

## Press Release

## A Berlinale Camera for Peter B. Schumann

The Berlinale Camera is presented to film personalities or institutions to which the Berlin International Film Festival feels especially indebted and would like to express its thanks. The Berlinale Camera has been awarded every year since 1986 and has been sponsored by the Düsseldorf jeweller Georg Hornemann since 2004.

Journalist Peter B. Schumann has worked on the staff of the *Forum* for 35 years; prior to this he was head of the *Retrospective*. On February 16 he will be awarded a *Berlinale Camera*.

As an expert on Latin America, Schumann – who was born in 1941 – has played a significant role in shaping the *International Forum of New Cinema*. He has belonged to the *Forum* since its establishment in 1971, and from 1980 to 2003 was a member of its selection committee. From 1966 to 1970, Schumann headed the Berlinale's *Retrospective* section. Since the 1960s, he has authored many television documentaries and radio features; he also wrote one of the first histories on Latin American cinema: *Historia del cine latinoamericano* (1987).

Peter B. Schumann will be awarded the *Berlinale Camera* on February 16 at 11 p.m. during the *Forum*'s reception at the Volksbühne am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. Journalist and cultural manager Michel Gaißmayer will speak in his honour.

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