

EFM 2020: the buzz titles from Germany

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As the 2020 European Film Market (EFM) kicks off, Screen highlights some of the buzziest projects being offered by international sales companies.



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'Merkel', 'Lassie Come Home', 'Nightlife'

Picture Tree International (PTI) has picked up global sales rights to *A Stasi Comedy* (*Stasikomödie*), a comedy based around the infamous East German secret police. Written and directed by Leander Haussmann, it is the final film in the filmmaker's GDR-themed feature trilogy after *Sun Alley* (1999) and *NVA* (2005). PTI will present a first promo during EFM. The company's slate also includes comedy *Nightlife* by Simon Verhoeven, featuring *Suck Me Shakespear* star Elyas M'Barek as a bartender who meets the woman of his dreams (Palina Rojinski) on a night out in Berlin — which turns out to be a fateful encounter. The German release of the film in February is handled by Warner Bros Pictures Germany.