



**Michael Schwarz**  
**producer, executive producer, line producer**

Michael is trained in economics and industrial market research and speaks English, Italian, German and basic French. In the film business since 1984, he is shareholder and CEO of VEGA FILM, Berlin, Germany. From 1984 to 1988 he worked as location and unit manager for numerous features before setting up VEGA in 1988. Since 1988 he worked first as production manager and later as line producer for a number of international feature films, with directors such as Roman Polanski (OLIVER TWIST) and Wim Wenders (FARAWAY, SO CLOSE), being responsible for budgets ranging from USD 2 to 50 million.

Recently Michael produced the USD 30 million French-German period drama series BORGIA, created by US show-runner Tom Fontana, which has sold to more than 40 countries including the US to date and has broken ratings records in Italy and France already.

Michael is also attached as executive producer to the action thriller THE ELEPHANT, directed by Hans Petter Moland, and to the mystery thriller FORSAKEN, directed by Måns Marlind and Björn Stein.

From 1995 to 2000 Michael acted as budgeting and development expert for EAVE, a MEDIA seminar for young European producers.

Through his outfit VEGA FILM Michael has provided executive production services for nearly 170 domestic and international feature film projects, commercials, music videos and documentaries, or has advised producers during development and/or production. His clients range from independent European production companies to major Hollywood studios.

Michael produced a prize-winning full-length feature documentary about the children of Chernobyl and the features ZOOM and BE.ANGELED. ZOOM was first screened at World Film Festival, Montreal and impressively reviewed by *Variety*. It was then screened at numerous festivals including Rotterdam, Berlin, Washington and Sochi.

Michael's own development activities concentrate on the high budget Sci-fi project THE WEISS ALBUM, based on the novel STAR OF THE UNBORN by Franz Werfel; the Xtreme sports actioner BERLIN RUN, and FRONTIERS OF NATURE IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY, a collection of 6 narrative high profile wildlife documentaries for the big screen.

Michael is married and has a daughter (26) and a son (31).

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