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## Stefan Tolz

age 55, is a multi-award winning filmmaker and experienced producer with more than 30 documentaries he directed or produced in the past 25 years. His films are known for his sensitive approach to controversial issues and human drama. He directed films about topics from all over the world, among which are three feature length documentaries connected to Georgia - premiered on ARTE, ARD, 3SAT, TSR, YLE and several other channels.

In 2002 he joined forces with Thomas Riedelsheimer ("Rivers Tides") and the two own the production company *Filmpunkt* in Munich, which is focusing on feature documentaries with a cinematic approach. Filmpunkt is considered one of the most successful production houses for arthouse documentaries in Germany, winning awards like the German Film Prize "Lola", several Grimme Prizes, BAFTA Award Scotland, Swiss Film Award, Golden Dove Leipzig, San Francisco Golden Gate Award among others.



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For the last fifteen years Stefan Tolz has held various teaching appointments at international film schools and universities. He has been in the jury of film festivals and film funds and is a member of the German Film Academy (DFA) and the European Film Academy (EFA). Since 2015 he is also programme director of the ADAMI Media Prize for Cultural Diversity in Eastern Europe, supporting broadcasters, journalists and filmmakers in the six Eastern Partnership countries of the European Union.

Stefan Tolz is based between Munich and Tbilisi and holds dual citizenship of Germany and Georgia.

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### Selection of films as director & producer

**Full Speed Westwards** – Georgia in search of its future  
D 2012/13 – 90 min. , HD, with WDR/ARTE  
**Traders' Dreams** – the world of Ebay  
D 2006, 90 min, col, with Marcus Vetter; with ZDF/NDR/Arte  
**Shibam** - Manhattan of the Desert  
D 2003/04, 45/60 min, col.; with SWR/Arte  
**Shomal - Riviera of the Mullahs** - speaking up on holidays in Iran  
D 2003, 45/60 min, col.; with SWR/Arte  
**On the Edge of Time - Male Domains in the Caucasus**  
D 2001, 90 min, col., 35mm; with SWR/ARD/Arte/WDR/MDR  
**Faroe Islands** - for the TV documentary series "Islands"  
D 1997, 45 min, col., with SWF  
**Golden Wedding** - couples who married at the end of World War II  
D 1995, 90 min, col., with ARD/Arte/SWF  
**Caucasian Banquet** - a portrait of Georgia through a traditional feast  
D 1992, 90min, col., with SWF

**Stalin's Cola**– The sweetest secret of the Soviet Union  
D/BG/GEO 2022 – 90 min., HD with MDR/ARTE, BT, GPB, TRM (in production)  
**Anaklia – Harbour of Hope**  
D 2022 – 90 min. HD with ZDF/ARTE (in production)

### Selection of films as producer

**1001 Nights Apart** – Underground Dance in Iran  
D/IRA/USA 2021 – 78 min., HD with SWR/ARTE  
**Before Father Gets Back**  
GEO/FR/GER 2018 – 75 min., HD  
**Andy Goldworthy - Leaning into the Wind**  
UK/D 2016 - 98 min., HD, Prod. Skyline/Filmpunkt  
**The Color of Yearning**  
D 2016 - 90 min., HD, Prod. Filmpunkt with WDR/BR  
**Cahier Africain**  
CH/D 2016 - 116 min., HD, Prod. PS Film/Filmpunkt with ZDF/3sat  
**Breathing Earth** - Susumu Shingu's Dream  
D/UK 2012 - 90 min., HD, Prod. Filmpunkt/Skyline with WDR/ARTE  
**Soulbirds**  
D 2009 - 90 min., HD, Prod. Filmpunkt with WDR  
**The Search for Happiness**  
D 2005, 4 x 53 min., HD, Prod. Filmquadrat with WDR  
**Touch the Sound**  
D 2003, 93 min., S16, Prod. Filmquadrat/Skyline with BR  
**Tracing Light**  
D/UK 2023 – 90 min., HD with ZDF/3-SAT (in production)