



**SUNNYI MELLES**

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## **VITA**

The Swiss film and theater actress Sunnyi Melles was born to Hungarian parents in Luxembourg. Her grandmother Lóth Ila was a silent film actress. Her father Carl Melles was a conductor and her mother, Judith Rohonczy, an actress. Her daughter Leonille Wittgenstein is also an actress. After her parents emigrated from Hungary in 1956, Sunnyi Melles grew up in Switzerland. At the age of 10, she was on stage with her mother at the Theater Basel. At the age of 14, she played her first film role, Rosa, alongside Max von Sydow in the movie STEPPENWOLF. She completed her acting school at the Otto Falkenberg School in Munich.

## **CURRENTLY**

### **TV**

**2024**

### **THE ZWEIFLERS**

**Cannes International Series Festival 2024 in Competition on April 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

TV Series 6 Episodes Co-production: Turbokultur/ARD Degeto /Hessischer Rundfunk /World distribution ZDF Studios

Creator & Showrunner David Hadda / Script David Hadda, Sarah Hadda, Juri Sternburg/  
Director Anja Marquardt/Clara Zoë My-Linh von Arnim/ Producers David Hadda, Martin Danisch (Turbokultur)

Role Mimi Zweifler

German release May 3, 2024 ARD -Degeto Mediathek

**2024**

**BECOMING KARL LAGERFELD**

**Cannes International Series Festival 2024 out of competition on April 7, 2024 à 20h00**

TV Série of 6 episodes Co-Production Disney+ Channel/ Gaumont Production France/  
Producers Isabelle Degeorges and Arnaud de Crémiers/ Screenwriters Isaure de Pisan/  
Jennifer Have/ Dominique Bauman/ Nathalie Hertzberg/ Raphaëlle Bacqué/

Directors Jérôme Salle and Audrey Estrougo

Role Marlene Dietrich

French release: June 7, 2024 on Disney+

**FILM**

**2024**

**MR.K (Postproduktion)**

A Lemming Film/ Aprivate View/ Thr Film Kitchen ProduktionIn/ Co-Production With Take  
1/ Avrotros /Aurora Studio Inteternational Sales by Levelk/ Written/Directed Tallulah H.  
Schwaab/Produced Erik Glijnts/ Leontine Petit/ Dries Phlypo/ Judy Tossel/ Producers Jan van  
der Zanden/ Ineke Kanters Producers Jan van der Zanden/ Ineke Kanters / Role Gaga

**Film TV Opera Ballet Concert Recitation Membership Award (selection)**

**2022**

**TRIANGLE OF SADNESS**

**Winner Palme d'Or Festival de Cannes 2022**

Film GBR/SWE / Director/Screenplay Ruben Östlund

Hemendorff Platform Production Production et Philippe Bober Role Vera

**2022**

**ENFANT TERRIBLE**

**Festival de Cannes in competition**

Film DE/ Director Oscar Röhler and screenplay Klaus Richter/

Produktion Markus Zimmer Stefan Stefan Arndt

Role Veronika

**2018**

**Wolkenbruch**

**2019 Zurich - Swiss Film Festival Award/**

**FILM /CHE / Director Michael Steiner/ Sreenplay Thomas Meyer**

Role: Mrs.Silberzweig Nomination for Best Supporting Actress

**2018**

**SAFARI- MATCH ME If YOU CAN**

FILM / GER / Director: Richard Gaul/ Screenplay Friederike Klingholz Rudi Gaul Role:  
Aurelie Production: Rat Pack Martin Richter

**2004**

**2006 Oscar nomination for Best Animated Feature Film**

**HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE**

Film /JPN /Animated Feature Film / Director and screenplay: Hayao Miyazaki

Studio Ghibli

Role German dubbing voice: young and old Sophie

**2003**

**Pumuckl und sein Zirkusabenteuer**

Film ( Children's film) GER/ Regie Peter Weissflog/Drehbuch Elis Kaut Ursula Bagnall/

Production Infafilm Manfred Korytiwsky Bayerischer Rundfunk/ Role Frau Magiaro starring  
Hans Clarin

**2009**

**Locarno International Film Festival Audience Award 2009**

**Zurich Film Award 2009**

**GIULIAS VERSCHWINDEN**

Film/ CHE/ Director Christoph Schaub/ Screenplay Martin Suter/ Produktion TAC Film/  
Suisse/ Role: Alessia

**1988**

**Faust**

Theatre Adaption / GER/ Regie Dieter Dorn / Theatre piece Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Production Günther Rohrbach/ Bavaria Film /Role Margarete starring Helmut Griem

**1986**

**38 AUCH DAS WAR WIEN**

**1987 Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film**

Film /AUT/ GER/ Director/ Screenplay Wolfgang Glück/ Production Michael von  
Wolkenstein/ Role Carola

**1986**

**Paradies**

Film/GER/ Director/Screenplay Doris Dörrie/ Production Chris Sievernich Richard Claus/  
Role Angelika Pryza

**1981**

**WER SOUNNT DENN DA HERR DOKTOR ?**

Film/GER/ Director Stefan Lukschy/Screenplay Stefan Lukschy Christian Rateuke Hartmann  
Schmiege Role Marlene Schulz starring Lorriot

**1974**

**STEPENWOLF**

Film USA CHE GR Director / Screenplay Fred Haines/ Role Rosa Starring Max von Sydow  
Production Melvin Fishman Richard Pinter Irving Lerner

**TV**

**2021**

**VIENNA BLOOD The Melancholy Countess**

TV crime series GBR / BBC2/ORF/ZDF Director: Robert Dornhelm Role: Melancholy  
Countess co-starring Matthew Bread

**2022**

**Ballet ALICE – Philip Glass / World premiere FRA/ medici.TV**

**ALICE 61. Golden Prague international Television Festival**

MEDICI TV

Opéra du Rhin Strasbourg / Mulhouse

Choreography: Amir Hosseinpour und Jonathan Lunn Conductor: Karen Kamensek

Video: David Haneke

Role: Alice and Poet Lewis Carroll (playing and singing )

**2021/22**

**MORD UNTER MISTELN**

TV / GER/ Bavarian Christmas “Tatort” 2022 Director: Jobst Oetzmann Role: Simone and  
Lady Bantam Countess of Cumberledge co-starring

**2019**

**DAS LETZTE PROBLEMTV/AUT/ Austrian rural thriller / ORF / Director: Karl**

Markovics Script: Michael Kehlmann Production Superfilm Role: Karin Sessler

**2019**

**ELISABETH-KAISERIN AUF DER FLUCHT**

TV/ARTE/ORF/ZDF/ Docudrama Director/ Sreenplay Stefan Ludwig Role Sisi

**2018**

**DER KAISERSTURZ**

TV /ARTE /ZDF / Docudrama Director: Christoph Röhl Script: Prof. Lothar Machtan  
Role: last German Empress Auguste Viktoria

**2013**

**HOTEL ADLON. EINE FAMILIENSAGA**

TV /GER/ ZDF/ 3- Teiler Director: Uli Edel  
Schadt Production: MOOVIE Role: Otilie Schadt  
2013 Nomination ROMY Award "Best Actress"

**2015**

**ALTES GELD**

TV /AUT/ 8 episodes Directed and written by David Schalko/Production Superfilm/ ORF  
Role Liliane  
2016 Nomination ROMY Award Best Actress

**2014**

**THE TEAM**

TV /DNK/BEL/GER/ 4 police episodes Director: Kathrine Windfeld/Kasper Gaardsoe  
Role: Jazz singer Iris Gabler co-starring Lars Mikkelsen

**2000**

**Cymbeline**

Theatre Adaption/ GER/ / Director Dieter Dorn/  
Theatre piece William Shakespeare /Role Inogen

**1992**

**MAIGRET**

TV / FRA /BEL/CHE/ FR2 Crime series "La nuit du Carrefour" Director: Alain Tasma  
Role: Elise co-starring Bruno Cremer

**1988**

**CINÈMA**

TV/FRA/ TF1/ minisérie/ Director Philippe Lefebvre Sreenplay Jean-Pierre Petrolacci Role:  
Caroline co-starring Alain Delon

**Ballett**

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**2008**

**ROMEO UND JULIA – Sergei Prokofiev**

Ballet / GER / Bayerisches Staatsballett München Choreographer: 40. anniversary of John Cranko Role (Dancer): Lady Capulet

**Concert (selection)**

**2019**

**KADDISH – Leonard Bernstein**

Lviv Mozart Festival in Brody (Ukraine)

Memorial concert in honor of Joseph Roth in the ruins of the synagogue LVIV- Orchestra and Choirs and Children's Choir Conductor: Oksana Lyniv Role: Narrator

**2015**

**ODE TO NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE – Arnold Schönberg**

Opéra Nice

Nice Philharmonic Orchestra Conductor: Philip Augin Role Narrator

**Opera (selection)**

**2015/ 2018**

**GURRELIEDER – Arnold Schönberg**

Oper TV / NLD / Live Recording Dutch National Opera & Ballet in Amsterdam

Director Pierre Audi Conductor Marc Albrecht/ Role Narrator

**1991**

**MOZART'S BÄSLE LETTERS – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

Salzburg Festival Mozartheum/ ORF TV

Director: Georges Tabori Role: Bäsle

**HYBRID RECITATION**

**2020 -2024**

**Max Reinhardt**

New York Austrian Cultural Institute

**Joseph Roth**

**NELLY SACHS**

**ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER**

**JOSEPH ROTH**

Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts Munich Sunny Melles /Leonille Wittgenstein Music and Sound: Constantin Wittgenstein Text version: Alexander Wiegold Production: Sunny Melles / VIMEO

## **THEATRE**

**2011- 2014**

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT SEX COMEDY - Woody Allen**

THEATER /AUT/ Burgtheatre Vienna Director: Matthias Hartmann

Role: Ariel

**2012- 2014**

**DER IGNORANT UND DER WAHNSINNIGE – Tomas Bernhardt**

Theater /AUT/ Burgtheatre Vienna / Director Jan Bosse

Role: Operasinger Queen of the Night

**2010 -2014**

**PHÄDRA – Jean Babstine Racine**

AUT Salzburg Festival/ Burgtheatre Vienna

Director Matthias Hartmann/ Rolle: Phädra

**2009 -2013**

**IMMANUEL KANT – Thomas Bernhardt**

Theatre /CHE / AUT Theatre Zurich// Burgtheatre Vienna/

Directo Matthias Hartmann/ Role: Millionärin

**2007-2015**

**God of Carnage – Yasmina Reza**

Theatre/ DEU / Residenztheatre Munich/ Director: Dieter Dorn

Role: Annette

**2005-2014**

**Austrian NESTROY- Theater Award “Best Actress”**

**GESCHICHTEN AUS DEM WIENERWALD – Ödön von Horvath**

Salzburg Festival / Residenztheatre Munich/ Director: Barbara Frey

Role: Valerie

**2004-2014**

**Measure for Measure -WilliamShakespeare**

Theater /GER/ Residenztheater Munich/ Director:

Dieter Dorn Rolle: Isabelle

**2003-2014**

**Uncle Vanya - Anton Tschechow**

**Best Actress of the Year THEATER HEUTE/**

**Berliner Theatertreffen / TV 3sat**

GER/ Residenz Theatre Munich/ Director: Barbara Frey/ Role: Elena

**2000-2014**

**Cymbeline -William Shakespeare**

GER/ Theater Residenztheater Munich/ Director: Dieter Dorn

Role Inogen

**1990–1993**

**JEDERMANN – Hugo von Hofmannsthal**

AUT Salzburg Festival

Director: Gernot Friedel/Role: Buhlschaft starring Helmut Lohner

**1985**

**LEONARDO KNEW IT – Roland Topor**

Theater / GER/ Münchener Kammerspiele/ Director Roland Topor

Role Swedish Au-Pair

**1988**

**FAUST – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Theater**

**Guest appearance Tokyo, Nissan theater Berliner Theatertreffen**

GER / Münchener Kammerspiele/ Director Dieter Dorn

Role Margarete

FILM Bavaria Studio

**1987**

**TROILUS UND CRESSIDA – William Shakespeare Theater**

**Actrees of the Year THEATER HEUTE**

GER / Theater Müncher Kammerspiele Regie Dieter Dorn/ Rolle Cressida

/Berliner Theatertreffen Verfilmung/ DVD

**1984**

**EMILIA GALOTTI - Gotthold Ephraim Lessing Theater**

GER / Münchener Kammerspiele/ Director Thomas Langhoff /

Role: Emilia Galotti

DVD Bavariastudio

**1983**

**OTHELLO - William Shakespeare / AUT Burgtheatre Vienna Director: Hans Lietzau**

Role: Desdemona



## **Membership**

**Arnold Schönberg150 Artistic Honorary Committee and Ambassadeur  
Holder of the Bavarian Order of Merit  
Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts in Munich  
Member of the European, Swiss and Austrian Film Academies**

## **AWARD (selection)**

**CHAPLINSHOES Newcomer Award of the German Actor Award  
(Federal Association of Directors)  
2 times “Actress of the Year” THEATER HEUTE  
Austrian Theater NESTROY-Award Best Actress  
Austrian Theater NESTROY-Award “Best Actress”**

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