



Entertainment and Sports

Germany is well-known for highbrow cultural exports, but its popular culture also has traveled the world.

Television

Dark (2017-2020)

This mystery drama is German, but 90% of the audience are from outside of Germany. The mind bending series is one of the most-watched shows filmed in a language other than English on Netflix. Often referred to as “the *Stranger Things* for grown-ups,” this series has a sophisticated time-traveling plotline that is split between three time periods—modern day, 1986, and 1953.

Babylon Berlin (2017–present)

Set in Berlin during the later years of the Weimar Republic, *Babylon Berlin* is inspired by film noir. It’s a journey into the rise of German nationalism in a sleeping democracy and the police brutality and government control that aided it. The show is often praised for its universal and contemporary ability to capture police brutality protests and the governmental response to the protesters.



The city of Berlin became a movie set during the filming of the series, *Babylon Berlin*.

Movies

Hans Zimmer

While perhaps not so much a celebrity in the typical sense, Zimmer has earned his place as one of the most highly sought after composers of this time. He has worked on music for Hollywood films such as *Thelma & Louise* (1991), *The Lion King* (1994), *Crimson Tide* (1995, Grammy Award), *The Rock* (1996, two themes), *The Prince of Egypt* (1998), *Gladiator* (2000, Golden Globe Award), *Pirates of the Caribbean* (all films, 2003–2017), *The Dark Knight* (2008), *Inception* (2010), *Interstellar* (2014), *Dunkirk* (2017), and *Dune* (2021).



Actress and director Franka Potente holding her Margot Hielscher Award at Filmfest München in July of 2021.

Franka Potente

While she is best known for her title role in *Lola Rennt* (*Run Lola Run*) (1998), Potente has had quite the career in American film. From major films, *The Bourne Identity* (2002) alongside Matt Damon and *The Conjuring 2* (2016), to a minor role in the second season of *American Horror Story*, Potente has made her mark in Hollywood. She made her directorial debut in 2020 with the internationally co-produced film, *Home*.

SPORTS

Hockey

Many German, Austrian, and Swiss athletes have competed in the NHL. Two notables:

Nico Sturm, Minnesota Wild forward

Sturm was drafted in 2019 to play for the Minnesota Wild hockey team. Originally from Augsburg, Germany, Sturm is ranked 41st out of over 780 players in the league as of April 2021.

Leon Draisaitl, Edmonton Oilers center

Originally from Cologne, Germany, Draisaitl was drafted into the NHL in 2014. The center-forward is now a top goal scorer for the Edmonton Oilers.

Basketball

Victor Moritz “Moe” & Franz Wagner

After being drafted in 2018 to the Los Angeles Lakers, Moe Wagner, a Berlin native, now plays for the Orlando Magic. The 24-year-old is an astounding 6’11” tall. Moe’s younger brother Franz, who was the 8th overall pick in the 2021 NBA draft, also joined the Orlando Magic. Franz is 20 years old and stands a couple inches shorter than his brother at 6’9”.

Baseball

Max Kepler, Minnesota Twins outfielder

Kepler, whose full name is Maximilian Kepler-Różycki, is a 28-year-old professional baseball player from Berlin. He got his start in the Buchbinder Legionäre Regensburg of Bundesliga. Kepler’s contract with the Twins goes through 2023.



Leipzig midfielder Tyler Adams on the ball. Photo: Jan Woitas/dpa

Americans in the Bundesliga 2021/22

Gio Reyna | Club: Borussia Dortmund | Position: Midfielder

Tyler Adams | Club: RB Leipzig | Position: Midfielder

John Brooks | Club: Wolfsburg | Position: Center-back

Chris Richards | Club: Hoffenheim (on-loan from Bayern Munich)
Position: Center-back

Timothy Chandler | Club: Eintracht Frankfurt | Position: Full-back

Joe Scally | Club: Borussia Mönchengladbach | Position: Right-back

Julian Green | Club: Greuther Fürth | Position: Forward

Timothy Tillman | Club: Greuther Fürth | Position: Midfield