

HANNU SALONEN

FILM & TELEVISION DIRECTOR

Cinema · Limited Series · Premium Television

*Visually precise. Emotionally charged.
Intimate in feeling, larger than life in scale.*

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PROFILE

Hannu Salonen is a Finnish-German film and television director whose work combines visual precision, emotional force and a distinctly European sensibility. Trained at the German Film and Television Academy Berlin (DFFB), he graduated with the feature film Downhill City, starring Franka Potente, which won Best European Debut Film at Premiers Plans Angers. His work spans historical drama, crime, satire and international thrillers, including Oktoberfest: Beer & Blood, Arctic Circle, I Am Scrooge and Shadowtower. In 2026, Salonen returns to cinema with The Rome Eight and Jennerwein – Hochsaison, while his six-part Disney+ original Vienna Game premieres worldwide. He is drawn to stories that entertain, move and remain with an audience.

CURRENT WORK

Cinema and international series in 2026

THE ROME EIGHT (ADAMS ACHT)

FEATURE FILM · 2026

Director / Associate Producer
German cinemas · 17 September 2026
World sales · Beta Cinema

VIENNA GAME

DISNEY+ ORIGINAL · 6 × 45' · 2026

Director · all episodes
Satel Film
Worldwide premiere · November 2026

JENNERWEIN – HOCHSAISON

FEATURE FILM · 2026

Director
W&B Television / RTL Deutschland
German cinemas · 5 November 2026 · LEONINE

I AM SCROOGE (ICH BIN DAGOBERT)

LIMITED SERIES · 6 × 45' · 2024

Director · all episodes
Zeitsprung Pictures / RTL+
Now streaming on Sky and WOW

SELECTED RECOGNITION

2025

Shanghai TV Festival · Magnolia Award nomination
Best Foreign TV Film / Miniseries — I Am Scrooge

2024

German Television Award nomination
Best TV Movie — Blindspot

2021

German Television Award · Winner
Best Multi-Part Series — Oktoberfest: Beer & Blood

2016

New York Festivals · Silver World Medal
Shades of Guilt: "Volksfest"

2013

German Directors Award nomination
Best Directing, TV Series — Crime Stories: "Fährner"

2000

Premiers Plans Angers · Winner
Best European Debut Film / European Jury Award — Downhill City

BACKGROUND

NATIONALITIES

Finnish / German

LANGUAGES

English / Finnish / German / Swedish

EDUCATION

German Film and Television Academy Berlin (DFFB)

MEMBERSHIPS

BVR · VG Bild-Kunst · VG Wort

WORK

International production experience across Europe and South Africa

REPRESENTATION

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SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

1999–2026 · All entries are directing credits unless otherwise indicated.

FEATURE FILMS

2026 THE ROME EIGHT (ADAMS ACHT)
Feature film · Ninety-Minute Film / Storyport Pictures / Majestic · Associate Producer

2026 JENNERWEIN – HOCHSAISON
Feature film · W&B Television / RTL Deutschland / LEONINE Studios

2014 VARES: THE SHERIFF (VARES – SHERIFFI)
Feature film · Solar Films, Finland · Screenwriter

2008 VASHA
Feature film · Philipp Homberg Filmproduktion · Screenwriter

1999 DOWNHILL CITY
Feature film · Luna-Film · Screenwriter

LIMITED SERIES & SERIES

2026 VIENNA GAME
Disney+ Original limited series · 6 × 45' · Satel Film · all episodes

2024 I AM SCROOGE (ICH BIN DAGOBERT)
Limited series · 6 × 45' · Zeitsprung Pictures / RTL+ · all episodes

2024 SHADOWTOWER (TURMSCHATTEN)
Political thriller series · 6 × 45' · The Amazing Film Company / Paramount+ / Sky · all episodes

2020 OKTOBERFEST: BEER & BLOOD (OKTOBERFEST 1900)
Historical drama series · 6 × 48' · Zeitsprung Pictures / ARD / Netflix · all episodes

2018–19 ARCTIC CIRCLE (IVALO) · SEASON 1
Nordic crime series · 10 × 45' · Yellow Film & TV / Bavaria Fiction · all episodes

2015–17 SHADES OF GUILT (SCHULD)
Anthology series · Moovie / ZDF · selected episodes

2013 CRIME STORIES (VERBRECHEN)
Anthology series · Moovie / ZDF · selected episodes

2012 CROSSING LINES
International crime series · Tandem / NBC / TF1 / Sat.1 · selected episodes

2011–13 DER KRIMINALIST
Crime series · ZDF · selected episodes · screenwriter on selected episodes

SELECTED TELEVISION

2024 BLINDSPOT
TV movie · Network Movie / ZDF

2021 BIRTH OF A CHAMPION
Der Rebell – Von Leimen nach Wimbledon · Zeitsprung Pictures / RTL+

2020 WOLFSLAND – DIE TRAUERIGEN SCHWESTERN
TV crime film · Molina Film / ARD / MDR

2019 OSTFRIESENANGST
TV crime film · Schiwago Film / ZDF

2016–17 DIE TOTEN VOM BODENSEE
Four TV crime films · Rowboat Film / ORF / ZDF

2015 SELECTED TV MOVIES
Dresden Mord – Nachtgestalten · Die Hebamme 2 · Ein gefährliches Angebot

2013 SELECTED TV MOVIES
Die Hebamme · Tatort: Adams Alptraum

2012 ROSA ROTH / TATORT
Der Schuss · Eine Handvoll Paradies · Melinda

2011 TATORT – VERSCHLEPPT
TV crime film · ProSaar / SR

2010 SELECTED TV MOVIES
Inspektor Barbarotti: Verachtung · Des Kaisers neue Kleider · Die Verführung

2009 TATORT
Tango für Borowski · Hilfflos

2007 COMMISSARIO LAURENTI
Tod auf Warteliste · Der Tod wirft lange Schatten

2006 SELECTED TV MOVIES
Trace of Hope · Der Mann von Gestern · Tatort: Racheengel

2005–06 TATORT / POLIZEIRUF 110
Sternenkinder · Vorwärts wie rückwärts

2003–04 TATORT / POLIZEIRUF 110
Der vierte Mann · Feuer taufe · Resturlaub

2000–02 SELECTED TV MOVIES
All'arrabbiata · Ein Teenager flippt aus · Liebe ist die beste Medizin

SELECTED SCREENWRITING

1999 DOWNHILL CITY
Original screenplay

2008 VASHA
Screenplay

2012 TATORT: EINE HANDVOLL PARADIES
Rewrite

2012–13 DER KRIMINALIST
Selected episodes

2014 VARES: THE SHERIFF
Screenplay

2015 EIN GEFÄHRLICHES ANGEBOT
Screenplay

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Further directing credits include Ein Fall für zwei, KI.KA-Krimi.de and additional episodes and films in established German crime franchises.