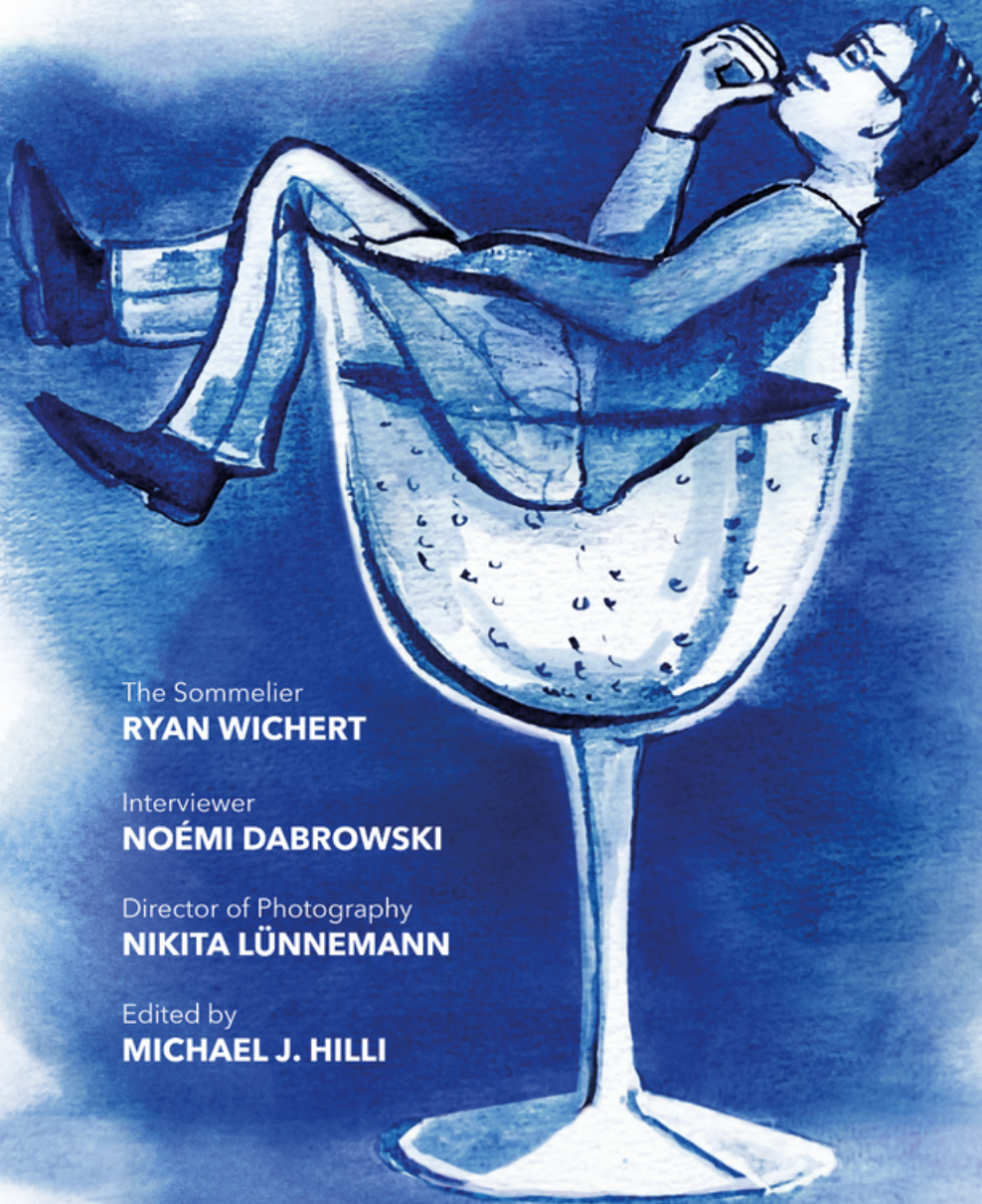


# The Water Sommelier

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The Sommelier  
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**MICHAEL J. HILLI**

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Sound Design & Mixing **MIXWERK MEDIA SOLUTIONS GMBH** | Color Grading **MATTHIAS BOLLWERK**

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**A man in his element - that's Hugo Rehberg.**

Together with Hugo we dive into the **wonderful world** of water.

Did you know that water is the **number one reason worldwide** why people **drown**? Or that water can **taste** of **light**?

As a trained **water sommelier**, and soon to be **water whisperer**, Hugo Rehberg is passionate about all things transparent, wet and liquid.

He **advises** individuals and restaurants on the **suitable aqua** to match their culinary dish and particularly likes recommending **Tasmanian rainwater**.

Hugo and his **wondrous water knowledge** have, finally, come to the attention of the **media** and he gives an interview.

**The Water Sommelier. A satirical short film about water. Contains wet and dry humour.**



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TASTES LIKE WATER



HUGO ON ICE



STILL WATER ... TALK TO ME



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BANANA OR LIGHT FLAVOUR?



WATER? WINE! WATER? WINE!



50 SHADES OF AQUA



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WRITER  
DIRECTOR

**Ryan Wichert** is a British-German actor, voice over, writer and comedian. Born in Hamburg, he **trained** as an **actor** in **London** at the Drama Centre (Tom Hardy, Colin Firth, Emilia Clarke).

After graduation he **worked extensively** on **stage** and **screen** in the UK and in Germany.

He appeared in the **WDR sketch TV comedy** series "Die Unwahrscheinlichen Ereignisse im Leben von..." alongside **Nora Tschirner**, Hugo Egon Balder and Frank Elstner. **Co-produced by Jan Böhmermann.**

In 2020, he took on the role of the **chess player** Hilton Wexler in the **Golden Globe and Emmy Award nominated Netflix series "The Queen's Gambit"**. He is an ensemble member of the **Berlin hit theatre sitcom** "Gutes Wedding, Schlechtes Wedding".



WRITER  
DIRECTOR

**Noémi Dabrowski** is a French-German **actress, voice over** and **writer**. She has been an ensemble member of the **Berlin hit theatre sitcom** "Gutes Wedding, Schlechtes Wedding" since 2015 and also works a lot in puppet theatre and children's theatre, **where she also directs.**

As an actress, she works extensively in the **field** of **improvisation** and **comedy** and has a vast portfolio of **comic characters** she regularly showcases on **stage** in Berlin.

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EDITOR

**Michael J. Hilli** is an editor, director and screenwriter.

He took over the editing for **The Water Sommelier**, enriched the film with his **comedy timing** and gave the project that "certain something".

He studied **communication design** in Aachen. He achieved his first successes with the **YouTube** channel JuBaFilms, but also with **ZDF Neo** sketch series **neoManiacs**.

Michael regularly creates and edits video content for **Jay & Arya**, one of Germany's **most successful** comedy **YouTube channels** with over **1.9 million subscribers**.



DESIGN

**Sylvia Borges**, who already developed the design concept for the **award-winning comedy** short film **Exhibition** (2020), much to our delight, took over the **visual aspects** and created a design concept for **The Water Sommelier**.

In 2014, Sylvia graduated from the **Academy of Media Arts** (KHM) in Cologne, where she **studied film**. Since then she has been working as a freelance director, writer and script consultant. Her short films are considered **audience favourites** and have received more than **50 international awards**, as well as numerous nominations.

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DIRECTOR OF  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**Nikita Lünemann** is a photographer and **lighting cinematographer**, living in **Berlin**.

The **camera work** and image design for **The Water Sommelier** was done by Nikita. He regularly **shoots nationally** and **internationally** with established companies and **brands** in the field of **advertising**. When he's not on set, he's **building** his **camper van** with his girlfriend.



COLOUR GRADE

**Matthias Bollwerk** is a multimedia **multi-talent**. He is a director, actor, author, YouTuber, editor and responsible for the **colour grading** on **The Water Sommelier**.



SOUND

**Mixwerk**. For over than **15 years**, Mixwerk Berlin has been **specialising** in **high-quality sound design**.

That's why we are more than proud that the **studio** put the finishing touches on **The Water Sommelier** sound.

**That way our still water can be heard.**

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## AWARDS

- ▷ **WINNER - BEST COMEDY SHORT** - Oakland Short Film Festival 2022
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST COMEDY** - Independent Film Awards Bristol 2022
- ▷ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - 29. Rüsselsheimer Filmtage 2022
- ▷ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - 42. Europäisches Filmfestival Göttingen
- ▷ **WINNER** - Blende Eins - Shortfilmfest Wilhelmshaven 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST COMEDY** - New York Movie Awards 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST COMEDY SHORT** - Mannheim Arts & Film Festival 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - COMEDY & SATIRE FILMPREIS** - Willlachen 2021
- ▷ **WINNER** - Kiez Berlin Film Festival 2022
- ▷ **FINALIST** - Houston Comedy Film Festival 2022
- ▷ **FINALIST** - Short Cut Festival 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST ACTOR** - Vienna International Film Awards 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST ACTOR** - Brejning Filmfestival 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST DIRECTOR** - Brejning Filmfestival 2021
- ▷ **WINNER - BEST FILM** - Brejning Filmfestival 2021
- ▷ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - Dam Short Film Festival 2022
- ▷ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - Arizona Short Film Festival
- ▷ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** - IINFF - International Istanbul Nartugan Film Festival

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