

**Best First Feature Award at the
62nd Berlin International Film Festival
February 09-19, 2012**



Guidelines

Article 1 - Eligibility

Films eligible for the Best First Feature Award must fulfil the following criteria:

- 1.1. The film's running time must exceed 60 minutes and it must be a fiction film.
- 1.2. The film must not have won official prizes of any kind at an international film festival.
- 1.3. The film must not have participated in any other European Film Festival before the Berlinale. Films may have been presented in their country of origin in a **national** festival.
- 1.4. To qualify as a director's first film, the director may not have previously completed any film longer than 60 minutes that enjoyed a theatrical release or was shown at any international film festival.

Article 2 - The Prize

- 2.1. The prize is endowed with € 50.000 founded by GWFF (Gesellschaft zur Wahrung der Film-und Fernsehrechte)
- 2.2. The prize is to be shared between the director and the producer of the best first feature film invited in any of the following sections: Competition, Panorama, Forum, Generation and Perspektive Deutsches Kino.
- 2.3. The prize may not be shared between two films

Article 3 - The Jury

- 3.1. An international Jury, consisting of at least three members, will be appointed by the Festival Director
- 3.2. No jury member may be involved professionally with the production or distribution of any film eligible for the Best First Feature Award.

Article 4

The festival director reserves the right to decide on any eventuality not foreseen in the guidelines.