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Filmography

Samuel Finzi
Actor

While still a student at the State Theater and Film Academy in Sofia, Samuel Finzi performed in his first theater and film roles. This brought him into contact with directors who have made a significant impact on European theater and film. In the theater, he has worked with directors such as Benno Besson, Dimiter Gotscheff, Dušan David Pa□ízek, Frank Castorf, Jürgen Gosch, Luc Bondy and Robert Wilson. In film, his work with Kamen Kalev, Lola Randl, Marie Noëlle, Michael Glawogger, Oliver Hirschbiegel, Oskar Roehler, Peter Popzlatev, Robert Schwentke, Sönke Wortmann and Til Schweiger as well as the title role in the crime series 'Flemming' have extended his popularity to an even wider audience. Very early on, Samuel Finzi developed an extraordinary talent for being able to alternate naturally and quickly between a variety of genres and media.

He has been honored repeatedly for his multifarious, brilliant performances, including with the Gertrud Eysoldt Ring for Outstanding Acting Achievement, the Golden Chest Award as best male actor at the International Television Festival Plowdiw, and the Berlin Theater Prize. In 2015 he was honored for his outstanding acting performance by the renowned theater magazine Theater Heute as 'Theater Actor 2015' and in 2016 with the German Actor award as 'Best Actor in a Comedy'. Alongside his countless engagements at all of the important German language theaters such as the Burgtheater in Vienna, Deutsches Theater Berlin, Schauspielhaus Hamburg, Schauspielhaus Zurich, Thalia Theater Hamburg and the Volksbühne in Berlin, Samuel Finzi acts in many film and television productions. He has captivated audiences in sophisticated series like 'Allmen', 'Bone Palace', 'Haus der Träume' ('House of Dreams'), 'Helgoland 513' and 'Tatort' as well as in popular successes such as 'Das Wunder von Bern' ('The Miracle of Bern'), 'Klassentreffen' ('Class Reunion'), 'Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins' and the 'Kokowääh'- film series, as well as in independent films such as 'The Captain', 'Die Erfindung der Liebe' ('The Discovery of Love'), 'Fritz Lang', 'Herrliche Zeiten' ('Splendid Times'), 'Marie Curie', 'One Life', 'Seneca' and 'Tod den Hippies!! Es lebe der Punk!' ('Death to Hippies!! Long Live Punk!'). Samuel Finzi has an extraordinary ability to transform. Time and again, the actor shapes his figures as smart, associative character studies, which bear witness to a detailed and intelligent acting intuition. Audiences appreciate his intense images of human motivation that almost crave transformation and his effortless precision when performing.

His dramatic inventiveness and complexity, as well as his resourcefulness are recognized by directors as much as they are celebrated by the press. Samuel Finzi's performances are permeated by a special dramatic intelligence that he uses to bring his figures to life. Time and again, with his detailed illustrations of human behavior, he extends the limits of acting. In so doing, he is driven by the search for the expression of a truthfulness of the human moment.

Samuel Finzi works as an actor in Europe and lives in Berlin.

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Film (Cinema | Television)

2026	Im Spiegel meiner Mutter | 'In My Mother's Mirror' Jutta Brückner | Germany
	Unfamiliar Lennart Ruff and Philipp Leinemann | Germany
2025	Helix Elmar Fischer | Germany
	Zehn Prozent | 'Ten Percent' Johann Buchholz | Germany
2024	Allmen und das Geheimnis des Koi | 'Allmen And The Secret Of The Koi' Sinje Köhler | Germany
	Control Robert Schwendtke | Germany
	Helgoland 513 Robert Schwendtke | Germany
	More than Strangers Sylvie Michel | Deutschland
	One Life James Hawes | Großbritannien
2023	8 1/4 Oskar Roehler | Germany
	Jerks - V. Staffel Christian Ulmen | Germany
	Seneca Robert Schwendtke | Germany
2022	Das Haus der Träume | 'The House of Dreams' Sherry Horman and Umut Da | Germany
	Saubere Sache | 'Clean Affair' André Erkau | Germany

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2021	Allmen und das Geheimnis der Erotik | `Allmen And The Secret Of Eroticism' Thomas Berger | Germany
	Der Feind | `The Enemy' Nils Willbrandt | Germany
	Der Rebell | `The Rebel' Hannu Salonen | Germany
	Die Schachnovelle | `The Royal Game' Philipp Stölzl | Austria and Germany
	Ein Hauch von Amerika | `A Touch of America ' Dror Zahavi | Germany
	Heinrich Vogeler - The Artist is Gone Marie Noëlle | France and Germany
	January Andrey Paounov | Bulgaria
	Risiken und Nebenwirkungen | `Risks and Side Effects' Michael Kreihsl | Austria
	Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins Robert Schwendtke | USA
2020	Betonrausch | `Concrete Frenzy' Cüneyt Kaya | Germany
	Die Hochzeit | `The Wedding' Til Schweiger | Germany
	Once Upon A Time There Was A War Aenri Kulev | Bulgaria
2019	18 % Grey Viktor Chouchkov | Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Macedonia and Serbia
	Allmen und das Geheimnis der Dahlien | `Allmen and The Mystery of the Dahlias' Thomas Berger | Germany
	Herr und Frau Bulle - Abfall | `Mr. and Mrs. Bulle - Waste' Fabian Möhrke | Germany

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2018	Der Hauptmann | 'The Captain' Robert Schwendtke | Germany
	Herrliche Zeiten | 'Splendid Times' Oskar Roehler | Germany
	Hot Dog Torsten Künstler | Germany
	Klassentreffen | 'Class Reunion' Til Schweiger | Germany
	Meine teuflische gute Freundin | 'My Diabolical Good Friend' Marco Petry | Germany
	Tod und Spiele - Tatort | 'Death And Games - Tatort' Maris Pfeiffer | Germany
2017	Allmen und der Rosa Diamant | 'Allmen and the Pink Diamond' Thomas Berger | Germany
	Allmen und die Libellen | 'Allmen and the Dragonflies' Thomas Berger | Germany
	Conni & Co - Das Geheimnis des T-Rex | 'Conni & Co - The Secret Of The T-Rex' Til Schweiger | Germany
	Der Tel Aviv-Krimi: Alte Freunde | 'The Tel Aviv Crime Story: Old Friends' Matthias Tiefenbacher | Germany
	Der Tel Aviv-Krimi: Masada | 'The Tel Aviv Crime Story: Masada' Matthias Tiefenbacher | Germany
2017	Allmen und der Rosa Diamant | 'Allmen and the Pink Diamond' Thomas Berger | Germany
	Allmen und die Libellen | 'Allmen and the Dragonflies' Thomas Berger | Germany

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2016

Cro - Don’t Believe the Hype
Martin Schreier | Germany

Der Affenkönig | ‘The Monkey King’
Oliver Rihs | Germany

Der Tel Aviv-Krimi: Shiv'a | ‘The Tel Aviv Crime Story: Shiv’a’
Matthias Tiefenbacher | Germany

Fritz Lang
Gordian Maugg | Germany

Marie Curie
Marie Noëlle | Germany, France and Poland

Outside the Box
Philip Koch | Germany

Paare | ‘Couples’
Johann Buchholz | Germany

Seitensprung mit Freunden | ‘An Affair with Friends’
Markus Herling | Germany

SMS für Dich | ‘SMS for You’
Karoline Herfurth | Germany

Unter Verdacht – Betongold | ‘Under Suspicion – Gold Cement’
Ulrich Zrenner | Germany

2015

Blochin: Die Lebenden und die Toten | ‘Blochin: The Living and The Dead’
Matthias Glasner | Germany

Das Zeugenhaus | ‘The Witness House’
Matti Geschonneck | Germany

Fünf Freunde 4 | ‘Five Friends 4’
Mike Marzuk | Germany

Halbe Bru□der | ‘Half Brothers’
Christian Alvart | Germany

Honig Im Kopf | ‘Honey in the Head’
Lars Gmehling and Til Schweiger | Germany

Macho Man
Christof Wahl | Germany

Paare | ‘Couples’
Johann Buchholz | Germany

Schuld – Ausgleich | ‘Guilt - Compensation’
Maris Pfeiffer | Germany

Tod den Hippies!! Es lebe der Punk! | ‘Death to Hippies!! Long Live Punk!’
Oskar Roehler | Germany

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2014	Die Erfindung der Liebe | 'The Discovery of Love' Lola Randl | Germany
	Quatsch - Und die Nasenbärbande | 'Nonsense - And The Coati Gang' Veit Helmer | Germany
	The Bridges of Sarajevo Kamen Kalev | Bulgaria, France and Germany
	Worst Case Scenario Franz Müller | Austria
2013	Aschenbrödel und der gestiefelte Kater | 'Cinderella and Puss in Boots' Thorsten Künstler | Germany
	George Joachim Lang | Germany
	Kokowääh II Til Schweiger | Germany
	Oktober/November | 'October/November' Götz Spielmann | Österreich
	Unsere Mütter, Unser Väter | 'Our Mothers, Our Fathers' Philipp Kadelbach | Germany
2012	Alexander Granach - Da geht ein Mensch | 'There Goes a Man' Angelika Wittlich | Germany
	Borowski und der stille Gast - Tatort | 'Borowski and the Quiet Guest' Christian Alvart | Germany
	Der vierte Mann - Tatort | 'The Fourth Man' Claudia Garde | Germany
	Die Libelle und das Nashorn | 'The Dragonfly and the Rhinoceros' Lola Randl | Germany
	Flemming - III. Season Matthias Tiefenbacher and Uwe Janson | Germany
	König Ludwig II | 'King Ludwig II' Peter Sehr | Germany
	The Color of the Chameleon Emil Hristow | Bulgaria
	The Wagner Files Ralf Pfleger | Germany

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2011	Borowski und der coole Hund – Tatort | `Borowski and the Cool Dog' Christian Alvart | Germany
	Männerherzen und die ganz ganz große Liebe | `Mens' Hearts and the Very Very Big Love' Simon Verhoeven | Germany
	Kokowääh Til Schweiger | Germany
	Short for Vernesa B. Jons Vukorep | Bosnia/Herzegovina and Germany
2010	Aghet Erik Friedler | Germany
	Die Akte Golgatha | `The Golgotha Case' Zoltan Spirandelli | Germany
	Flemming - II. Season Bernhard Stephan | Germany
	Headshots Lawrence Tooley | Germany
	Holy Light Georgi Tenev | Bulgaria
	Mondwärts | `Moonward' Aron Lehmann | Germany
2009	Das Vaterspiel/Kill Daddy Good Night | `The Father Game/ Kill Daddy Good Night' Michael Glawogger | Germany
	Die Liebe und Viktor | `Love and Victor' Patrick Banush | Germany
	Ein Sommer mit Paul | `A Summer with Paul' Claudia Garde | Germany
	Flemming - I. Season Claudia Garde and Zoltan Spirandelli | Germany
	Lackschaden | `Paint Damage' Michael Schneider | Germany
	Pink Rudolf Thome | Germany
	Sieben Tage | `Seven Days' Petra Katharina Wagner | Germany
2008 - 1999	Bella Block – Seven Television Films Hans Steinbichler, Christian von Castelberg, etc. | Germany

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2008	Die Besucherin | 'The Visitor' Lola Randl | Germany
	Helden aus der Nachbarschaft | 'Heroes from the Neighborhood' Jovan Arsenic | Germany
	Letzte Chance - KDD- Kriminaldauerdienst | 'Last Chance - KDD - Berlin Crime Squad' Andreas Prochaska | Germany
	Michelle, 8 Jahre - Tatort | 'Michelle, 8 Years' Florian Froschmayer | Germany
2007	Der Totenwächter | 'Warden of the Dead' Ilian Simeonov | Bulgaria
	Geburtstag | 'Birthday' Lawrence Tooley | Germany
	Mann über Bord - Tatort | 'Man Overboard' Lars Becker | Germany
	Wir sagen Du! Schatz. | 'We Say You! Dear.' Marc Meyer | Germany
2006	Borowski in der Unterwelt - Tatort | 'Borowski in the Underworld - Tatort' Claudia Garde | Germany
	Kunstfehler | 'Malpractice' Marcus O. Rosenmüller | Germany
	Sternenkinder - Tatort | 'Star Children - Tatort' Hannu Salonen | Germany
2005	Aller Tage Abend | 'It's Not Over Till It's Over' Andreas Schimmelbusch | Germany
	Ein ganz gewöhnlicher Jude | 'A Very Ordinary Jew' Oliver Hirschbiegel | Germany
	Weltverbesserungsmaßnahmen | 'Steps to Improve the World' Jakob Hüfner and Jörn Hintzer | Germany
2004	Delphinsommer | 'Dolphin Summer' Jobst Oetzmann | Germany
2003	Asyl - Schimanski | 'Asylum' Edward Berger | Germany
	Das Wunder von Bern | 'The Miracle of Bern' Sönke Wortmann | Germany
	Hamlet X Herbert Fritsch | Germany
	In schlechter Gesellschaft | 'Bad Company' Michael Karen | Germany

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2002	Am Ende der Hochzeitsnacht | 'At the End of the Wedding Night' Olaf Kreinsen | Germany
	Blueberry Hill Aleksandr Morfov | Bulgaria
	Gebürtig | 'Native-Born' Lukas Stepanik and Norbert Schindel | Germany
	Rapsodiya v byalo Tedi Moskov | Bulgaria
2001	Auf Herz und Nieren | 'Put to the Test' Thomas Jahn | Germany
	Même Dieu est venu nous voir Peter Popzlatev | Bulgaria and France
	Devil's Tail Dimiter Petkov | Bulgaria
	Posseteni ot gospoda Petar Popzlatev | Bulgaria
	Santa ein Weihnachtsmärchen | 'Santa a Christmas Fairy Tale' Jophi Ries | Germany
	Studers erster Fall | 'Studer's First Case' Sabine Boss | Germany
2000	Abschied. Brechts letzter Sommer. | 'Farewell. Brecht's Last Summer' Jan Schütte | Germany
	Deutschlandspiel | 'Germany Game' Hans-Christoph Blumenberg | Germany
	Jetzt oder Nie - Zeit ist Geld | 'Now or Never - Time is Money' Lars Büchel | Germany
	Stunde der Wahrheit | 'Hour of Truth' Matthias Tiefenbacher | Germany
	Tolle Lage | 'Great Location' Sören Voigt | Germany
1998	Die Unschuld der Krähen | 'The Innocence of the Crows' Horst Johann Sczerba | Germany
	Sofia - Sick of it all. Nils Willbrandt | Germany
	Und alles wegen Mama | 'And Everything Because of Mama' Hermine Huntgeburth | Germany
1994	Die verbotene Frucht | 'The Forbidden Fruit' Krassimir Krumov | Bulgaria

1990

Das Lager | 'The Camp'
Georgi Duelgerov | Bulgaria

Nemirnata ptitza lyubov
Rangel Vulchanov | Bulgaria

1989

Moi, la Comtesse
Petar Popzlatev | Bulgaria and France

Parcheta lyubov
Ivan Tscherkelov | Bulgaria

Razvodat predi i Razvodat sega
Georgi Jacky Stoev | Bulgaria

Razvodi, razvodi...
Kosta Bikov | Bulgaria

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Awards

2026	German Television Academy Award (Nomination) for Best Actor in a Series 'Unfamiliar'
2016	German Actors Award for Best Actor in a Comedy 'Worst Case Scenario'
2015	Gertrud Eysoldt Ring for Outstanding Acting Achievement Theater Heute Prize as Actor of the Year for 'Waiting for Godot'
2011	Bambi Best Film National for 'Männerherzen und die ganz ganz große Liebe' | 'Mens' Hearts and the Very Very Big Love'
	Best Actor at the Skena Up Theater Festival Pristina for 'Tagebuch eines Wahnsinnigen' | 'Diary of a Madman'
	German Comedy Prize in the Category Film Comedy for 'Kokowääh'
	Theater Prize Berlin 2011, Prussian Maritime Trading Foundation, for his entire work in the theater
2010	Best Actor at the MOT Theater Festival Skopje for 'Tagebuch eines Wahnsinnigen' | 'Diary of a Madman'
2009	Best Actor at the Mess Theater Festival Sarayevo for 'Ivanov'
2001	Golden Chest, Best Male Performer, International Television Festival Plovdiv, Bulgaria for 'Devil's Tail'
1996	Advancement Award for Dramatic Arts of the city of Düsseldorf for 'Ein Monat in Dachau' | 'A Month in Dachau'
1995	Critics' Prize: Best Actor of the Year in Nordrhein-Westfalen for 'The Cherry Orchard' and 'Swan Songs'
1994	13th Theater Festival NRW: Prize for Best New Actor for 'The Seagull'
1993	Critics' Prize for Best New Actor in Nordrhein-Westfalen for 'The Seagull'