

CHRISTIAN JOHANNES KOCH



Christian Johannes Koch, born 1986 in Switzerland, is a director and screenwriter. His work straddles a variety of media and institutional contexts. After studying photography at the Academy of Visual Arts in Leipzig, he completed his diploma and master's studies in film directing at the Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF.

With the social drama SPAGAT he realized his feature film debut, which celebrated its world premiere in 2020 in the New Directors Competition at the 68th San Sebastián International Film Festival. SPAGAT drew international attention, was nominated several times for the Swiss Film Award and won the Zurich Film Award in 2021. His current film project WIR WAREN KUMPEL, winner of the Kompagnon-Förderpreis at the Berlinale 2021, is currently in post-production. In 2022 he directed 4 episodes (5-8) of the 2nd season of the Swiss series NEUMATT (New Heights), to be shown worldwide on Netflix in 2023.

SELECTED WORKS

- 2023 **NEUMATT (NEW HEIGHTS)**
Fic - Series, 8x45min (episodes 5-8 directed by Christian Johannes Koch)
CH | ZODIAC PICTURES LTD in co-production with SRF SCHWEIZER RADIO UND FERNSEHEN
post-production
- 2023 **WIR WAREN KUMPEL**
Doc, 100min (written and directed by Christian Johannes Koch & Jonas Matauschek)
CH/DE | CATPICS AG & ELEMAG PICTURES in co-production with SRF & ZDF Das kleine Fernsehspiel
Supported by BKM, MDM, DFFF, KDFS, BAK, IFFG, Volkart Stiftung, Suissimage, Fondation Suisa
post-production
- 2020 **SPAGAT**
Fic, 110min (written & directed by Christian Johannes Koch)
CH | CATPICS AG in co-production with SRF SCHWEIZER RADIO UND FERNSEHEN/SRG SSR
Supported by BAK, ZFS, IFFG, Media Suisse, Suissimage
World Premiere: 68. San Sebastian International Film Festival (New Directors)