Documentaries
Manfred Durniok Produktion

1957 PEOPLE AT BUSSTOPS
Witty observation of people at busstops
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1958 BLACK NEW YORK
Documentary about Harlem
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1958 MEMORIES OF A MOVING PAST
Impressionistic documentary, comparison/confrontation
with the of the once German economic miracle and the Stunde Null 1945
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 BERLIN KALEIDOSCOPE
Animation film with works of the Berliner cartoonist, Robinson
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 WOMAN AT THE WHEEL
Documentary featuring female drivers
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 MADE IN USA
16 entertaining programmes with well-known American orchestras and interpreters
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 HUSTLE AND BUSTLE
Moving impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok
Music by Oskar Sala

1960 UNDER THE SURFACE
A study in slow motion of people in nightclubs
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY
Observations of Saturday nightlife
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1960 WE’RE FLYING
Impressions about the Frankfurt Airport and the switch from
propeller-driven planes to jets
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1960 PORTRAIT OF A RAILWAY STATION
A film about the topography of Frankfurt’s central station
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1961 DIARY OF A REPORTER
Photographic montage with works of Berlin’s photojournalist
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 PHOTOGRAPHERS OF OUR TIME
3-part documentary, filmed worldwide, on the well-known contemporary photographers, with commentary by L. Fritz Gruber, Director of Photokina
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 DAYDREAMS
Cinematic impressions of New York, Moscow and Tokyo
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 MODERN TOOLS OF LEARNING
A film about the introduction of computers in American schools, supported by the U.S. State Department
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 WITH EYES OPEN
TV documentary

1962 THE STUDENTS OF TODAI
Documentary about Tokyo’s elite university
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 MALAYSIA – UNDER THE SHADOW OF Peking
A film about the founding of the confederation of Malaya, Borneo and Singapore
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 AN OUTSIDER
A report on Germany’s excursion into colonization
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 ABOVE AND BENEATH THE WIND
About the Caribbean
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 NEW YORK
Cityscape of the American metropole
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1962 NEWS PHOTO: MIGHTIER THAN WORDS
A cinematic report on the most important news photographers of the world, with L. Fritz Gruber
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 DREAM JOB: FLIGHT CAPTAIN
The profession of pilots
Directed by Heinz Deutschendorf

1962 SKETCHES OF OSWIN
Visual and musical composition with focus on the Berlin cartoonist, Oswin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 BETWEEN SHOPPING AND MANEUVERS
The Western Allied Forces in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1962 JERUSALEM: A DIVIDED CITY
A documentary on the formerly divided city of Jerusalem, filmed in Jordan and in Israel
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HOME FOR THE AGED
The well-known old folks' home in Goslar
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 THE FIRST 40 YEARS
Extensive TV documentation about the first 40 years of German radio broadcasting
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
The oldest Philippine university in Manila
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HARLEM SINGS
About spirituals and Gospels, filmed in churches in Harlem
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 MUTATION
Impressionistic visual and music collage
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 AFTER THE TRIP
Travel feature about the Canary Islands
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1963 BERNARD BUFFET AND HIS TIME
Visual and musical impressions of the work of the French painter
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1963 HE WHO AROUSES THE DRAGON
Documentary about the influence of colonial powers in China
Book Nigel Cameron
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 THE CALCULATED ADVENTURE
German geologists in Afghanistan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 MURDERED CITY
Architecture in Berlin, in cooperation with Wolf Jobst Siedler
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 THREE THORNS IN THE FLESH
Documentary on the 3 independent Bantu regions in South Africa
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 SOWETO
The black suburb of Johannisburg
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 ISLE OF BLISS
Travel report on the Canary Islands
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1964 ROCKETS INSTEAD OF PEPPERS
Documentation on the construction of the European rocket station in French Guiana
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 BREAD AND GAMES
Full-length documentary film, shot worldwide
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 THE ZAR IS FAR AND WIDE
Photographic report about the city of Tbilissi, Georgia
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 INVENTORY FROM SIX TO SIX
The construction of Europa Center in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1965 LIGHT AND SHADOW
Focus on the city of Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL
A photographic documentation
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 MOSCOW
Portrait of a city
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 FOLKSONGS OF NAPLES
A colorful, lyrical documentation
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 SCRAPS
Short film consisting of visual and musical impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 SCHOOL FOR MAN AND BEAST
Documentary
Directed by Horst Peets

1965 TOURNAMENTS
Sports documentary
Directed by Horst Peets

1965 WHY I LOVE BERLIN
A cinematic portrait of the city
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1965 DIARY SKETCHES OF HOMER E. MÜLLER-SCHWABINGHAUSEN
Experimental animation film featuring the drawings of the Berlin cartoonist, Oswin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 OFF TO THE END OF THE WORLD
The Twenties in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 KABUL – CITY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST
Portrait of the capital of Afghanistan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 HOW GERMANS LIVE
2-part documentary with Dr. Ulrich Conrads, Editor of the magazine, Bauwelt
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1966 BUSKASHI
The wild equestrian sport in Afghanistan dating back to the days of Genghis Khan
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 IN THE GARDEN OF THE GODS
A documentary about Bali
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1966 ROYAL CREMATION IN BALI
The cremation of the last king of Bali
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 A CITY HALL IN GERMANY
A documentary with Jürgen Graf, about Rathaus Schöneberg, the world-famous city hall at the time when Berlin was divided
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 THE STORY OF O.R.
A portrait of a professional criminal
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 MERRY-GO-ROUND
Visual and musical impressions of the fairgrounds
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1967 MILTON
A portrait of the Swedish publisher, Milton

1967 MOTORAMA
13-part series with the racecar driver, Richard von Frankenberg

1968 GINZA
Cityscape of Tokyo
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1968 PRUSSIA – PORTRAIT OF A POLITICAL CULTURE
6-part documentary of Prussian history by Hans Joachim Netzer, Harry Pross, Sebastian Haffner, Golo Mann and Burghard Freudenfeld
Directed by Manfred Durniok, Musik Oskar Sala

1968 WEEKEND IN...
Documentary of a weekend in Hamburg
Directed by Konrad Wagner

1968 ATOMIC WONDER
A film about the peaceful utilization of atomic energy
1969 ARCHAIKUM/NO ROAD
Short film – visual and musical impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 A WORKING DAY
Impressions captured on film
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 BIRKENAU
Documentary about the concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1969 THE OTHER
Promotional Film
Directed by Edward Reveaux

1969 THE EMPEROR
A documentary about Emperor Wilhelm II.

1969 THE CAKE
Entertainment programme
Directed by Rudolf Lorenzen

1969 PEAK OF LOVE
Entertainment programme

1969 LES HALLES
Documentary about the Parisian market hall before its demolition

1969 MARKETS
Features documentary
Directed by Konrad Wagner

1969 MURDER IN THE SCRAPYARD
Short film

1969 BOULEVARD HOUR
Film feature

1969 BUT WE MUST LIVE UNDER
Visual and music collage
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 STUDS AT THE BORDER
Documentary about the horse farm Janow Podlaski on the Polish-Soviet border
Directed by Horst Peets
1970 BERLIN – ANHALTER STATION
Short film
Directed by Wawilow
Director of Photography Michael Ballhaus

1970 AT DAY AT THE WARSAW RACES
Documentary about horseracing in Warsaw
Directed by Horst Peets

1970 NO FACTORY NO
Short film, visual and music impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 A PORTRAIT OF KRZYSZTOF PENDERECKI
TV documentary about the Polish composer
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 POTSDAM – BETWEEN ERAS
A cityscape
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1970 SPORTS IN POLAND
TV documentary
Directed by Horst Peets

1970 ZASSADA
Portrayal of the popular Polish racecar driver
Directed by Horst Peets

1971 CRITICAL FORUM
Entertainment programme
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1971 EGYPT
Documentary
Directed by Brian Brake

1971 HUBERTUS – AN ARTIST’S LIFE
Short film
Directed by Eugen Alexandrow

1971 SHOWTIME BERLIN
Annual cross-section of international artists’ and showgroups’ appearances in Berlin
Directed by Manfred Durniok
1972 REQUIEM FOR ROCK’N ROLL
Short film, visual and music impressions
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1973 THE PROLETARIAN FILM IN GERMANY
A Filmforum for German TV, ZDF by Peter B. Schurmann

1973 365 METERS ABOVE BERLIN
Documentary about the TV Tower in the former East Berlin
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1973 ENTERTAINMENT IN THE GDR
A comprehensive TV documentary for German TV, ARD with Manfred Krug
and numerous other entertainers from the former German Democratic Republic
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1974 BERLIN’S SPORTS PALACE
Extensive entertainment documentary by Rudolf Lorenzen about the Sports Palace
shortly before its demolition

1974 EMERSON FITTIPALDI
Portrait of a racecar driver

1974 MEETING POINT – PEKING
The first documentary for German TV filmed in the People’s Republic of China
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1974 FOUR SEASONS (FACES OF A CITY)
Film for the Press and Information Office of the City of Berlin

1975 A VOYAGE TO THE MOON
Cinematic impressions about the voyage to the moon,
made in cooperation with NASA
Directed by Manfred Durniok
Music by Oskar Sala

1975/76 MECCA – FORBIDDEN TO NON-BELIEVERS
Documentary filmed in Saudi Arabia
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1975/76 DUBAI – PEARL OF THE GULF
Documentary
Directed by Peter Klein

1975/76 ABU DHABI
Documentary
1975/76 DETAILS OF LIFE
Documentary
Directed by Eberhard Fechner

1977 SOUTH OF SEVILLE
Documentary about horseriding and horse breeding in Spain
Directed by Horst Peets

1977 CONTEMPORARY POLISH COMPOSERS
Portrait of the polish composers, Latoslawski, Penderecki and Baird
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1978 DYNASTY OF SILK AND LACQUER
Documentary about Chinese art treasures
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1978 BENJAMINO GIGLI
A portrait of the great tenor

1978 A TRIP ON THE ELBE
Documentary about the Elbe, filmed while Germany was still divided
Directed by Otto Meyer

1978 GOETHE'S WEIMAR TODAY
A film by the Polish documentalist, Jerzy Bossak

1978 HAWAII
A film about Hawaii and its music

1978 LA CUMPARSITA
Documentary in preparation for the football world championship in Argentina
Directed by Karl-Heinz Deickert

1978 OPYRLAND
Music film about the mecca of American country music, with popular american interpret

1978 HOLLYWOOD MUSIC
A „Sunday Concert” with music from the show business metropole
Directed by Georg Wildhagen

1978 RUDOLF HESS
Documentary
Directed by Hans-Jörg Dürrmeier
1978 SPIRITUALS WITH THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS
Music film with one of the renowned American Gospel choirs
Directed by Georg Wildhagen

1978 LATE SUMMER IN SOUTHERN TYROL
A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Tilo Philipp

1978 THE PALACE MUSEUM
Documentary about the unique collection of Chinese art treasures in Taipei
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1979 MEMPHIS

1979 GREETINGS FROM CHINA
First biggest music programme from China for German TV, ARD
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1979 ERZGEBIRGE
A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 BALALAÏKA
A „Sunday Concert“, filmed in different parts of the former Soviet Union

1979 RUSSIAN CHOIRS
Music programme about choirs in the former Soviet Union

1979 BOAT TRIP IN THE SPREEWALD
A „Sunday Concert“
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 MUSIC AND DANCES IN MASUREN
A „Sunday Concert“

1979 VARIETY SHOW FROM CHINA
Documentary for Berliner Werbefunk
Directed by Otto Meyer

1979 SUNDAY CONCERT FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
Music programme for German TV, ZDF

1980 AMERICANS IN BERLIN
Documentary for the Press and Information Office of the City of Berlin
Directed by Jürgen Graf
1980 THE ACROBATS ARE COMING
A television documentary about acrobats in China
Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 MY SONG SOFTLY IMPLORES
Music film
Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 MUSIC AND DANCES OF THE GORALS
A „Sunday Concert“ from Poland
Directed by Otto Meyer

1980 OF MEN AND GHOSTS
A film forum about Chinese films for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath

1980 FROM TIBET TO SHANGHAI
A full-length documentary about the Yangtze River
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1981 REVOLUTION AT REST
A film forum about Mexican films for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath

1981 SYLT – IMPRESSIONS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY
A „Sunday Concert“ for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Otto Meyer

1982 HOFMANN’S REVERIES
Music film with singer, Peter Hoffman for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Dieter Pröttel

1982 FRIEDRICH WILHELM VON STEUBEN
Documentary
Directed by Herbert Viktor

1983 SPORTS IN CHINA
Documentary
Directed by Bruno Meyer

1983 STOPOVER IN JAPAN
Programme with Frank Elsner about entertainment and show business in Japan
Directed by Rolf von Sydow

1984 SOUNDBREAK
74-part video and music co-production with Japan
1984 THE DRUNKEN MONKEY IN THE EYE OF THE TIGER
Film forum about Kung-Fu films in China for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath and Georg Bense

1985 ADVENTURES IN BANGKOK
A ZDF Special with Armin Mueller-Stahl
Directed by Hagen Mueller-Stahl

1985 THE FRENCH IN BERLIN
Documentary commissioned by the Press and Information Offices of Berlin and Bonn
Directed by Francois Reichenbach

1985 IN SEARCH OF ONE’S OWN COUNTRY
Documentary about films and filmmakers in Venezuela
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense

1986 BOOK OF HEAVEN II
Full-length animation film, co-production with China

1987 HEIRS OF VIOLENCE
Film forum about Korea for German TV, ZDF
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense

1988 IMAGES OF CHINA
3-part travel feature from China by Werner Hess with Gardy Granass
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1988 SEOUL ON DISPLAY
Entertainment programme about show business in Seoul, with Sabine Sauer
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1990 A GERMAN STORY
Documentary about the fate of two sisters separated by the Berlin Wall
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1990 CHINA – MY LIFE, MY DREAM
Documentary about the German-Chinese photographer, Eva Siao
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1991 BABELSBERG – GRANDEUR AND DOWNSFALL OF A FILM STUDIO
Documentary
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1991 FAREWELL, GERMANY
Documentary about the departure of the Red Army
Directed by Gitta Nickel
1992 THE BEGINNINGS OF MDR
Documentary for German TV, MDR
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1992 FRIEDEL HÖNISCH
TV portrait of a cabaret artist
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1993 EUROPEAN PROFILE: ISTVÁN SZABÓ
A portrait
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1993 THAT WAS THE GDR
7-part documentary about the history of the German Democratic Republic

1993 HELLERAU – SLEEPING BEAUTY
Documentary
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1994 DEVIL’S MOUNTAIN
Short film, visual and music collage on a memorial to the Cold War
Directed by Manfred Durniok, Music by Oskar Sala

1994 KEEP SMILING
A portrait of the cartoonist, Rainer Bach
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1994 BLACK MAN, BRING ME LUCK
Entertaining TV feature about chimney sweepers
Directed by Gitta Nickel

1995 PORTRAIT OF THE ENEMY
Documentary about propaganda films during World War II
Directed by Erwin Leiser

1995 THE NEW REPUBLIC
3-part TV documentary about Germany, five years after unification

1995/96 SAIGON – HO CHI MINH CITY
Book Peter Schultze
Directed by Manfred Durniok

1995/96 MARTIN POSTH
Portrait of a German manager
Directed by Manfred Durniok and Gitta Nickel
1995/96 THE MAKING OF „HOTEL SHANGHAI“
Report about the shooting of “Hotel Shanghai”

1995/96 THROUGH ASIAN EYES
Documentary on the filmwork of Korean director, Im Kwon Taek
Design Alexander Bohr

1997/1998 CHRONICLER OF BANGKOK
Documentary on the filmwork of Thai director, Prince Chatri Chalermn Yukol
Directed by Hans-Peter Kochenrath, Georg Bense