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Marie Luise Lehner, BA born 1995, lives in Vienna. Filmmaker, author and punk musician. Studied at the Institute for Language Arts at the University of Applied Arts. Then studied screenwriting and dramaturgy at the Vienna Film Academy. Currently studying for a master's degree in directing at the Vienna Film Academy and contextual painting at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna. Writes screenplays and prose. Her literary works have won numerous prizes. Her short films have been shown at various international film festivals. Her novels "Fliegenpilze aus Kork" and "Im Blick" were published by Kremayr&Scheriau in 2017 and 2018. She has been causing a sensation in the feminist punk band "Schapka" since 2012. Her first feature film "Wenn du Angst hast nimmst du dein Herz in den Mund und lächelst" was produced by Nikolaus Geyrhalterfilm and celebrated its premiere at the Berlinale 2025, where it received the Teddy Award, as well as 5 other prizes at national and international film festivals. It will be released in Austrian, German and Swiss cinemas in fall 2025.

Awards

2025: - The film "*Wenn du Angst hast du nimmst dein Herz in den Mund und lächelst*" wins the Teddy Award at the Berlinale, as well as the CICA E Arthouse Cinema Award, the Thomas Pluch Screenplay Award at the Diagonale in Graz, "Best Young Talent" at the Crossing Europe Film Festival in Linz, the international main prize and the audience award at the Pink Apple Festival in Zurich

2024: -The short film "*Im Traum sind alle Quallen feucht*" receives a Special Mention at Linz International Short Film Festival - Best Austrian Film -Crossing Europe -at Queer Shorts Vienna (Austria) - Best Austrian Short

2022: -Talent Promotion Award of the Province of Upper Austria for Film -The short film "*Mein Hosenschlitz ist offen. Like my heart*" receives the "Golden Medusa 2022" short film award at Queertactics -The audience award at the dotdotdot short film festival -The audience award at the Fish&Chips short film festival in Torino

2021: -Talent promotion award of the province of Upper Austria for literature

2020: -Annual scholarship from LiterarMechana for screenwriting

2019: -Arbeiterkammer Literature Prize, -Manfred Maurer Literature Prize

2018: -Kulturförderstipendium der Stadt Linz for literature and cultural journalism.

2017: -The novel "*Fliegenpilze aus Kork*" is awarded the Alpha Literature Prize 2017

-The short film "*Kaugummizigaretten*" wins the Local Artist Award at the Crossing Europe film festival in Linz, -The radio play "*Womit wir schlafen oder wir ficken einen Staat*" receives the Public Workshop Prize of Bavarian Radio,

2012: -Literature Prize of the "Oberösterreichische Nachrichten". -Kolik Prize, at the youth literature competition "Sprichcode".

Short films (selection)

Kaugummizigaretten, 23 min, 2016

Geh Vau, 20 min, 2018, Distribution: sixpackfilm

Zwischenräume, 20 min, 2020

Mein Hosenschlitz ist offen. Wie mein Herz, (The zip of my pants is open. Like my heart) 28 Min, 2022, Distribution: sixpackfilm

Im Traum sind alle Quallen feucht, 27 Min, 2023 Distribution: Lemonade Films