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Born in Issilkul, Omsk region, USSR. Studied acting and German language and literature at the Tsepkin Theater Academy in Moscow. Since 1980, actress, director, and playwright in Moscow. Emigrated to Germany in 1990. From 1990 to 1996, editor at Deutsche Welle TV Cologne, since then freelance filmmaker with numerous international awards. (see respective films)

Filmography 2025 - 2016

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| 2025 | FFA screenplay grant for the cinema documentary "Denk ich an Deutschland in der Nacht" (When I Think of Germany at Night) AT | |
| 2023 | Moldova – A Country in the Shadow of War ARD 44 min. Screenplay and direction | |
| 2022 | Belarus – The Short Dream of Freedom ARD 44 min. direction
Nominations: German Human Rights Film Award 2022, Media Prize of the Association for International Broadcasting | Screenplay and |
| 2019 | Russia's Millennium Children WDR/MDR 90 min. Screenplay and direction TV documentary WDR/MDR, Film and Media Foundation NRW
Festivals: Film Festival Cologne – nominated for the NRW Film Prize, Dok Leipzig, ArtDocfest Moscow | |
| 2016
Film | PAWLENSKI: Man and Power 99 min. Screenplay and direction Cinema documentary SWR/ARTE, and Media Foundation NRW, BKM
Festivals: Dok Leipzig, ArtDocfest Moscow (opening film); FIPA Biarritz, DocPoint Helsinki; One World Prague; CIADFF Taiwan, FIFA Montreal, One World Brussels, European Media Art Festival, Osnabrück; Beldocs/Belgrade, Cévennes Int. Fest; Docaviv /Tel Aviv, SIFF/ Seattle; FILAF/Perpignan; SWR Doku-Festival/Stuttgart; Wexford Film Festival/Ireland; Festival des Libertés/Brussels (opening film); Artecinema/Naples; BAFF Brussels Art Film Festival; This Human World/Vienna; One World Romania/Bucharest
Awards: FIFA Montreal - Prix Best Portrait; nominations for the German Documentary Film Award, the NRW Film Award, and the German Human Rights Film Award. | |

Filmography 2004 - 2014

- 2014 **We Just Wanted to Be Together** 80 min. Written and directed by TV documentary film SWR/NDR
Art and Provocation in the Tsar's Palace 52 min. WDR/ARTE
- 2012 **The Song of Life** 90 min. – cinema documentary, written and directed by SWR/ARTE, WDR, funded by the Film- und Medienstiftung NRW. Cinema release – January 17, 2013
Festivals: IDFA – Int. Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam 2012; Berlinale 2013 LOLA Screening (pre-selection for the German Film Award); Belfast Film Festival; Forum Images Groningen/Netherlands; "Silver Screen"/ Frankfurt; Pärnu Int. Film Festival/Estonia; iDocs Int. Film Festival Beijing/China
- 2010 **Die Konkurrenten** – Russlands Wunderkinder II (The Competitors – Russia's Prodigies II), 98 min. cinema documentary, written and directed by RBB/ ARTE. Funded by Filmstiftung NRW, Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Deutscher Filmförderfonds, MEDIA. Cinema distributor: Gmfilms
Festivals: ArtDocFest Moscow – Nominated for the "Der Lorbeerzweig" award
- 2009 **Liebesgrüße aus Ramstein** (Love Greetings from Ramstein), 89 min. TV documentary, SWR/WDR/Dw-tv
Festivals: Munich International Film Festival 2009; New Cinema from Germany, Museum of Modern Art, New York 2010, Int. Festival "Flahertiana" Perm/Russia
- 2007 **Rubljovka – Road to Bliss**, cinema documentary film, 94 min., writer and director,
RBB/ARTE, WDR Filmstiftung NRW
Festivals: Munich International Film Festival; Viennale 2007, Golden Chest International TV Fest, Plovdiv; Kassel Documentary and Video Festival; Guangzhou Documentary Film Festival, China; Festival Tertio Millennio Rome; Gothenburg International Film Festival Human Rights Film Festival Zagreb, Maysles Brothers Award Belfast; Sguardi Altrove, Milan; Planet Doc Review Warsaw 2008; Human Rights Festival Kiev 2009
Awards: Audience Jury Prize for Best Film, Viennale; Best Cinematography Award, Golden Chest; Best Documentary Film, Sguardi Altrove, Milan; Nominated for the Grimme Prize 2009; "Prix Circom regional" in the "International" category 2009.
Blood and Honey – Europe Without Borders, 92 min., TV documentary ZDF/ ARTE
- 2005 **In Siberia**, Poland TV documentary, writer and director, 60 min. ARTE
- 2004 **Ice and Oranges – On the Road in the New Old Europe** TV documentary, writer and director, 88 min. ARTE G.E.I.E.

Filmography 1993 - 2003

- 2003 Die Martins-Passion (The Passion of St. Martin) Cinema documentary film, writer and director, 96 min., ARTE G.E.I.E., WDR/3sat, YLE, NPS and Filmstiftung NRW
Festivals: FIPA 2004 Biarritz; "It's All True" Sao Paulo; Philadelphia Film Festival; 19th Documentary Film Festival Munich; "Golden Prague" Prague; Banff Rocky Awards, Canada; "Message to Man" St. Petersburg, Russia; Pocono Mountains Film Festival/USA; Montreal Film Festival New Cinema/Canada; Chicago Documentary Festival; Havana Film Festival
Awards: FIPA D'OR in Biarritz; Banff Rockie Award; Centaur – for the best full-length documentary, St. Petersburg; Best Documentary Pocono Festival
- 2001 Lale Andersen – The Voice of Lili Marleen Documentary film, book and director, 89 min. WDR, NDR, DW-tv, Filmbüro NW
Festivals: Golden Chest Film and TV Festival Plovdiv, Bulgaria; New German Films at the Museum of Modern Art New York; Nordic Film Days Lübeck; Int. Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Filmfest Lisboa 2002
Awards: Grand Prix at the Golden Chest Festival Plovdiv
- 2000 Russia's Child Prodigies Written and directed by, 98 min. Cinema documentary film WDR/arte / Filmstiftung NRW
Festivals: Berlinale 2000 (Forum); DocAviv Tel Aviv; Int. Documentary Film Festival Munich, Docfest New York, Int. Documentary Festival Amsterdam, Hot Docs Toronto 2002. Awards: Golden Gate Award Competition, San Francisco 2001, Merit Winner
- 1999 Klasse(n) Klänge (Class(es) Sounds) Documentary 77 min. WDR/3SAT and DW-TV
- 1998 Das Ende einer Odyssee (The End of an Odyssey) – The Pianist Rudolf Kehr DW-TV Documentary 30 min. Screenplay and direction
- 1997 Auf Wiedersehen in Berlin (See You Again in Berlin) Screenplay for a feature film, screenplay grant: Filmförderung Hamburg and BMI
- 1996 Empire of Dreams – The Bolshoi Ballet between Myth and Reality. TV documentary, 60 min. Screenplay and direction for MDR/WDR/ARTE
- 1993 Nowhere at Home – The Fate of Ethnic German Resettlers, TV documentary, 30 min. Screenplay and direction, DW-TV