



Matthias Bolliger - DOP & Coach, DFA/SCS

CV

Matthias Bolliger (born 1975, Switzerland) is a Director of Photography (DoP), cinematographer, lecturer and coach. After studying cinematography and visual storytelling in Zurich, Berlin and Hamburg, he has worked extensively in fiction, documentary, feature films and high-end television series. He lives and works in Hamburg and Lucerne.

Bolliger gained international recognition with his feature film breakthrough **“Chiko”** (2007, director: Özgür Yildirim, produced by Corazón International). The film was nominated for the **German Camera Award** and went on to win two **German Film Awards**. His subsequent work includes the music-driven feature **“Blutzbrüdz”** (2011) and numerous acclaimed episodes of **Tatort**, including the first **Nord-Tatort** (2012) and **“Zorn Gottes”** (2015).

Alongside his narrative work, Bolliger has created ambitious long-term documentary projects, notably the stereoscopic ZDF/Arte production following **Alexander Gerst’s mission aboard the International Space Station**, as well as **“16 levers de soleil / 16 Sunrises”**, a multi-format project about ESA astronaut Thomas Pesquet, produced for cinema, television, full-dome planetariums and VR360.

In television drama, Bolliger played a key role in shaping the visual identity of the award-winning series **“4 Blocks”** (seasons 2 and 3). The spin-off **“PARA – We Are King”** received multiple nominations at the **German Television Awards 2021**, won **Best Drama Series**, and was additionally honored by the **German Television Academy** with the award for **Best Cinematography**.

Further recent work includes the docu-fiction series **“Reeperbahn Special Unit 65”**, the adaptation of the Spiegel bestselling novel **“Ein Mann seiner Klasse”** (*A Man of His Class*), which won the **German Television Award 2025 for Best TV Movie**, the young-adult series **“Schattenseite”** and in 2025 the HBO Original **“4 Blocks ZERO”**, a prequel to *4 Blocks*, for which Bolliger served as lead creative on five episodes.

In addition to his production work, Matthias Bolliger teaches cinematography at the **Hamburg Media School (HMS)** and the renowned **Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg**. He regularly contributes as an author to the professional journal **Film & TV Kamera** and is a member of the **German Film Academy (DFA)** and the **Swiss Cinematographers Society (SCS)**.



- **„4 Blocks ZERO“, Streaming-Serie 2026**
Regie: Özgür Yildirim, Hüseyin Tabak
Produktion: Wiedemann & Berg Film
- **„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
- **„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
- **„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 Wegrzyn
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 Wegrzyn
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