# **Press Release**

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#### Panorama 2002 - Complete

The Panorama program is now complete: it includes 38 feature films, 17 documentaries and 22 short films. They will be presented in Panorama, Panorama Special and Panorama Documents. The last films invited include works by such celebrated directors as Ann Hui (Hong Kong), Sergej Ovcarov (Russia), Beto Brant (Brazil), Daniel Burman (Argentine) and André Heller (Austria).

Many stars have already announced their attendance: Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Geraldine Chaplin, Ana Fernandez, Ulrich Noethen, Robert Stadlober and Russell Crowe. Actor-director Paul Mazursky will attend the screening of *Big Shot's Funeral* by Feng Xiaogang (People's Republic of China), in which he costars with Ge You and Donald Sutherland. Faye Dunaway will present her directorial debut: the short film *The Yellow Bird*, featuring Brenda Blethyn and James Coburn, narrated by Tennessee Williams. Author David Leavitt will accompany Ventura Pons with *Food Of Love* (Spain), which was adapted from his novel "The Page Turner".

The Panorama will open on February 6th with *All About Lily Chou Chou* by Shunji Iwai (Japan). The loneliness of adolescence, communication in online chat rooms and poignant images typify the modern intensity of this year's contributions from Japan.

The Panorama Special will open on February 7th with a brilliant psychological thriller, *Honogurai mizuno sokokara (Dark Water*) by Hideo Nakata (Japan), as well as with a perfect depiction of the hedonistic mood in France at the beginning of the Seventies, *La Bande du Drugstore* (Dandy) by Francois Armanet.

The Panorama Documents section will open on February 7th with *The Burning Wall* by Hava Kohav Beller. In this US film about divided Germany, Robert Havemann's life is traced from 1930 until the opening of the Stasi archives. Individuals such as Stefan Heym, Richard von Weizsäcker, Bärbel Bohley, Vaclav Havel, Günter Grass, Corinna Harfouch, Reiner Kunze, Bettina Wegener, Jürgen Fuchs, Pastor Erhart Neubert ("Now we shall build our GDR, the ideal GDR"), as well as Günter Schabowski have a say.



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Eine Veranstaltung der Berliner Festspiele GmbH The theme of eight features and documentaries in the Panorama is "migration" – a fate shared by more people today than ever before. "Migration" rounds off the selection of the program's topics, which includes the "spirit and ideals of the Seventies", "autistic tendencies" and "music".

### Here is a list of the last titles selected (the Panorama program is now complete):

Argentina/Spain *Todas las azafatas van al cielo* (Every Stewardess Goes To Heaven) 98' by Daniel Burman with Alfredo Casero, Ingrid Rubio, Emilio Dissi, Norma Aleandro

Brazil O *Invasor The Trespasser* 97' by Beto Brant with Marco Ricca, Alexandre Borges, Paulo Miklos, Malu Mader, Mariana Ximenes, Chris Couto, George Freire

Germany/Switzerland *Friends in High Places* 86' *documentary* by Lindsey Merrison

Germany/Mexico/Spain *Francisca* 85' by Eva López-Sánchez with Ulrich Noethen, Fabiola Campomanes, Carlos Lucas, Rafael Martín

Spain *En la ciudad sin limites* (The city of no limits) 120' by Antonio Hernandez with Leonardo Sbaraglia, Geraldine Chaplin, Ana Fernández, Fernando Pernán-Gómez, Adriana Ozores, Leticia Bredice

Spain *El sueno de Ibiza* (Ibiza Dream) 98' by Igor Fioravanti with Adria Collado, Paco Marin, Adriana Dominguez, Enric Majo

Spain Los Niños de Rusia (The Children Of Russia) 93' documentary by Jaime Camino Hong Kong Nan Ren Si Shi (July Rhapsody) 103' by Ann Hui with Jacky Cheung, Anita Mui, Karen Lam, Shaun Jam

Italy L'Inverno (Winter) 97' by Nina di Majo with Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Valeria Golino, Fabrizio Gifuni, Yorgo Voyagis

Japan Go 122' by Isao Yukisada with Yosuke Kubozuka, Kou Shibasaki, Shinobu Ootake, Taro Yamamoto, Hirofumi Arai

Japan *Honogurai mizuno sokokara* (Dark Water) 101' by Hideo Nakata with Hitomi Kuroki, Rio Kanno

Portugal/Mozambique O gotejar da luz (Light Drops) 110' by Fernando Vendrell with Filipe Carvalho, Amaral Matos, Alexandra Antunes, Marco de Almeida, Alberto Magassela, Teresa Madruga, António Fonseca

Russia Skaz pro Fedota-Streltsa (The Tale Of Fedot), The Shooter 110' by Sergei Ovcharov with Konstantin Vorobjev,Andrei Myagkov,Vladimir Gostukhin

USA Texas 78' *documentary* by Circumstance with TOFOG /Russell Crowe

USA *The Burning Wall* 115' *documentary* by Hava Kohav Beller USA *The Cockettes 99' documentary* by Bill Weber, David Weissman with The Cockettes, John Waters, Divine, Sylvia Miles, Holly Woodlawn

USA The Yellow Bird 18' short film by Faye Dunaway with Brenda Blethyn, James Coburn, Faye Dunaway

USA/Germany Paradox Lake 80' documentary by Przemyslaw Reut with Matt Wolf, Jessica Fuchs, Phe Kaplan, John Gelin, Ernie Jerez, Jaffa Jane Levy, Dan Luciano

People's Republic of China *Big Shot's Funeral* 100' by Feng Xiaogang with You Ge, Rosamund Kwan, Donald Sutherland, Paul Mazursky, Da Ying

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