

Director Hans Steinbichler

Hans Steinbichler was born in Solothurn in Switzerland and grew up at Lake Chiemsee. He lives with family and children in Munich. His film debut HIERANKL, graduation film at the HFF Munich, has received numerous awards, including the Förderpreis Deutscher Film 2003 and the Bavarian Film Prize. For HIERANKL Steinbichler also received Grimme Gold awards for script and directing.

WINTERREISE, Steinbichler's second feature film, was the opening film of the Munich Film Festival in 2006 and was nominated as "Best Film" for the German Film Prize. Josef Bierbichler won the "Best Actor"-Lola.

In 2008, "THE SECOND WOMAN" with Matthias Brandt and Monika Bleibtreu (official German contribution in Toronto) was created, for which Steinbichler once again received the Grimme Prize for directing. The film was in the cinemas in France.

Finally in 2010, BLUE OF THE SKY was formed with Juliane Köhler and Hannelore Elsner, who was awarded the Bavarian Film Prize in 2011 in the category Best Picture.

After that, the first Bavarian POLIZEIRUFE 110 were created with Matthias Brandt, that also received awards (Grimme Prize, German Television Award, Baden-Baden, etc.).

From 2013 to 2015, Hans Steinbichler was Professor of Directing at the Cologne International Film School.

In March 2016, Hans Steinbichler's movie DAS TAGEBUCH DER ANNE FRANK (THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK) had its world premiere at the Berlinale and then aired on 3 March 2016 in the cinemas. In November 2016, Steinbichler received the German Director Award Metropolis for this work, and the lead actress Lea van Acken the Bavarian Film Prize.

In 2016, Hans Steinbichler was appointed as a full member of the Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts.

In October 2016, AN UNHEARD WOMAN starring Rosalie Thomass aired in theaters. Steinbichler was awarded the One Future Prize at the Munich Film Festival for this movie. In 2017, Steinbichler was again nominated for the German Director's Award Metropolis for AN UNHEARD WOMAN. In addition, the film won Best Movie at the German Television Award 2018 and – finally the Grimme Prize 2018.

In 2017 Steinbichler shot with Wiedemann & Berg the historic ZDF mini-series WALPURGISNACHT, which was produced in Prague and the Czech Republic.

In autumn 2018, Steinbichler filmed the Rita Falk novel HANNES for Studiocanal. The film will be released nationwide in theaters in autumn 2021.

In 2020/2021, Hans Steinbichler shot the third season of "Das Boot" for Sky in Prague and Malta together with Dennis Gansel. To be seen on Sky in February 2022.

Steinbichler is currently preparing the film adaptation of Robert Seethaler's novel A WHOLE LIFE for Tobis.