

Press Release

The summer Berlinale in Berlin and Cologne

For the fourth year, the Berlin International Film Festival presents in cooperation with Radio Eins highlights from this year's Berlinale programme at the Friedrichshain open-air cinema. For the first time Cologne film lovers will also be able to enjoy these screenings.

From August 23-27, Radio Eins film critic Knut Elstermann will present films from the *Competition*, the *Panorama*, *Perspektive Deutsches Kino*, *Kinderfilmfest/14plus* and the Berlinale *Retrospective* in Friedrichshain, Berlin. Alongside the section directors, the films' directors and actors will be present at the screenings.

The programme of the Summer Berlinale in detail:

Wednesday, August 23, 8:30 pm

Berlinale Kinderfilmfest/14plus: Quinceañera

Director: Wash Westmoreland, Richard Glatzer, USA 2006; Spanish/Engl.

With English subtitles

Echo Park, L.A.: Magdalena can't wait for her Quinceañera, the day Mexican girls celebrate their 15th birthday with their families...But nothing turns out as expected...

Presented by Thomas Hailer, Kinderfilmfest/14plus

Thursday, August 24, 8:30 pm Berlinale *Panorama*: No.2

Director: Toa Fraser; New Zealand 2005; Original version with German

subtitles

Nanna Maria dreams of a big family celebration, which she attended many years ago. When she wakes up, she decides to put on her very own party: It should be grand and opulent but take place that very same day. An effusive declaration of love for the family with South Pacific charm!

Friday, August 25, 8:30 pm

Berlinale Perspektive Deutsches Kino: Wholetrain

Director: Florian Gaag, Germany/Poland 2006

In his debut, Florian Gaag presents a fascinating and authentic view of a group of young sprayers and their uncompromising lives in the graffiti scene. A film about friendship and passion, which is stronger than reason.

Presented by Alfred Holighaus, Perspektive Deutsches Kino

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Saturday, August 26, 8:30 pm

Berlinale Competition: Sehnsucht (Longing) Director: Valeska Grisebach, Germany 2005

Valeska Grisebach (*Mein Stern*) seduces an entire village in Brandenburg into theatre acting and manages to enter into people's lives as never before. Great emotional cinema: "It does really exist, this German spring, films through

which lots of life flows." (Sueddeutsche Zeitung)

In the presence of the cast and crew

Sunday, August 27, 8:30pm Berlinale *Retrospective*: *Indiscreet* Director: Stanley Donen, USA 1958

A very humorous love story between the famous theatre actress Anna and her indiscreet lover, the "married" and charming finance expert Philip. Starring the enchanting Ingrid Bergman and the irresistible Cary Grant

Presented by Dr. Rainer Rother, Retrospektive

More information at http://www.freiluftkino-berlin.de

From August 14-19, alongside *Longing*, *Quinceañera*, *No.* 2 and *Wholetrain*, the restored version of *Pat Garrett & Billy the Kid* which was screened out of competition at the last Berlinale, will be shown at the Cologne Filmhaus. More information at http://www.filmhaus-kino.de

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