



# SERIESLY BERLIN

Press Release

## Queer Love, Chilling Mysteries, Untold Histories: Seriesly Berlin Premieres

Berlin, 3 September 2025 – Eight critically acclaimed international series will celebrate their world, international or German premieres during the **Seriesly Berlin** festival from 15 to 18 September 2025. The **Seriesly Berlin Premieres** will showcase an exclusive line-up of exciting series from around the globe – from Colombia to Germany, from Belgium to Canada, from Serbia to the Czech Republic, from France to Kazakhstan. Audiences can look forward to different genres such as queer drama, coming-of-age thriller, historical biopic, supernatural crime, musical drama and contemporary documentary series – all presented in Berlin before their German release. The screenings are open for everyone who loves high-quality series.

### Three new screening locations in Berlin

**Seriesly Berlin** continues to grow and expand its footprint: in addition to returning to last year's screening venue **Hackesche Höfe Kino**, the festival will for the first time present series premieres at **Colosseum Filmtheater** and **Fotografiska Berlin**, which previously hosted the Conference only. Adding to the program, exclusive screenings will take place at **Soho House Berlin**, accessible to accredited industry guests and by invitation. Ticket sales start on 3 September. Regular tickets cost €10, reduced tickets for eligible groups €8 and can be [purchased here](#).

### Celebrity guests at Seriesly Berlin Premieres

Seriesly Berlin is proud to welcome prominent international guests to its premieres: From Germany **Florence Kasumba**, internationally known as the fierce Dora Milaje warrior Ayo in Marvel's *Black Panther* as well as Inspector Anaïs Schmitz in Germany's *Tatort*, she will be coming to the Berlin premiere of *HOUSE OF BELLEVUE*. Kazakh filmmaker and *Un Certain Regard*-nominee **Adilkhan Yerzhanov** (*The Gentle Indifference of the World*) will be in attendance for *KAZAKH SCARY TALES*. **Jonathan Michiels** (*Shutterspeed*) and **Jennifer Heylen** (*Noise*) will be attending the premiere of *OH, OTTO!* while Serbian creator and author **Ivan Knežević** (*The Seed*) and actress **Anita Ognjanović** (*The Beheading of St John the Baptist*) will join audiences for *ABSOLUTE HUNDRED* co-created by Srdan Golubović (Berlinale Panorama audience award & Prize of Ecumenical Jury).

### From Europe to the Americas: Eight international series premiering at Seriesly Berlin

From Serbia comes **ABSOLUTE HUNDRED**, a tense thriller where young shooting champion Sonja (Anita Ognjanović) is forced to take justice into her own hands; Colombia's **EVE'S RIB**, directed by James Camargo De Alba, follows queer youth exploring love and identity under the threat of a serial killer; **GEORGE, UNTAMED SPIRIT** from France is Rodolphe Tissot's lush biopic of the defiant writer George Sand. Germany's **HOUSE OF BELLEVUE** dives into Berlin's ballroom scene through Emm's search for belonging. In **KAZAKH SCARY TALES**, Adilkhan Yerzhanov blends crime and folklore as an investigator facing infant disappearances tied to an ancient curse. Czech thriller **MOLOCH FILES** by Lukáš Hanulák, hurls a journalist and online sleuth into a deadly web of politics and espionage.



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Belgium's hyped bittersweet dramedy **OH, OTTO!** by Stijn van Kerkhoven follows Otto (Jonathan Michiels) on a messy journey of heartbreak and queer self-discovery in Brussels, while Canadian documentary series **SANAJIIT** (INUIT MAKERS) by Susan Avingaq, Gabriela Gamez and Carol Kunnuk, immerses viewers in the traditional craft and creative spirit of the Inuit honoring their traditions and craftsmanship. Selected screenings are presented in partnership with **Dokumentale** and **Fantasy Film Fest**.

The [festival trailer](#), released in time for the start of ticket sales, gives a glimpse of the Seriesly Berlin Premieres as well as the [official program brochure](#).

## Seriesly Berlin Conference aiming to show the unexpected

Alongside the public screenings the industry is gathering at the **Seriesly Berlin Conference** (17–18 September), taking place at Berlin's iconic Fotografiska museum. The conference brings stories to life through lively panels and hands-on workshops, where fresh voices, unexpected collaborations, and bold ideas take center stage. Highlights include discussions on fashion as a narrative force, the future of financing and co-productions, queer and horror storytelling in TV, and collaborative Palestinian-Israeli writing initiatives, alongside practical sessions for producers and writers. Complementing the panels, the [Seriesly Berlin Pitches](#) (17 September) present a global slate of 16 new projects spanning continents and genres: from Taiwanese-Korean crime thrillers and Nigerian historical sagas to Slovakian drama, German musical series, and Franco-German collaborations, as well as experimental formats like animated sitcoms and queer comedy. Conference accreditation - also granting access to the Seriesly Berlin Premieres - is available [here](#).

## Seriesly Berlin Premieres (15-18 September)

Locations: Colosseum Filmtheater (Schönhauser Allee 123, 10437 Berlin), Hackesche Höfe Kino (Rosenthaler Str. 40-41, 10117 Berlin), Fotografiska Berlin (Oranienburger Str. 54, 10117 Berlin) and Soho House Berlin (Torstr. 1, 10119 Berlin). All series are screened in their original language with English subtitles.

### Absolute Hundred (Apsolutnih Sto I Serbia)

Nineteen-year-old Sonja is a junior champion in shooting. Her mother lives abroad, and her father, a war veteran, has fallen so far into debt that he, Sonja, and her older brother may be forced out of their home. Her brother tries to solve the situation through shady dealings, but when he ends up witnessing a crime he becomes the target of a local thug. In order to protect her family, Sonja decides to take justice into her own hands.

**Directors:** Srdan Golubović, Stefan Ivančić, Katarina Mutić, Nikola Stojanović

**Writers:** Ivan Knežević, Boris Grgurović, Ljubica Luković, Nađa Petrović

**Cast:** Anita Ognjanović, Boris Isaković, Miodrag Dragičević, Dejan Čukić

**Broadcaster:** Telecom Serbia

**Genre:** Thriller, Drama

### Screenings:

Colosseum Filmtheater, 16.09., 7:00 pm

Soho House Berlin, 18.09., 4:00 pm + Q&A



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## **Eve's Rib (La Costilla de Eva | Colombia)**

Set in a Colombian city haunted by a serial killer targeting homosexuals, this gripping drama follows a group of young people exploring their sexuality amid fear and prejudice. With complex characters like Gustavo, a closeted teenager, and Sara, a transgender counselor challenging societal norms, *Eve's Rib* delivers a powerful, urgent story about courage and acceptance.

**Director:** James Camargo De Alba

**Writer:** James Camargo De Alba

**Broadcaster:** Colombian Television

**Production:** Cóncavo Films

**Genre:** Drama

**Screenings:**

Soho House Berlin, 15.09., 2:30 pm

Colosseum Filmtheater, 16.09., 8:00 pm

## **George, Untamed Spirit (La rebelle, les aventures de la jeune George Sand | France/Belgium)**

Aurore Dupin escapes her violent husband and bourgeois roots to live freely in 19th-century Paris. Embracing Bohemian life, she publishes under the name George Sand and becomes the first woman to live off her writing. A feminist ahead of her time, she smokes, wears men's clothes, and loves passionately — from Musset to actress Marie Dorval. Her novels capture an era, but her true masterpiece is her life.

**Director:** Rodolphe Tissot

**Writers:** Nine d'Urso, Barbara Pravi, Vincent Londez, Megan Northam & David Kammenos

**Broadcaster:** France 2, RTBF on La Trois

**Genre:** Biopic

**Screenings:**

Hackesche Höfe Kino, 17.09., 8:30 pm

Soho House Berlin, 16.09., 7:30 pm

## **House of Bellevue (Germany)**

HOUSE OF BELLEVUE is a 6-part drama series for ZDFneo/Mediathek. It centers on Emm, a Black, bisexual man in search of belonging. He hopes to find the longed-for antithesis to the conservative life of his foster family within Berlin's ballroom community. When he meets his idol, dancer Lia, and her Kiki House, his dream seems within reach. However, not everything that glitters is glamour...

**Directors:** Kai S. Pieck, Toby Chlosta, Gabriel B. Arrahnio

**Writers:** Laura Tamaj, Toby Chlosta, Kai S. Pieck, Raquel Dukpa

**Cast:** Ricco-Jarret Boateng, Nora Henes, Abed Haddad, Kawian Paigal, Ilonka Petruschka, Florence Kasumba, Lie Ning, Komi M. Togbonou, Binta Yaffa, Robin Cadet

**Broadcaster:** ZDFneo

**Production:** Don't Panic Films GmbH

**Genre:** Drama, Music

**Screenings:**

Fotografiska Berlin, 17.09., 7:30 pm + Q&A

Soho House Berlin, 18.09., 2:00 pm



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## **Kazakh Scary Tales (Kazakhstan)**

Investigator Birzhan is desperate for a promotion to move his family from the village to the city. Taking on cold cases from remote villages — cases shrouded in mystery, with no evidence and no logical explanations. Birzhan doesn't believe in the supernatural. To him, every crime has a human culprit — or is simply the work of nature. But in one village, infants are disappearing, and the elders whisper of an ancient curse—Albasty, a sinister spirit said to devour infants. The locals blame wolves, but Birzhan suspects something far more chilling.

**Director:** Adilkhan Yerzhanov

**Writer:** Adilkhan Yerzhanov

**Broadcaster:** Freedom Media OTT

**Production:** Freedom Media

**Genre:** Thriller

**Screenings:**

Soho House Berlin, 15.09., 4:30 pm

Colosseum Filmtheater, 16.09., 9:00 pm + Q&A

## **Moloch Files (Moloch I Czech Republic)**

After an attack on the President of the Czech Republic, the investigative journalist Martin Braun teams up with the young online investigator Julia to uncover exactly what happened and why. During their search, they become embroiled in a dangerous game of secret services, international politics and forces determined to keep the truth hidden for various reasons. In the search of finding the truth people are dying, so Julia and Martin must reveal what happened before they become the next victims.

**Director:** Lukáš Hanulák

**Writer:** Stefan Titka

**Cast:** Miroslav Donutil, Eliza Rycembel, Jan Révai

**Broadcaster:** CANAL+

**Genre:** Thriller

**Screenings:**

Hackesche Höfe Kino, 15.09., 7:00 pm + Q&A

Soho House Berlin, 16.09., 4:30 pm

## **Oh, Otto! (Belgium)**

Clumsy, charming, homosexual Otto (26 y.o.) lives in Brussels in his late grandmother's old house. Otto is content. He has it all figured out. Or at least, that's what he thinks. When Otto's first love, Boris, breaks up with him after a relationship of 5 years, and his best friend Lente leaves the city, Otto embarks on a journey to find his place within the vibrant Brussels queer community.

**Director:** Stijn van Kerkhoven

**Writers:** Ditte Jacoby, Emiel Van Wouwe

**Cast:** Jonathan Michiels, Jennifer Heylen

**Broadcaster:** Streamz

**Production:** Eyeworks Film & TV Drama

**Genre:** Drama, Comedy

**Screenings:**

Soho House Berlin, 17.09., 3:00 pm

Fotografiska Berlin, 18.09., 7:30 pm + Q&A



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**Sanajiit (Inuit Makers I Canada)**

Sanajiit ᓂᓇᓴᓴᓴ (Inuit Makers) is a 13-episode documentary series immersing audiences in the creative process, craftsmanship, traditional skills, and daily life of Inuit “Makers” living in Nunavut. Filmed using a unique “Slow TV” approach, Sanajiit honours the rhythms and realities of Inuit culture, and the traditional Inuit learning process of “learning by doing” with elders, community members, and a new generation of Inuit.

**Directors:** Susan Avingaq, Gabriela Gamez, Carol Kunnuk

**Writers:** Carol Kunnuk, Gabriela Gamez

**Broadcaster:** Uvagut TV

**Production:** Isuma TV

**Genre:** Documentary

**Screenings:**

Hackesche Höfe Kino, 15.09., 8:30 pm + Q&A

Soho House Berlin, 17.09., 5:30 pm

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