

Watch Festival Films Online with DOK Stream 2026

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DOK Stream 2026

During the week of the festival, DOK Leipzig will be making a selection of variously themed films available online. Every day from 27 October to 1 November 2026, a different new feature-length documentary will be available throughout Germany – for 24 hours, from midnight to midnight – via DOK Stream on the festival's website.

The documentary **“Two Mountains Weighing Down My Chest”**, selected from the Doc Alliance programme, will be the first on Tuesday, 27 October. In this film, director Viv Li chronicles her life between the queer subculture of Berlin and the Maoist upbringing of her family in Beijing. The artist portrays her own search for identity with a healthy dose of playfulness.

From the International Competition Animated Film, **“The Orbit of Minor Satellites”** by Chris Sullivan will be screened on Wednesday, 28 October. The film centres on the relationship between a patient and her psychiatrist – and the question: who actually needs whom? A treatment that walks the fine line between the realm of the imagination and the reality of therapy sessions.

On Thursday, 29 October, **“The Nights”** by Ana Bovino, slated in the International Competition Documentary Film, will be available to watch on DOK Stream. The protagonist, La Pichi, speaks candidly about relationships, family, body image and social classes – because what could be more liberating than telling the story of life on one's own terms?

“Free Zone” by Jasmine Alakari, from the German Competition Documentary Film, will be screened on Friday, 30 October. The film takes us to Exarchia, Athens, a fiercely contested place where left-wing ideas of utopia run up against gentrification. For Abtin, an Iranian activist, the political struggle there puts his own freedom at risk.

On Saturday, 31 October, protest meets poetry on DOK Stream: **“Hope Is a Word”** by Maria Galliani Dyrvik, from the new Positions section, documents the Niger Delta in Nigeria, which Western oil companies have been polluting for decades.

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The local population has been fighting back against the devastating consequences and for justice.

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On the final day of the festival, **“Nicole Nicole”** (Lauren Dällenbach, Audience Competition) will be screened. At age 55, the protagonist still lives with her mother on Lake Geneva. Within this close-knit family dynamic, the question of greater independence arises. A tender story about bonds and emancipation.

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All of the films on DOK Stream are available from 12:01 am to 11:59 pm on their respective day. They can be watched at dok-leipzig.de as video on demand via a player embedded directly in the page describing the film. Tickets for DOK Stream are not sold in advance. They can be purchased online directly via DOK Stream as soon as the respective film is available there. One ticket costs five euros.

To the film selection: [DOK Stream 2026](#)

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