

Press Release

PanoramaAudienceAward 2008

The audience has decided: the 10th PanoramaAudienceAward, sponsored by Radioeins of RBB, Berlin-Brandenburg's public radio and television broadcasting station, and Berlin's city magazine tip in collaboration with the Berlinale's *Panorama* section - goes to *Lemon Tree* (Israel/Germany/France 2008) directed by Eran Riklis.

The PanoramaAudienceAward has existed since 1999. Movie-goers of the 58th Berlin International Film Festival were asked to cast their ballot cards or vote online for the films screened in the *Panorama* section. The attendance was overwhelming. Over 20.000 votes were cast and counted. This year the *Panorama* presented 52 features in total, including 19 films from *Panorama Dokumente*.

The official award ceremony will be held on Sunday, February 17 at 5 pm in the CinemaxX 7 at Potsdamer Platz. The winning film will be awarded the bronze statue by Berlin sculptor Hubertus Brand. The prize will be presented by Radioeins chief editor Florian Barckhausen and tip chief editor Heiko Zwirner. Head of the *Panorama* Wieland Speck will also attend the event which will be hosted by "radioeins" film expert Knut Elstermann. Following the award ceremony, the audiences' favourite film will be rescreened.

PanoramaAudienceAward-Winner 2008:

Lemon Tree

Israel/Germany/France 2008 Directed by Eran Riklis

2nd place PanoramaAudienceAward 2008: Darling! The Pieter-Dirk Uys Story Australia 2007 Directed by Julian Shaw

3rd place PanoramaAudienceAward 2008: Erika Rabau - Puck of Berlin Germany 2007 Directed by Samson Vicent

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