



## Pressemitteilung

### **"Himmel & Erde– Небо та Земля": ukrainian filmmakers shoot an instant series for ZDFneo**

Filming is currently underway in Berlin for a new five-part instant series entitled "Himmel & Erde – Небо та Земля" for ZDFmediathek and ZDFneo. It is being created by Ukrainian filmmakers – some of whom have fled to Germany recently, others who have been living here for longer – working across all fields ranging from direction and screenwriting, camera and sound, to equipment, make-up and costumes. The neoriginal is intended to be a platform: for the filmmaker's perspective on Germany but also impressions from Germany of their homeland during the war and for the stories that are close to their hearts.

In the form of an anthology series, five episodes portray various topics relating to the war in Ukraine: the pain of having to leave home, their arrival in Germany and fear for those who stayed behind. It's also about love that opposes war, about connecting humanity and moments of hope. The project is a symbolic call for solidarity and a rejection of war. The title "Himmel & Erde – Небо та Земля" is a homage to the flag of Ukraine, which stands for the country's blue sky and golden-yellow cornfields.

It is produced by Studio Zentral on behalf of ZDFneo. Nikita Gibalenko, Tatyana Moutchnik and Daria Onyshchenko will direct stories taken from their own books, while the screenplays by Pavlo Voytovych and Maria Bruni will be directed by Daria Onyshchenko and Maryna Vroda. The main roles are played by Kate Molchanova, Thea Rasche, Maria Shtofa, Oleksandra Barstok, Rostyslav Bome, Birte Schnöink, Valeriia Berezovska, Arthur Aliyev, Anna Cheban, Nina Nizheradze and Anna Böger. Filming is expected to last until the end of July 2022.

On Thursday, October 6th 2022 the five episodes will be available on ZDFmediathek with German, Ukrainian and English subtitles. The episodes will be broadcast on ZDFneo from Tuesday, October 25th 2022 at 8.15pm. One Episode will be told from a child's perspective and will additionally be broadcast in autumn 2022 on KiKA and ZDFtivi.

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