet Union

1979 RUSSIAN CHOIRS

Music programme about choirs in the former Soviet Union

1979 BOAT TRIP IN THE SPREEWALD

A „Sunday Concert“
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 MUSIC AND DANCES IN MASUREN

A „Sunday Concert“

1979 VARIETY SHOW FROM CHINA

Documentary for Berliner Werbefunk
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 SUNDAY CONCERT FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Music programme for German TV, ZDF

1980 AMERICANS IN BERLIN

Documentary for the Press and Information Office of the City of Berlin
Directed by Jürgen Graf

1980 THE ACROBATS ARE COMING

A television documentary about acrobats in China

Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 MY SONG SOFTLY IMPLORES

Music film

Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 MUSIC AND DANCES OF THE GORALS

A „Sunday Concert“ from Poland

Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 OF MEN AND GHOSTS

A film forum about Chinese films for German TV, ZDF

Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath

1980 FROM TIBET TO SHANGHAI

A full-length documentary about the Yangtze River

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1981 REVOLUTION AT REST

A film forum about Mexican films for German TV, ZDF

Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath

1981 SYLT – IMPRESSIONS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF

Directed by Otto Meyer

1982 HOFMANN'S REVERIES

Music film with singer, Peter Hoffman for German TV, ZDF

Directed by Dieter Pröttel

1982 FRIEDRICH WILHELM VON STEUBEN

Documentary

Directed by Herbert Viktor

1983 SPORTS IN CHINA

Documentary

Directed by Bruno Meyer

1983 STOPOVER IN JAPAN

Programme with Frank Elsner about entertainment and show business in Japan

Directed by Rolf von Sydow

1984 SOUNDBREAK

74-part video and music co-production with Japan

1984 THE DRUNKEN MONKEY IN THE EYE OF THE TIGER

Film forum about Kung-Fu films in China for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath and Georg Bense

1985 ADVENTURES IN BANGKOK

A ZDF Special with Armin Mueller-Stahl
Directed by Hagen Mueller-Stahl

1985 THE FRENCH IN BERLIN

Documentary commissioned by the Press and Information Offices
of Berlin and Bonn
Directed by Francois Reichenbach

1985 IN SEARCH OF ONE'S OWN COUNTRY

Documentary about films and filmmakers in Venezuela
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense

1986 BOOK OF HEAVEN II

Full-length animation film, co-production with China

1987 HEIRS OF VIOLENCE

Film forum about Korea for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense

1988 IMAGES OF CHINA

3-part travel feature from China by Werner Hess with Gardy Granass
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1988 SEOUL ON DISPLAY

Entertainment programme about show business in Seoul, with Sabine Sauer
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1990 A GERMAN STORY

Documentary about the fate of two sisters separated by the Berlin Wall
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1990 CHINA – MY LIFE, MY DREAM

Documentary about the German-Chinese photographer, Eva Siao
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1991 BABELSBERG – GRANDEUR AND DOWNFALL OF A FILM STUDIO

Documentary
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1991 FAREWELL, GERMANY

Documentary about the departure of the Red Army
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1992 THE BEGINNINGS OF MDR

Documentary for German TV, MDR

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1992 FRIEDEL HÖNISCH

TV portrait of a cabaret artist

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1993 EUROPEAN PROFILE: ISTVÁN SZABÓ

A portrait

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1993 THAT WAS THE GDR

7-part documentary about the history of the German Democratic Republic

1993 HELLERAU – SLEEPING BEAUTY

Documentary

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1994 DEVIL'S MOUNTAIN

Short film, visual and music collage on a memorial to the Cold War

Directed by Manfred Durniok, Music by Oskar Sala

1994 KEEP SMILING

A portrait of the cartoonist, Rainer Bach

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1994 BLACK MAN, BRING ME LUCK

Entertaining TV feature about chimney sweepers

Directed by Gitta Nickel

1995 PORTRAIT OF THE ENEMY

Documentary about propaganda films during World War II

Directed by Erwin Leiser

1995 THE NEW REPUBLIC

3-part TV documentary about Germany, five years after unification

1995/96 SAIGON – HO CHI MINH CITY

Book Peter Schultze

Directed by Manfred Durniok

1995/96 MARTIN POSTH

Portrait of a German manager

Directed by Manfred Durniok and Gitta Nickel

1995/96 THE MAKING OF „HOTEL SHANGHAI“

Report about the shooting of “Hotel Shanghai”

1995/96 THROUGH ASIAN EYES

Documentary on the filmwork of Korean director, Im Kwon Taek

Design Alexander Bohr

1997/1998 CHRONICLER OF BANGKOK

Documentary on the filmwork of Thai director, Prince Chatri Chalermn Yukol

Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense