



Matthias Bolliger - DOP & Coach

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DoP Matthias Bolliger, Cinematographer/DoP, Swiss and German national, was born 1975 in Lucerne, Switzerland. 1994-97 he was one of the organizers of the Central Swiss Film Festival and co-founder of Arcanusfilm AG. Matthias studied cinematography at film schools in Zurich, Berlin and Hamburg. Since 2004 he has been working as a **freelance cinematographer/DoP for feature films and documentary projects**. He lives in Hamburg and Lucerne.

2007 he lensed his feature film debut „**Chiko**“ **directed by Özgür Yildirim** and produced by Fatih Akin. "Chiko" was **nominated for the German Camera Award 2008** and **won two German Film Awards**. 2011 Matthias Bolliger was the DoP of the **hip-hop music feature "Blutzbrüdaz"** directed by Özgür Yildirim with German rapper "Sido". In 2012 he shot the **first episode of the** new NDR prime-time series **Tatort Norddeutschland "Feuerteufel"** with actor Wotan Wilke Möhring. 2014 he lensed the film adaptation of the **bestseller "Boy7"** by Mirjam Mous starring David Kross and Emilia Schüle. In 2015 he was again the DoP of the ISIS-episode of the **Nord-TATORT "Zorn Gottes"** (Dir. Özgür Yildirim), followed by the event-episode of **TATORT-Freiburg "5 Minuten Himmel"** directed by Katrin Gebbe starring Heike Makatsch. 2016 he photographed **"Only god can judge me"** ("Nur Gott kann mich richten") the new feature film of Özgür Yildirim with Moritz Bleibtreu, Edin Hasanovic and Birgit Minichmayer. 2017 Matthias again was working for another episode of **Nord-TATORT "Alles was Sie sagen"** and was shooting the **second and final third season of the hyped Arabic mafia-series "4blocks"** with actor Kida Khodr Ramadan in Berlin.

For the international documentary project **"Lebanon - Borders of Blood"** by Duki Dror, he was responsible for the shooting part in Lebanon. The exceptional Production received eight awards from the **Israeli Academy from Motion Pictures and TV** in 2021, including the award for **"Best Cinematography"**. 2020 he collaborated with director Rick Ostermann for **"The House", a futuristic neo-noir thriller shot in Sweden**, starring Tobias Moretti and Valery Tscheplanowa. After that Matthias developed the visual concept of the new Turner/TNT-series **"PARA - We are king"** directed again by Özgür Yildirim. At the **German TV-Awards** PARA was nominated in five categories, among these a nomination for **"Best Cinematography Fiction"** and **won the main-price for "Best German Drama Series 2021"**. PARA was also **awarded the prize for "Best Cinematography 2021"** by the German Academy for Television. With **"Reeperbahn Special Unit 65"** (Director: Georg Tschurtschenthaler, Carsten Gutschmidt), Bolliger created the new series by Gebrüder Beetz film production in 2021/22, which plays in Hamburg's red light district of the 1970s and 80s.

In 2022 the filming for the **second season of "PARA - Wir sind King"** started, again directed by Özgür Yildirim. In 2023 he collaborated with director Marc Brummund on the bestseller adaptation of Christian Baron's novel "Ein Mann seiner Klasse" (A Man of His Class). The novel adaptation was awarded "Best Television Film" at the 2025 German Television Awards.

In 2024, Bolliger adapted Jonas Ems' bestselling young adult novel "SCHATTENSEITE" into a six-part young adult series for ARD. The six episodes were directed by Özgür Yildirim and Alison Kuhn.

Matthias Bolliger is also a **lecturer for Cinematography** at the Hamburg Media School (HMS), the International Film School (IFS) Cologne and the renowned Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg in Ludwigsburg. He is member of the **German Film Academy** and the **Swiss Cinematographers Society (SCS)**. Matthias lives in Hamburg and Lucerne.

- **„Schattenseite“- season 1, tv-series 2024**
Director: Özgür Yildirim, Alison Kuhn
Production: Dreamtool Entertainment GmbH
- **„Ein Mann seiner Klasse“, tv-movie 2023**
Director: Marc Brummund
Production: Saxonia Media Filmproduktions GmbH
- **„PARA - Wir sind King“ - season 2, tv-series 2022**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wiedemann & Berg Film
- **„Reeperbahn Special Unit 65“ documentary series 2021**
Director: Georg Tschurtschenthaler, Carsten Gutschmidt
Production: Gebrüder Beetz Filmproduktion Berlin
- **„PARA - We are king“, season 1, tv-series 2020**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wiedemann & Berg Film GmbH
- **„The house“, tv-movie 2020 tv-feature, 90min**
Director: Rick Ostermann
Production: Wüste Medien GmbH
- **„Lebanon - Borders of blood“ documentary 2019**
Regie: Duki Dror
Produktion: Gebrüder Beetz Filmproduktion Hamburg
- **„4 Blocks“ season 3, tv-series 2019**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wiedemann & Berg Film GmbH
- **„4 Blocks“ Season 2, tv-series 2018**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wiedemann & Berg Film GmbH
- **„Miss Holocaust Survivor“ documentary 2018**
Director: Radek Węgrzyn
Production: Magical Realist UG
- **Tatort „Alles was Sie sagen“, tv-film 2018**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wüste Medien GmbH
- **„Only god can judge me“, feature film 2018**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Producer: RatPack Filmproduktion GmbH
Distribution: Constantin Film AG
- **„16 sunrises“, cinema/tv/full-dome/VR360**
Director: Pierre-emmanuel Le Goff
Production: La Vingt-Cinquième Heure/Prospect tv
- **„The school on magic mountain“ documentary 2017**
Director: Radek Węgrzyn
Production: Detailfilm GmbH
- **Tatort „5 Minuten Himmel“, tv-film, 2016**
Director: Katrin Gebbe
Produktion: Zieglerfilm GmbH & Co. KG
- **Tatort „Zorn Gottes“, tv-film 2016**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wüste Medien GmbH
- **„BOY7“ - Kinospießfilm, feature film 2015**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Hamster Film & Hands-On Producers
- **„Wacken 3D – louder than hell“, documentary 2014**
Director: Norbert Heitker
Production: Wüste Medien, Jumpseat 3D plus GmbH
- **Tatort „Feuerteufel“, tv-film 2013**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Wüste Medien GmbH
- **„Encounter in space“, documentary 2012**
Director: Jürgen Hansen
Production: Prospect TV Production
- **„Blutzbrüder“, feature film 2011**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Corazón International GmbH und Moovie
- **„Chiko“, feature film 2007**
Director: Özgür Yildirim
Production: Corazón International GmbH