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## **A Struggle for Home: The Crimean Tatars (44') – 2015 - HD**

Mediadante / Paschyn Productions / Directed by Christina Paschyn

*Languages available: English*

*Broadcasters: Al Jazeera, Axess TV*



For hundreds of years, Crimea was home to the Crimean Tatars, a Muslim-Turkic people. But it changed when the Russian Empire conquered the peninsula in 1783. Since then, the Tatars have struggled to reclaim their home and suffered from a genocide that saw their entire population brutally deported to Central Asia in 1944. When the Soviet Union collapsed, many Tatars thought they finally would be free in their homeland. But in February 2014, those dreams were dashed when Russian President Vladimir Putin re-annexed the peninsula.

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## **Cervantes, a Prisoner in Algiers (52') – 2013 - HD**

Mediterranean Dream Pictures / Directed by Jean-Michel Martinetti

*Languages available: French*

*Broadcasters: France 3, RTVE*



Celebrated as the inventor of the modern novel, Miguel de Cervantes is associated forever with his hero Don Quixote. He was captured by pirates and carried to Algiers, where he remained captive for five years. It is during this period that Cervantes, who until then was a soldier and an adventurer, began to write. Throughout his life, he never stopped discussing the horrors of captivity...

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## **Guatemala: The Dictatorship's Disappeared (60') – 2016 - HD**

CDP / Directed by Claudio Zulian

*Languages available: Spanish, French & English*

*Broadcasters: Arte*



The dark days of civil war and dictatorship in Guatemala led to the death and disappearance of over 200,000 people between 1960 and 1996, according to the UN. In 2012, following a complaint filed by a group of families before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Guatemalan government was sentenced to provide reparations, including the production of a film about missing people. When the State refused to cooperate, the families of victims decided to make the film themselves. This film, sprinkled with rare archival images, takes a look at the dark years of Guatemalan history, shows the impossibility of mourning for the families deprived of bodies and is an homage to their bitter fight for justice.

## **Inkotanyi: Paul Kagame and the Rwandan Tragedy (90') – 2017 - HD**

Wrong Men / Veilleur de Nuit / Directed by Christophe Cotteret

Languages available: French

Broadcasters: Arte, RTBF, TV5 Monde, Public Senat, Planet + Poland



Rwanda, July 1994. The best trained and most disciplined rebellion of the African continent puts an end to the last genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, that of the Rwandan Tutsi. Led by the current president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, they are called the Inkotanyi. Formed in the Ugandan Yoweri Museveni rebellion in the early 1980s, the Inkotanyi have shaken up the Great Lakes region for 30 years. *Inkotanyi* sheds light on the life of this politico-military movement through the voices of its principal actors, including Paul Kagame.

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## **Jean Moulin / Klaus Barbie, When History Had the Last Word (52') – 2013 - HD**

AMDA Productions / Directed by Sylvie Cozzolino

Languages available: French & English

Broadcasters: France 3, TV5 Canada, RMC Decouverte, Planet + Poland



Jean Moulin's reputation has acquired many facets over the years: unifier of the French resistance, martyr tortured by the Gestapo, forgotten fighter in the post-war years, and hero of the French resistance. His story is inextricably tied to that of his torturer Klaus Barbie. Their historical pairing has contributed to the legend of this high-profile member of the French resistance. This documentary offers an analysis.

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## **Lucien Bonaparte, the Rebellious Brother (52') – 2011 - HD**

Mediterranean Dream Pictures / Directed by Dominique Lanzalavi

Languages available: French

Broadcasters: France 3, Planete Canada / History Channel Russia / Docubox Channel



This documentary retraces the life of Napoleon Bonaparte's brother through the world of art, his preferred field. The little-known rebel prince was an art collector and played a key role in the family. From the banishment of the Bonapartes from Corsica to the coup of 18 Brumaire... one man was present through every step of Napoleon's destiny: his brother Lucien. Without him, the course of history might well have taken a different turn...

## **Marguerite Yourcenar, Landscape Alchemy (52') – 2013 - HD**

Les Docs du Nord / Pictanovo / Directed by Jacques Lœuille

Language available: French

Broadcasters: France 3



Famous writer, Marguerite Yourcenar is less known as a pioneer of ecology. More than a simple pattern, the landscape is a real source of inspiration for her. Her love for Flemish painting and landscape painted by Brueghel and Bosch will be at the heart of "The Abyss". From the Mount Desert Island in the United States where she lived for over 50 years, she did not cease to assert her commitment to the Environmental protection and the living world.

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## **Serge Lifar: A Revolution in Dance (52') – 2016 - HD**

French Connection / Directed by Florent Durth & Ivan Kuzmin

Languages available: French & English

Broadcasters: M-Media, Histoire



France, renowned for its fondness for the arts, is perhaps best known for its ballet thanks to Ukrainian Serge Lifar. Despite his late start as a serious dancer at 16, Lifar found a place in ballet through his perseverance and unassailable stage presence, even working under Sergei Diaghilev, founder of the Ballets Russes. However, Lifar wasn't just limited to being a star onstage. He also rose to become an influential choreographer, a bonafide celebrity and one of the major figures in the renewal of 20th-century French ballet.

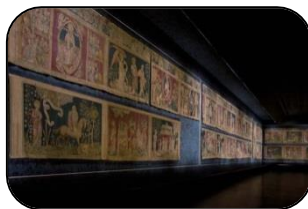
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## **Tapestries of the Apocalypse (52') – 2011 - HD**

Ana Films / Inward Productions / Directed by Rodolphe Viemont

Languages available: French & English

Broadcasters: KTO, VRT, RTS, RSI, History Channel Russia, France 3 Corse, Planete Canada



Comprising 65 scenes over 104 meters, and almost 6 meters high, the Apocalypse Tapestry of Angers has been, since its creation in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the biggest, most phenomenal and single most important tapestry in the world, stunning onlookers throughout the centuries. It has always been an object of fascination. It tells « The Apocalypse of John », the final text of the Bible, but also tells a lot about its historical context: the Hundred Years' War, the ambitions and intrigues of Princes of that time...

## **The Greven Mystery (52') – 2017 - HD**

Lucien / Flair Productions / Directed by Claudia Collao

Languages available: French & English

Broadcasters: OCS, LCP, Air France, Planet + Poland, RTP



Alfred Greven is still today an unsolved mystery for everyone. Who was this head of the Continental films, a French movie studio founded with Third-Reich money whose mission was one of propaganda but who ended up producing the most subversive masterpieces of French Cinema? Greven's intentional disappearance after the war and his silence until his death in 1973 maintain a certain mystery around this elusive historical figure. To date, no photos or other record of him are available. Yet the 40 films produced by Continental Films remain.

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## **Torgau 1939-1945 – Chronicle of a Military Justice (52') – 2013 - HD**

Ana Films / Directed by Jean-Marie Fawer

Languages available: French & German

Broadcasters: France 3, Spiegel Geschichte



April 25, 1945, Soviet and American troops joined up in Germany, at Torgau, a town on the banks of the Elbe River. Torgau became then the symbol of this historic day. But for some Wehrmacht soldiers, the name of Torgau is first of all associated with another reality: its prison "Torgau-Fort Zinna" and the famous RKG, the highest martial court of the Third Reich...