

## Frank Buchs



### Professional background

Since graduating in 1987, Frank Buchs has supervised more than 140 international films and series, initially as a unit manager and production manager, and from 1999 as a line producer and producer. From 2007, he also took over the management of Videoscope Fernseh-Film GmbH, and later of Polyphon International. From 2011, he worked for various major international film productions as an executive producer, producer and line producer, among others for Bavaria Studios and Sky Deutschland.

Frank Buchs has a large network of international production partners, agencies and creative partners. Through the multitude of his productions, he has already worked with all national (and many international) stars in front of and behind the camera. He also has an in-depth knowledge of film funding systems worldwide. Among other things, he has succeeded in setting up and producing two series for his commissioning broadcasters in Canada and New Zealand at extremely low cost. Further high-profile film projects were implemented in various – sometimes complex – financing structures, always on time and on budget. The individual projects are listed in his CV. Please refer to the respective broadcasts for the individual credits.

He also produced the following feature films between 2013 and 2015: the supernatural thriller “Pay the Ghost” (directed by Uli Edel, starring Nicolas Cage, Sarah Wayne Callies, among others) and, before that, the thriller ‘Reasonable Doubt’ (directed by Peter Howitt; starring Samuel L. Jackson, Dominic Cooper. With special thanks, directing legend Werner Herzog thanked Frank Buchs for his support of the feature film ‘Salt and Fire’ (starring Michael Shannon and many others).

In addition, the following films were produced with extremely tight budgets between 2014 and 2016:

“Half Brothers” (Director: Christian Alvar, Cast: Sido, Teddy Teclebahn, Fahri Yardin, etc.) – Distributor: Universal, as well as the animated film “Mullewapp – eine schöne Schweinerei” (Distributor: Studio Canal) and the historical production “Lou Andreas Salome” (Distributor: Wildbunch), which Frank Buchs successfully supervised as Line Producer/Production Supervisor for Bavaria Film Studios to ensure that the budget was adhered to.

From 2016 – 2018, he worked for SKY Germany as Director of Production Management & Business Affairs, where he played a key role in setting up the new series and show production. In 2019 – 2020, he again worked as managing director and producer, and international co-productions such as “Crisis” (starring Gary Oldman, Armie Hammer, Evangelina Liily, among others) produced by Cassian Elwes (Dallas Buyers Club, among others) as well as “Every Breath You Take” (starring Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Sam Cluflin, among others) and “Love, Wedding and Other Disasters” (starring Maggie Grace, Diane Keaton and Jeremy Irons, among others) directed by Dennis Dugan. Most recently, he worked as a producer on the mega-series “The Swarm” with legendary producer and showrunner Frank Doelger (“Game of Thrones”, “Rome” etc.).

He is currently managing director of Pyjama Pictures and a partner in Kleine Brüder Filmproduktion, where he is also responsible for various projects as executive producer. Further details can be found at [www.frankbuchs.de](http://www.frankbuchs.de)

## Filmography

### Awards, nominations and prizes for Pyjama Pictures and Frank Buchs

- 2022 Winner „Blauer Panther“ Best Comedy of Amazon series for „Die Discounter 2“
- 2023 Nomination „Deutscher Fernsehpreis“ Best Comedy of Amazon series „Die Discounter 3“
- 2023 Winner „Deutscher Fernsehpreis“ Best Miniseries for „Der Schwarm“
- 2023 Nomination „Deutsche Filmakademie“ for Frank Buchs as Producer „Der Schwarm“
- 2024 Winner „Deutscher Fernsehpreis“ Best Comedy series for Amazon production „Die Discounter 4“
- 2025 Winner „Grimme Preis“ for ARD series “Player of Ibiza”

CFO, Executive Producer, Managing Director

Pyjama Pictures and Kleine Brüder film production

2025 **Der Apfelhof am Bodensee (80 x 45) Sat 1**

2025 **Aupair (8 x 45) Joyn/Pro7** (staring Christian Ulmen u.a.)

2025 **Encrochat (6 x 45) Amazon Prime**

2025 **The Swedish Crown (6 x 45) Sat 1/Joyn/Weltvertrieb und schwed Partner**

2025 **Conny from the Block (8 x 45) ZDF**

2024 **Take the money and run (6 x 45) ZDF** (staring

2024 **Discounter 4 (10 x 25) Amazon Prime Video** (staring Discounter Ensemble)

2024 **Gerry Star (8 x 25) Amazon Prime Video** (staring Sascha Nathan, ben Becker, Andrea Sawatzki u.a.) written and directed by Max Wolter und Tom Gronau

2024 **"Intimate 2" (8 x 25) a Joyn Original** (staring Fahri Yardim, Merlin Sandmeyer u.a.) produced and directed by Kleine Brüder

2024 **Küstenrevier (80 x 33) Sat 1**

2024 **Was wiegt die Liebe (1 x 90) ZDF** (staring

2023 **"Intimate 1" (8 x 25) a Joyn Original** (staring Heike Makatsch, Heine Ferch, Martin Brambach, Marc Hosemann u.v.a.) produced and directed by Kleine Brüder

2023 **Meine neue Freundin (6 x 45) RTL+** (staring Christian Ulmen, Luisa Schultze)

2023 **Discounter 3 (10 x 25) Amazon Prime Video** (staring Marc Hosemann, Heinz Strunk)

2022 **"Intimate 1" (8 x 25) a Joyn Original** (staring Heike Makatsch, Heine Ferch, Martin Brambach, Marc Hosemann u.v.a.) written and directed by Kleine Brüder

2022 **"Discounter 2" (10 x 20) Amazon Prime Video** (Bayerischer Filmpreis Blauer Panther) starring Marc Hosemann, Kida Ramadan, Frederik Lau u.v.a. directed by Kleine Brüder

2022 **"Jerks 5" (10 x 25 min) a Joyn Original** starring Christian Ulmen, Fahri Yardim u.v.a. directed by Christian Ulmen

2021 **"Der Schwarm" (8 x 45 min) ZDF, RAI, France TV, NENT, Hulu** intern. Highend Serie mit Showrunner Frank Doelger (Game of Thrones, Rome etc) starring Leonnie Benesch, Cecile de France, Oliver Masucci u.v.a. directed by Barbara Eder, Philipp Stoelzl, Luke Watson

## **Geschäftsführung / Produzent**

### **Construction Film**

2020 **"Every Breath you Take"** international Co Produktion with Trinity Media, 13 Films starring Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Sam Claflin, directed by Vaughn Stern

2019 **"Love Wedding and other Desasters"** intern. Coproduktion mit Square One and Fortitude Pictures starring Diane Keaton, Jeremy Irons, directed by Dennis Dugan

2019 **"Crisis"** intern. Coproduktion mit Wildbunch Germany and The Solution Group, starring Gary Oldman, Armie Hammer, Evangelina Lilly, directed by Nick Jerecki, produced by Cassian Elwes ("Dallas Buyers Club")

2019 **"Heart of Champions"** intern. Coproduktion mit Fortitude Pictures starring Michael Shannon, Alexander Ludwig, directed by Michael Mailer

## **Director of Production & Business Affaires / Executive Producer**

### **SKY Deutschland**

#### **Fiction**

2016 **"Babylon Berlin" 1+2: 2 x 8 x 45 min TV Series** (in cooperation with X-Filme, Degeto, Beta Film) starring Liv Lisa Fries, Volker Bruch a.o. directed by Tom Twyker, Achim von Borris, Henrik Handloetgen

2017 **"Acht Tage" 8 x 52min TV Series** in cooperation with Neue Super, SKY Vision starring Christiane Paul, Mark Waschke, Fabian Hinrichs, Henry Hübchen a.o., directed by Stefan Rutzowitky

2017 **"Das Boot" 8 x 52min TV Series** TV Series in cooperation with Bavaria Studios, Sonar Ltd) starring Vicky Krieps, Tom Wlaschlika, Lizzy Caplan a.o., directed by Andreas Prohaska

2018 **"Der Pass" 8 x 52min TV Series** in cooperation with Wiedmenann & Berg, Beta Film starring Julia Jentsch, Nicolas Ofczarek

2018 **"Hausen" 8 x 52min TV Series** in cooperation with Lago Film, SKY Vision

2018 **"Babylon Berlin" 3: 10 x 45 min TV Series** (in cooperation with X-Filme, Degeto, Beta Film) starring Liv Lisa Fries, Volker Bruch a.o. directed by Tom Twyker, Achim von Borris, Henrik Handloetgen

## Show

2016 **Dein Wunschkonzert 1 Show/Entertainment** in cooperation with Naidoo Entertainment mit Xavier Naidoo und seinen Gästen

2016 **Masterchef Season 1 Show/Entertainment Episodes 1 - 12** in cooperation with Endemol Shine

2016 **Buschis Sechserkette Show Season 1 Episodes 1 - 12** in cooperation with Red Seven, mit Frank Buchmann und seinen Gästen Matze Knopp, Thomas Kretschmann, Lothar Matthäus, Stefan Effenberg u.a.

2017 **Buschis Sechserkette Show/Entertainment Season 2 Episodes 1 - 12** in cooperation with Red Seven mit Frank Buschmann und seinen Gästen Matze Knopp, Thomas Kretschmann, Lothar Matthäus, Stefan Effenberg u.a.

2017 **Dein Wunschkonzert 2 Show/Entertainment** in cooperation with Naidoo Entertainment mit Xavier Naidoo und seinen Gästen

2017 **Dein Wunschkonzert 3 Show/Entertainment** in cooperation with Naidoo Entertainment mit Xavier Naidoo und seinen Gästen

2017 **Masterchef Season 2 Episode Show/Entertainment Episodes 13 – 24** in cooperation with Endemol Shine

2017 **Miss Wildcard Show/Entertainment Season 1 Episodes 1-4** in cooperation with South & Browse

2017 **Quatsch Comegy Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in cooperation with Riverside Entertainment

2018 **Masterchef Season 3 Episode Show/Entertainment Episodes 25 - 41** in cooperation with Endemol Shine

2017 **X Factor** in cooperation with UFA Show & Factual

**Producer, Produced by, Executive Producer**

2015 **Kino** [Pay the Ghost](#) (starring Nicolas Cage, directed by Uli Edel) (executive producer), shooting in Toronto (for New York), Canada

2014 **Kino** [Reasonable Doubt](#) starring Samuel Jackson, directed Peter Hewitt) (producer) shooting in Winnypeg, Canada

2013 **Kino** [Miss Sixty](#) starring Iris Berben, Edgar Selge directed Sigrid Hoehner) (executive producer)

2012 **TV** [Tessa Hennig - Elli gibt den Löffel ab](#) (TV\_Movie) (producer) shooting on Capri

## **Producer and Creator** neue ZDF Reihe

2011 **TV [Emilie Richards - Denk nur an uns beide](#)** (TV Movie) ((producer)  
Shooting in New Zealand

2010 **TV [Emilie Richards - Zeit der Vergebung](#)** (TV Movie) (producer) Shooting in  
New Zealand

2009 **TV [Emilie Richards - Für immer Neuseeland](#)** (TV Movie) (producer) Shooting  
in New Zealand

2009 **TV [Das Paradies am Ende der Welt](#)** (TV Movie) (producer)  
Shooting in New Zealand

2009 **TV [Sehnsucht nach Neuseeland](#)** (TV Movie) (producer) Shooting  
in New Zealand

## **Special Thanks**

2016 **Kino [Salt and Fire](#)** (starring Michael Shannon, Gael Garcia Bernal directed by Werner  
Herzog, shot in the Bolivian Salt Desert) (associate producer), shooting in Bolivia

## **Production Supervisor**

2016 **[Kino Mullewapp – eine schöne Schweinerei](#)** Animation (production supervisor)

2016 **[Kino Lou Andreas Salome](#)** Historisch (Production Supervisor)

2015 **[Kino Halbe Brüder](#)** Komödie (Regie: Christian Alvert, Cast: Sido, Teddy Teclebahn, Fahri  
Yardim, Julia Dietze (production supervisor)

## Line Producer

### Das Traumschiff (TV Series) (lexecutive producer - 30 episodes, 1999 - 2011)

1. Namibia (1 January 1999) - *executive producer*
2. Tahiti (26 December 1999) - *executive producer*
3. Traumschiff 2000 - Bali (1 January 2000) – *executive producer*
4. Neuseeland (13 February 2000) – *executive producer*
5. Olympia 2000 (10 December 2000) - *executive producer*
6. Seychellen (26 December 2000) – *executive producer*
7. Mexiko (1 January 2001) – *executive producer*
8. Las Vegas (14 October 2001) – *executive producer*
9. Bermudas (26 December 2001) – *executive producer*
10. Chile (1 January 2002) - *executive producer*
11. Thailand (26 December 2002) - *executive producer*
12. Südsee (26 December 2003) - *executive producer*
13. Australien (1 January 2004) - *executive producer*
14. Sri Lanka (2004) – *executive producer*
15. Samoa (26 December 2004) - *executive producer*
16. Oman (1 January 2005) – *executive producer*
17. Vancouver (16 January 2005) - *executive producer*
18. Burma/Myanmar (26 December 2005) - *executive producer*
19. Singapor/Bali (1 January 2006 – *executive producer*
20. Botswana (26 December 2006) - *executive producer*
21. Shanghai (1 January 2007) - *executive producer*
22. San Francisco (26 December 2007) - *executive producer*
23. Rio (1 January 2008) - *executive producer*
24. Kilimandscharo - Malediven - Indien ( 2008) - *executive producer*
25. Vietnam (26 December 2008) - *executive producer*
26. Papua Neuguinea (1 January 2009) - *executive producer*
27. Emirate (26 December 2009) - *executive producer*
28. Peru und Miami (1 January 2010) - *executive producer*
29. Panama (26 December 2010) - *executive producer*
30. Bora Bora (1 January 2011) - *executive producer*

### Kreuzfahrt ins Glück (TV Series) 2007 – 2010 (executive producer )

1. Hochzeitsreise nach Burma (1 January 2007) - *executive producer*
2. Hochzeitsreise nach Neuseeland (21 January 2007) - *executive producer*
3. Hochzeitsreise nach awaii (26 December 2007) - *executive producer*
4. Hochzeitsreise nach Arizona (1 January 2008) - *executive producer*
5. Hochzeitsreise nach Chile (2008) - *executive producer*
6. Hochzeitsreise nach Madeira (26 December 2008) - *executive producer*
7. Hochzeitsreise nach Florida (15 February 2009) – *executive producer*
8. Hochzeitsreise nach Bermuda (1 January 2010) - *executive producer*
9. Hochheiser's nach Andalusien (26 December 2010) - *executive producer*
10. Hochzeitsreise nach Korfu (1 January 2011) - *executive producer*



**Der Ferienarzt** (TV Series) (line producer , 2004 - 2006)

- ...im Tessin (2006)
- ...auf Teneriffa (2005)
- ...in der Provence (2005)
- ...auf Capri (2005)
- ...in der Wachau (2004)
- ...am Gardasee (2004)

**Geschäftsführung und Herstellungsleitung** - Aufbau einer neuen ZDF Reihe

**Im Tal der wilden Rosen** (TV Series) (executive producer 2006 – 2009)

Shootings in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Die Macht der Liebe (2008) ... (executive producer)
- Zerrissene Herzen (2008) ... (executive producer)
- Ritt ins Glück (2007) ... (executive producer)
- Vermächtnis der Liebe (2007) ... (executive producer)
- Im Herzen der Wahrheit (2007) ... (executive producer)
- Triumph der Liebe (2007) ... (executive producer)
- Herz im Wind (2007) ... (executive producer)
- Bis ans Ende der Welt (2006) ... (executive producer)
- Verzicht aus Liebe (2006) ... (executive producer)
- Was das Herz befiehlt (2006) ... (executive producer)

**Line Producer, Movies**

2011 **TV Nils Holgerson wundersame Reise** (TV Mehrteiler Movie) (line producer), Schweden

2011 **TV Die Samenhändlerin** (TV Movie) (line producer), Ungarn

2006 **TV Afrika – wohin mein Herz mich trägt** (TV Movie) (line producer), Namibia

2005 **TV Die Schwarzwaldklinik - Neue Zeiten** (TV Movie) (line producer)

2005 **TV Die Schwarzwaldklinik - Die nächste Generation** (TV Movie) (line producer)

2003 **TV Hilfe, ich bin Millionär** (TV Movie) (line producer), Hamburg

2002 [TV Verliebt auf Bermuda](#) (TV Movie) (line producer), Bermuda

2002 [TV Singapur-Express - Geheimnis einer Liebe](#) (TV Movie) (line producer) Singapur, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur

2002 [TV Die fabelhaften Schwestern](#) (TV Movie) (line producer), Bali

2001 [TV 1000 Meilen für die Liebe](#) (TV Mehrteiler Movie) (line producer), Australia

2000 [TV Der Paradiesvogel](#) (TV Mehrteiler Movie) (line producer), Papua Neuguinea

2000 [TV Der arabishe Prinz](#) (TV Mehrteiler Movie) (line producer) Marokko

1999 [TV Herz über Bord](#) (TV Movie) (line producer) Wachau

### **Production Manager**

1998 - 2000 [Das Traumschiff](#) (TV Series) (unit production manager - 4 episodes)

- [Namibia](#) (1999) ... (production manager)
- [Galapagos/Jamaika](#) (1998) ... (production manager)
- [Hawaia](#) (1997) ... (production manager)
- [Singapur](#) (1998) ... (production manager)

### **Unit Production Manager**

1996 - 1997 [Die Geliebte](#) (TV Series, 20 episodes a 45 min) (production manager)