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## **WINTER HUNT**

Director: Astrid Schult

Screenplay: Daniel Bickermann, Astrid Schult

Casting: Karen Wendland

Actors: Michael Degen, Carolyn Genzkow, Elisabeth Degen

Cinematography: Eva Katharina Bühler

Production Design: Christian Strang

Make-up: Monika Knauf, Lisa Hilpert

Costume: Ulé Barcelos

Editor: Vincent Assmann

Music: Philipp Noll Axel Huber

Sound Design: Tobias Scherer, Marvin Keil

Produktionsleitung: Jakob Neuhäusser

Herstellungsleitung: Christos Papanoainnou

Commissioning Editor: Burkhard Althoff

Production: Venice Pictures, Sebastian Sawetzki

A Venice Pictures Production in Co-Production with ZDF/Das kleine Fernsehspiel

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D, 2017, 74 Minutes, DCP 5.1

## **LOGLINE**

A young woman is fighting for moral justice of an old Nazi crime.

## **SYNOPSIS**

The psychological Thriller WINTER HUNT tells the story of a family as a dark chamber drama on the Schwäbische Alb.

The film is about a young girl (Lena, 25) who enters the mansion of family Rossberg. Anselm Rossberg (91), a former Auschwitz guard lives here with his daughter Maria (48). Lena attacks Anselm Rossberg with a weapon and forces him to confess about his past and his actions in the concentration camp as a young man. Anselm denies to know anything about it, he shortly was part of a trial but was found not guilty. But Lena insists and threatens to kill his daughter Maria. Finally the tide is turning and a terrible secret comes up. In the end Lena is confronted with a moral decision.



## **DIRECTORS NOTE**

During my research for a two-part Documentary with the title THE LAST CHAPTER (2013/2014), which deals with late investigations of the the last living perpetrators from the Nazi Regime, I was able to find one former SS-guard from Auschwitz who was on a list of 50 SS-Guards still alive investigated by the Zentrale Stelle in Ludwigburg. The film asks why some of the perpetrators shall be prosecuted today and not already have been brought to justice decades ago. The film also asks questions of a younger generation and tries to find out what this historical chapter means for today society.

There are hardly any contemporary witnesses that are still alive and can speak about this epoche. The number of perpetrators who have been in the death camp Auschwitz that are still alive is very small. Aproximately 30 former SS-guards have been investigated by German LKA and only a handfull have been prosecuted media-effective and brought to court. Most of the cases have been closed because of the inability to stand trial of the over 90year old perpetrators, or because of lack of evidence. A failure of the judicial system and a Dilemma. Is it too late for justice?

My personal encounter with a former SS-guard was a sinister glance in the Abyss of the German soul which has gripped me ever since. It was clear to me, that with documentary means I approach certain limits. Which traumata and secrets are deeply buried in German families until today and what does it mean to be a child of a alleged perpetrator from Auschwitz? Is late justice possible? Does it mean something to the victims that are still alive?

After the documentary project I developed a desire to find a different way of dealing with the topic and to explore the psychological depths of the character that I met.

## MICHAEL DEGEN



**Michael Max Degen** [31 January 1932](#), [Chemnitz, Germany](#)

### **BIOGRAPHIE**

Michael Degen managed to survive the Nazi terror regime together with his mother. While his father was deported to a concentration camp and died shortly after World War II, they were hidden by friends in Berlin.

Published his critically acclaimed autobiography "Nicht alle waren Mörder - Eine Kindheit in Berlin" (Not everyone was a murderer - A childhood in Berlin) in 1999.

After studying acting in Berlin, he made his stage debut at the Deutsches Theater in Berlin. In the following decades, he collaborated with some of the most important stage directors in Germany such as Bertolt Brecht, Rudolf Noelte or Peter Zadek.

Is portrayed by Aaron Altaras on Nicht alle waren Mörder (2006) (TV), the movie about his childhood.

Degen is married for the third time, his second wife was the actress Dora Degen Borkoff, they have two children: Adina and Jakob Degen.

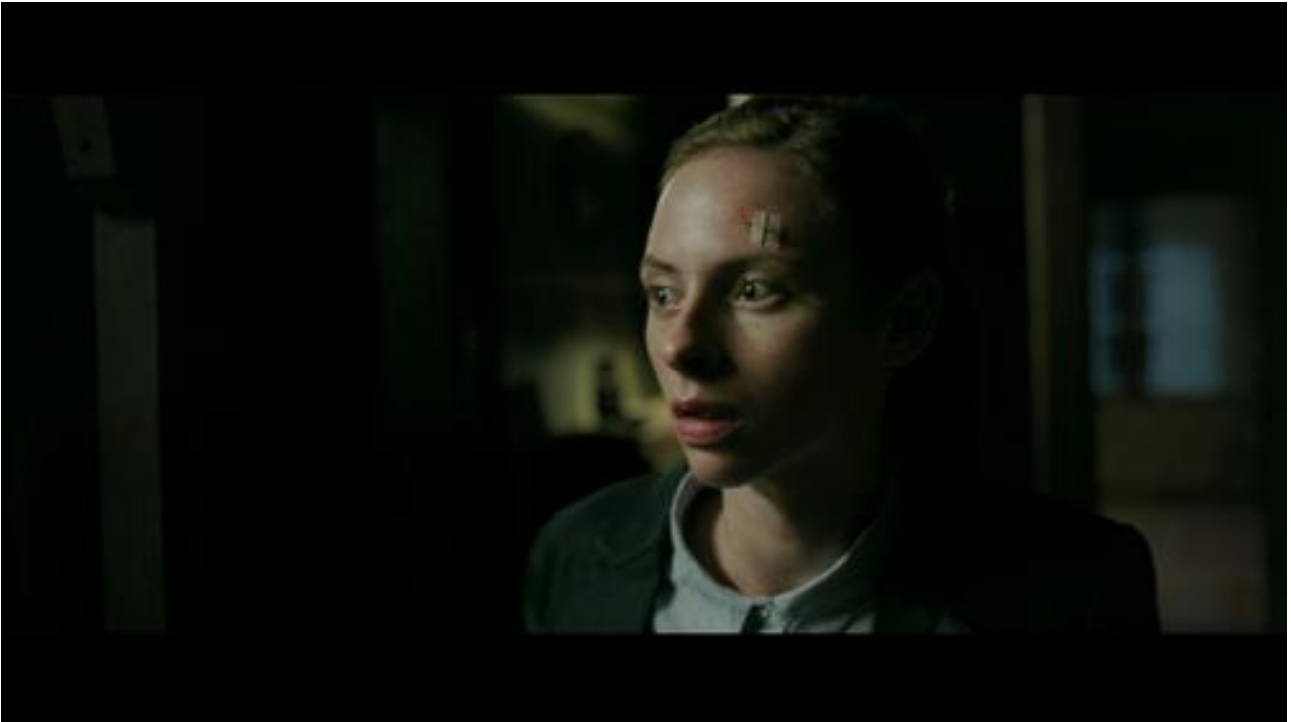
He's also the father of Elisabeth Degen (actress) and Gabi Degen (first marriage).

(- *IMDb Mini Biography* By: [A.D.](#))

**FILMOGRAPHIE:** <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0214689/>



## CAROLYN GENZKOW



### MINI-BIO

Carolyn Genzkow was born in July 1992. She is an actress, known for [Der Nachtmahr](#) (2015), [Zivilcourage](#) (2010) and [Keine Angst](#) (2009).

### FILMOGRAPHIE

#### [Winterjagd](#) (TV Movie) ([completed](#))

##### **Lena**

2007-2017 [Tatort](#) (TV Series)

Anna Feil / Hospitantin Anna Feil / Anna / ...

- [Amour fou](#) (2017) ... Anna Feil
- [Dunkelfeld](#) (2016) ... Hospitantin Anna Feil
- [Wir - Ihr - Sie](#) (2016) ... Anna Feil
- [Ätzend](#) (2015) ... Anna Feil
- [Das Muli](#) (2015) ... Anna

[Show all 7 episodes](#)

2017 [Frühling - Nichts gegen Papa](#) (TV Movie)

[Kiki Baumann](#)

2017 [Frühling - Zu früh geträumt](#)

[Kiki Baumann](#)

2017 [Frühling Schritt ins Licht](#)

[Kiki Baumann](#)

2016 [Shakespeares letzte Runde](#) (TV Movie)

Julia

2016 [Der Staatsanwalt](#) (TV Series)

Julia Binder

- [Das verfluchte Haus](#) (2016) ... Julia Binder

2016 **Hundertmal Frühling** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2016 **Zeit für Frühling** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2015 **Der Nachtmahr**  
Tina  
2015/I **Taxi**  
Prostitute  
2015 **Bella Block** (TV Series)  
Jette Albrecht  
- [Die schönste Nacht des Lebens](#) (2015) ... Jette Albrecht  
2015 **Frühling zu zweit** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2015 **Endlich Frühling** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2015 **Der Lehrer** (TV Series)  
Nele Schadow  
- [Jeder hat doch irgendwie 'nen Schaden](#) (2015) ... Nele Schadow  
2014 **Frühling in Weiß** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2014 **Der Alte** (TV Series)  
Sabrina Ried  
- [Heißes Blut](#) (2014) ... Sabrina Ried  
2014 **Einmal Frühling und zurück** (TV Movie)  
[Kikki Baumann](#)  
2014 **Frühlingsgeflüster** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2008-2013 **Notruf Hafenkante** (TV Series)  
Maria Büttner / Praktikantin  
- [Gefangen](#) (2013) ... Maria Büttner  
- [Herz an Herz](#) (2008) ... Praktikantin  
2013 **Der Kriminalist** (TV Series)  
Jessy  
- [Der Sobottka Clan](#) (2013) ... Jessy  
2013 **SOKO Wismar** (TV Series)  
Jana Matthiesen  
- [Ein Zipfel vom Glück](#) (2013) ... Jana Matthiesen  
2013 **Alarm für Cobra 11 - Die Autobahnpolizei** (TV Series)  
Sonja Westfeld  
- [Gestohlene Liebe](#) (2013) ... Sonja Westfeld  
2013 **Frühlingsgefühle** (TV Movie)  
[Kikki Baumann](#)  
2013 **Frühlingskinder** (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2013 **Der große Schwindel** (TV Movie)  
Rieke  
2012 **SOKO Stuttgart** (TV Series)  
Yasmin Fleck  
- [Sechs Richtige](#) (2012) ... Yasmin Fleck  
2012 **Wunschkind** (TV Movie)  
Carolin Kayser / Jasmin Kayser



2012 [Letzte Spur Berlin](#) (TV Series)  
Nadine Vössler  
- [Entzugerscheinung](#) (2012) ... Nadine Vössler  
2012 [Frühling für Anfänger](#) (TV Movie)  
[Kiki Baumann](#)  
2012 [Ein starkes Team](#) (TV Series)  
Alexa  
- [Die Gottesanbeterin](#) (2012) ... Alexa  
2012 [Küstenwache](#) (TV Series)  
Kira Laren  
- [Tödliche Wette](#) (2012) ... Kira Laren  
2011 [Stubbe - Von Fall zu Fall](#) (TV Series)  
Lilly  
- [Der Stolz der Familie](#) (2011) ... Lilly  
2011 [Der Bergdoktor](#) (TV Series)  
Barbara Jentsch  
- [Neue Energien](#) (2011) ... Barbara Jentsch  
2010 [Zivilcourage](#) (TV Movie)  
Jessica  
2009 [Keine Angst](#) (TV Movie)  
Melanie (as Carolyn Sophia Genzkow)  
2007-2009 [Doktor Martin](#) (TV Series)  
Nina Wieseler  
- [Im Wald vor lauter Bäumen](#) (2009) ... Nina Wieseler  
- [Von Vätern und Söhnen](#) (2009) ... Nina Wieseler  
- [An anderer Stelle](#) (2009) ... Nina Wieseler  
- [Ein Mann sieht rot](#) (2007) ... Nina Wieseler  
- [Ausgebremst](#) (2007) ... Nina Wieseler  
2008 [Die Gerichtsmedizinerin](#) (TV Series)  
Charlotte Petersen  
- [Schlaf Kindlein, schlaf](#) (2008) ... Charlotte Petersen  
- [Jenny](#) (2008) ... Charlotte Petersen  
2008 [SOKO Leipzig](#) (TV Series)  
Amanda Kling  
- [Harte Hand](#) (2008) ... Amanda Kling  
2007 [Krimi.de](#) (TV Series)  
Emma  
- [Kein zurück](#) (2007) ... Emma  
2006 [Am Ende des Schweigens](#) (TV Movie)  
Ricarda Hoffmann

## ELISABETH DEGEN



### MINI-BIO:

Elisabeth Degen was born on January 19, 1971 in Berlin, Germany. She is an actress, known for [Aimée & Jaguar](#) (1999), [Olli](#) (2005) and [Kriegerstock](#) (2009).

### FILMOGRAPHIE:

[Winterjagd](#) (TV Movie) ([completed](#))

Maria

2016 [SOKO Wismar](#) (TV Series)

Frida Taler

- [Zusammen ist man weniger allein](#) (2016) ... Frida Taler

2015 [Süßer September](#) (TV Movie)

Rezeptionistin Nacht

2015 [Otvoreni kavez](#)

Rike

2014 [Salomea's Nose](#) (Short)

Great-Grandma

2011 [Scrabbled](#) (Short)

Margret

2009 [Kriegerstock](#) (Short)

Astrid

2008 [R.I.S. - Die Sprache der Toten](#) (TV Series)

Frau Marschall

- [Wettlauf mit dem Tod](#) (2008) ... Frau Marschall

2007 [Da kommt Kalle](#) (TV Series)

Carolin Schröder

- [Falscher Fuffziger](#) (2007) ... Carolin Schröder

2005 **Tatort** (TV Series)  
Anja Scheer  
- **Das Lächeln der Madonna** (2005) ... Anja Scheer  
- **Letzte Zweifel** (2005)  
2005 **Liebe nach dem Tod** (TV Movie)  
Barbara Pfeiffer  
2005 **Im Namen des Gesetzes** (TV Series)  
Frau Hildebrandt  
- **Falsches Spiel** (2005) ... Frau Hildebrandt  
2005 **Olli** (Short)  
Kelly  
2004 **SOKO Kitzbühel** (TV Series)  
Therese Eichhorn  
- **Todessprung** (2004) ... Therese Eichhorn  
2004 **Edel & Starck** (TV Series)  
Prostituierte  
- **Knastbruder Felix** (2004) ... Prostituierte  
2003 **Abschnitt 40** (TV Series)  
Ehefrau  
- **Mausefalle** (2003) ... Ehefrau  
2003 **Unser Charly** (TV Series)  
- **Schmetterlinge im Bauch** (2003)  
2003 **Nach so vielen Jahren** (TV Movie)  
Sarah Maibaum  
2003 **Die Cleveren** (TV Series)  
Frau Rust  
- **Engelchen flieg** (2003) ... Frau Rust  
2001 **Dr. Sommerfeld - Neues vom Bülowbogen** (TV Series)  
Rita Willmann  
- **Schuld und Sühne** (2001) ... Rita Willmann  
1999 **Aimée & Jaguar**  
Lotte  
1998 **Sylvia - Eine Klasse für sich** (TV Series)  
  
1997 **Park Hotel Stern** (TV Series)  
- **Im roten Bereich** (1997)  
1990 **Theater: Die Möwe** (TV Movie)  
**Nina**  
1987 **Die Kolonie** (TV Movie)  
Nicole  
1987 **Maschenka**  
Ina  
1986 **Tödliche Liebe** (TV Movie)  
Marie  
1985 **Eine Klasse für sich - Geschichten aus einem Internat** (TV Series)  
Naval

## **ASTRID SCHULT**



### **BIOGRAPHIE**

Astrid was born in 1979, in Bad Nauheim, Germany. She completed her A-levels in 1998 at the Rudolf-Steiner-School in Berlin, Dahlem. Her first work placement followed at DCTV, a local broadcasting station in Vancouver, during a six-month visit to Canada and America. In 1999 she began working as an electronic broadcasting assistant for Electronic Pictures, Berlin, which mostly involved political news reporting for arte, BR (Bavarian Broadcasting) and SWR (South West Broadcasting). Over the next few years, Astrid undertook numerous internships with television and film production companies, and a six-month voluntary placement with the camera rental agency FGV- Schmidle in 2000. She worked as a film loader and camera assistant for a number of other productions including the German series "Edel & Starck", the film "Der Anwalt und sein Gast" (2003) and the crime series "Sperling". From 2000 – 2002, Astrid worked with several television production companies, and in 2002 she began working as a freelance cinematographer and camera assistant whilst studying literature and history at the Humboldt University in Berlin. In 2003, she started studying cinematography at the Baden-Württemberg Film Academy, and focussed her studies on documentary film in 2005. In 2009 Astrid successfully completed her course at the Film Academy with a diploma in documentary film direction, and is now working as a freelance documentary director and cinematographer in Berlin.

With „NO CIRCUS“ (WDR) and the ZDF-Co-production „THE WAR WITHIN“ Astrid received numerous awards at national and international Filmfestivals.

2010 Astrid received a Nomination for the Grimme-Award (Most Prestigious National Television Award) and the Eberhard-Fechner-Stipendia of the Grimme-Institute for her diploma film „The War Within“. 2011 follows the ZDF-Production „The Mediators“ (Internationale Hofer Filmtage 2011) and in 2012 the SWR/ARTE – Coproduction „I WANT MY COUNTRY BACK“ - THE TEA PARTY, which premiered at the Internationale Hofer Filmtage and was shown Super Tuesday on German Television. In January 2015 Astrid received a MFG-Stipendia of the Academy Schloss Solitude in Stuttgart. Astrid Schult is a guest lecturer for Documentary Filmmaking at the Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg. Recently Astrid completed her fictional debut, the Thriller WINTER HUNT in Co-Production with ZDF/Das kleine Fernsehspiel.

## **FILMOGRAFIE (SELECTION)**

WINTERJAGD (Director, Co-Writer)

Thriller, Feature Film (2016/2017), HD, 75 Minutes ZDF/ Das kleine Fernsehspiel, MFG, Hessenfilm and Media. With Carolyn Genzkow, Michael Degen, Elisabeth Degen. Premiere: Filmkunstfest Mecklenburg Vorpommern Mai 2017.

RUFMORD (Director, Writer)

Documentary-Feature (2015) HD, 45 Min. Menschen Hautnah, WDR

THE LAST CHAPTER I & II (Director, Writer)

Documentary (2013/2014), HD, 2x30 Min., Webdoku, WDR

Nominated for German Human Rights Award 2014 und den Grimme-Award 2015

IRGENDWANN IST SCHLUSS (Director, Writer)

Documentary (2013), HD, 30 Min., WDR

„I WANT MY COUNTRY BACK“- THE TEA PARTY (Director, Writer)

Documentary (2012), HD, 82 Min./60 Min., Eikon Südwest und Made in Germany in Co-Production with SWR und ARTE, MFG and Filmstiftung NRW. Premiere: 46. International Hofer Filmtage, Kasseler Dokfest 2012, Nominated for den Golden Key Kasseler Dokfest, Nonfiktionale Bad Aibling, Incredible Film Festival

THE MEDIATORS (Director, Writer)

Documentary (2011), HD, 73.Min./Cube Films, ZDF/ Das kleine Fernsehspiel. 45. International Hofer Filmtage 2011, New Berlin Film Award 2012. TV-Premiere: ZDF/Das kleine Fernsehspiel, Reihe: Nur die Arbeit zählt, Mai 2012.

THE WAR WITHIN (Director, Writer)

Documentary (2008), DVCPProHD, 72 Min. / Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg in Co-production with ZDF/Das Kleine Fernsehspiel

International 43. Hofer Filmtage 2009 | 20.Kinofest Lünen | 15.Filmschau Baden-Württemberg | „Achtung Berlin“ – New Berlin Film Award, nominated for Preis der Ökumenischen Jury, Award for the „Best Documentary“ (Laudatio Joachim Tschirner) | FBW-Prädikat:Wertvoll (Dokumentarfilm des Monats) | Lobende Erwähnung beim Phoenix-Dokumentarfilmpreis 2010 | 4th Open Documentary Festival

„Man and War“ in Jekaterinenburg Preis für den „Besten Debütfilm“ | TV-Premiere:  
ZDF/Das kleine Fernsehspiel, Reihe: 100% Leben, Dezember 2009 | Grimme-Award  
2010: Eberhard-Fechner-Stipendia of VG Bild-Kunst, 46. Adolf-Grimme-Award.

NO CIRCUS (DIRECTOR, WRITER)

Documentary (2006), 16mm/Mini DV, 45 Min. / Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg, (LBBW)  
57. Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin (Perspektive Deutsches Kino) 2007 |  
Internationales Kasseler Film- und Videofest | FILMZ Mainz | 4. Dokumentarfilmwoche  
Hamburg | Stranger than Fiction | Nonfiktionale, 13. Berlin & Beyond San Francisco |  
Dokumentarfilmpreis – Sehsuechte, Bester Nachwuchsfilm | New Berlin Film Award –  
Förderpreis | German Cinematography-Award | Nominated for Medien Award STARKE  
FAMILIE | FBW-Prädikat: Besonders wertvoll | Erstaussstrahlung WDR (Menschen  
hautnah), Frühjahr 2007.

GYSI AND I (CINEMATOGRAPHY)

Documentary (2006), MiniDV, 60 Min. / Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg  
TV-Premiere SWR (Junger Dokumentarfilm)

DER SCHLAGMANN (CINEMATOGRAPHY)

Short, Fiction (2005), 16mm, 15 Min. / Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg

GHOST OF THE CITIES (DIRECTOR; WRITER)

Documentary, (2005), DigiBeta, 30 Min. / Filmacademy Baden-Württemberg

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