

Press Release



Berlinale – a festival of stars, audiences and the film business ***The 57th Berlin International Film Festival comes to a successful close***

With the Award Ceremony the Berlinale 2007 reaches its climax on Saturday, February 17. 1.600 guests are invited to the ceremony in the Berlinale Palast. The event, hosted by Charlotte Roche, will be broadcast live on 3sat. Viewers in the theatre and at home will eagerly await the announcement of the winners.

In addition to the prize-winners, the film crew of the closing film ***Angel*** (director François Ozon, Susanna Antunes, Amanda Davis, Olivier Delbosc, Oriana Elia, Michael Fassbender, Romola Garai, Amélia Guyader, Sue Latimer, Marc Missonnier, Sam Neill, Lucy Russell and Tanya Segatchian) will also be attending this glamorous event. Further illustrious guests of the evening include: Arthur Penn, Andreas Dresen, Volker Schlöndorff, Fatih Akin, Detlev Buck, Valeska Grisebach, Romuald Karmakar, Meret Becker, Jan Josef Liefers, Heike Makatsch, Nadja Uhl, Martina Gedeck, Hans-Christian Schmid, Jessica Schwarz, Oskar Roehler, Wim Wenders, Sibel Kekilli, Hannelore Elsner, Sandra Hüller, Diane Kruger, Jamie Bell, and Gregory Nava amongst others.

Interest in the Berlinale among visitors from both the film industry and the general public has been greater than ever: More than 19.000 accredited visitors from 127 countries, including 4.000 journalists, attended the festival. Approximately 430.000 cinemagoers have attended the 57th Berlin International Film Festival, including roughly 200.000 audience tickets. The newly-added Cubix cinema screens at Alexanderplatz were extremely well received by audiences. Altogether, 373 films were shown in 1.190 screenings. As a further treat for the public audiences, on Sunday, the festival will be dedicated to the public: a selection of this year's Berlinale films will be re-screened for the ***Berlinale Kinotag***.

The Berlinale merchandising products also enjoyed great popularity. 8000 items – bags, cups, teddy bears, T-shirts and caps – were completely sold out at the end of the festival.

The kick-off of the new special series ***Eat Drink See Movies – Celebrating Culinary Cinema*** at the "Gropius Mirror" restaurant exceeded all expectations. All in all 1.701 guests have visited the film screenings of this special series, 978 of them attended the daily dinner talk, presented by Alfred Biolek.

The special series ***Magnum in Motion***, as well as all section programmes and the Retrospective ***City Girls***, were almost 100% booked out.

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The *European Film Market (EFM)*, the main event for the film industry at the Berlin International Film Festival, continues to expand - in quantity and in quality. At two top locations – the elegant historical Martin-Gropius-Bau with its spacious market booths, and the ultra-modern office building at Potsdamer Platz 11 containing the *EFM's* Business Offices – 259 film companies from 46 countries presented themselves at 115 booths. A total of 702 films were scheduled, and 878 buyers from around the world have been accredited.

"It was the Berlinale of the stars, the film business, and above all the audience. The city of Berlin has been a big star too, for me, this is a wonderful and successful outcome", says Festival Director Dieter Kosslick.

The 58th Berlin International Film Festival will be held from 7 – 17 February 2008.

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