



Press Release

The new seven-member German-French jury for the Berlinale section *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* is confirmed

For the sixth time, international francophone television station TV5MONDE – an official partner of the Berlinale – the Berlin International Film Festival and the German-French Youth Association issued a call for candidates in the two nations to give young German and French film fans the opportunity to collaborate as jury members in the awarding of the “Dialogue en perspective” prize. The seven cineastes, who will have the honour of experiencing the 59th Berlin International Film Festival as jury members, have now been selected. On February 14, they are going to hand over the “Dialogue en perspective” prize to their favourite from the Berlinale section *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* as part of the award ceremony for independent jury prizes.

After an exciting week of evaluation, making a final selection from the many excellent applications was no easy task. One of the requirements of the application process was the compilation of a review of German film *Elementarteilchen* by Oskar Röhler – the adaptation of Michel Houellebecq’s sensational book of the same name, “Les particules élémentaires” – while the role of German film internationally had to be commented upon, and personal film preferences and cultural commitment explained.

Three German and four French candidates stood out from among all the applications and thereby constitute the new “Dialogue en perspective” jury. The jurors are going to view and review all films in the *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* section during the Berlinale. The idea behind the awarding of the “Dialogue en perspective” prize is to judge new German films from a German-French, youthful perspective and thus contribute to intercultural dialogue.

The following jury members will assume this task in February:

- Miriam Leonardi, 23, Lörrach, Germany
- Florian Miller, 26, Stuttgart, Germany
- Daniel Nehm, 26, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- Matthieu Dibelius, 26, Paris, France
- Ophélie Marx, 21, Strasbourg, France
- Émilien Médail, 26, Bordeaux, France
- Anna Pazen, 26, Paris, France

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The jury will be chaired this year by director Matthias Luthardt, whose feature film debut *Pingpong* (2006) has won a number of awards, including the "German Film Promotional Award" for best script at the Munich Film Festival and the "Grand Prix Bronze Gryphon" at the Giffoni Film Festival in Italy. The director's new feature film, *Der Tag an dem ich meinen toten Mann traf*, will be shown at a special screening of *Perspektive* on February 12, 2009.

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