

VITA

Kai Klinke
Director

Kai Klinke was born in Munster, Germany in 1981 and grew up in Ibbenburen, Germany.

The passion for capturing images was passed down from his father, who was an amateur photographer. Therefore as a child, Kai already came in touch with equipment such as the famous super 8 film camera back in the days. Some nights he secretly watched television to absorb all those feelings he is nowadays trying to create and share with his work. His first remarkable experience in terms of the big screen was Kiplings „The Jungle Book“ and till this day he loves to go to the cinema and have a good inspiring talk about it afterwards.

Kai always had a passion for capturing images and was an avid photographer and film enthusiast on from an early age. After his studies and working as a creative producer for several years, Kai made the move to directing. As a director with a knack for shooting his own material he creates dense and intimate films.

He graduated from high school in 2001 and did his military community service in Berlin. After his master studies, Kai worked in the film industry since 2004, at first as an assistant for several feature film productions in Berlin, then as an assistant in the FFF department with the agency KNSK. 2006 he started working as Head of Commercial Productions at Rebel Productions. During that time he supervised production / creation and directed a lot of projects himself. Since 2010 he works as a freelance director for various productions and has built a reputation for someone who's best films are often the ones where he is totally responsible for the outcome in terms of lightning, setting, camera and being in sync with the cast. Sometimes if the project is fitting he also loves to take over the camera as dop as well as director. Kai lives in Hamburg with his partner and their two kids.

AWARDS

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