Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin

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by Kosara Mitic | with Eva Kostic, Martina Danilovska, Dame Joveski, Eva Stojchevska, Petar Manic
North Macedonia / Serbia / Slovenia 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
Seventeen-year-old Sara is hiding a secret on a school trip. When the trip spirals out of control and Sara witnesses a classmate's sexual assault, she and the other girl seal a bond that will last forever.

Animol
by Ashley Walters | with Tut Nyuot, Vladyslav Baliuk, Sekou Diaby, Stephen Graham, Sharon Duncan-Brewster
United Kingdom 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
Behind the walls of a young offender institution, Troy is thrust into a brutal world of gangs, loyalty and violence from the moment he arrives. When an unspoken bond develops with a fellow inmate, it becomes a dangerous vulnerability for them both.

A Prayer for the Dying
by Dara Van Dusen | with Johnny Flynn, John C. Reilly, Kristine Kujath Thorp, Gustav Lindh
Norway / Greece / United Kingdom / Sweden 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
In the wake of the American Civil War, veteran Jacob Hansen's dream of a new life in Friendship, Wisconsin becomes a nightmare. As an epidemic spreads chaos, Jacob – sheriff, undertaker and pastor – must fight to save his town, his family and his soul.

Chronicles From the Siege
by Abdallah Alkhatib | with Nadeem Rimawi, Saja Kilani, Ahmad Kontar, Samer Bisharat, Ahmed Zitouni
Algeria / France / Palestine 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
When their city is placed under siege, the lives of a group of ordinary people are turned upside down, forcing each of them to confront impossible choices in pursuit of what they believe is survival in a war zone.

Der Heimatlose (*Trial of Hein*)
by Kai Stänicke | with Paul Boche, Philip Froissant, Emilia Schüle, Stephanie Amarell
Germany 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | German audio description offered | Debut film
When Hein returns to his home village on a remote island after 14 years away, nobody in the close-knit community recognises him. Suspecting the young man to be a stranger, they demand a trial to determine his true identity.

El Tren Fluvial (*The River Train*)
by Lorenzo Ferro, Lucas A. Vignale | with Milo Barria, Rita Pauls, Mariano Barria, Fabián Casas, Lucrecia Pazos
Argentina 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
Nine-year-old Milo lives in a remote Argentinian village where he studies the Malambo, a folk dance full of bravura. He is an excellent dancer, but Milo's only desire is to escape the countryside on a train for the Buenos Aires of his dreams.

Filipiñana
by Rafael Manuel | with Jorrybell Agoto, Carmen Castellanos, Teroy Guzman, Carlitos Siguion-Reyna, Nour Hooshmand
Singapore / United Kingdom / Philippines / France / Netherlands 2026
Perspectives | European premiere | Debut film
New girl Isabel is strangely drawn to Dr. Palanca, president of the country club where she works. As she pieces together a violent picture of what lies beneath the club's pristine surfaces, she realises that they are both connected by a sinister shared history.

Forêt Ivre (*Forest High*)
by Manon Coubia | with Salomé Richard, Aurélia Petit, Anne Coesens, Arthur Marbaix, Yoann Zimmer
Belgium / France 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
In the northern Alps, Anne, Hélène and Suzanne take turns looking after a mountain hut. Through the seasons, hikers come and go. Stories bloom and fade, leaving each of them facing the silence of their chosen solitude and the poetry of nature.

Hangar rojo (*The Red Hangar*)
by Juan Pablo Sallato | with Nicolás Zárate, Boris Quercia, Marcial Tagle, Catalina Stuardo, Aron Hernández
Chile / Argentina / Italy 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
As the 1973 military coup unfolds in Chile, Air Force Captain Jorge Silva is torn between duty and conscience as his academy turns into a detention centre.

Han ye deng zhu (*Light Pillar*)
by Xu Zao | with Da Peng, Qing Yi
People's Republic of China 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film | Animation
The future. Winter. Space travel is no longer a dream. A lonely janitor tends the grounds of a dilapidated bankrupt film studio with only a former cat actor for company until he embarks on a romantic journey with a female player in a beautiful virtual world.

Nosso segredo (*Our Secret*)
by Grace Passô | with Efraim Santos, Flip, Jéssica Gaspar, Ju Colombo, Marisa Revert
Brazil / Portugal 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
A family drifts through their home in silence, struggling to rebuild their lives after a recent loss. Each mourns alone, until the youngest child reveals a secret that enables them to realise that they must come together with love and courage to defy grief.

Take Me Home
by Liz Sargent | with Anna Sargent, Victor Slezak, Ali Ahn, Marceline Hugot, Shane Harper
USA 2026
Perspectives | International premiere | Debut film | English audio description offered
Anna, a 38-year-old woman with a cognitive disability, cares for her ageing adoptive parents until a Florida heatwave shatters their family's fragile routine. This intimate drama examines the shifting demands placed on a uniquely vulnerable family.

Truly Naked
by Muriel d'Ansembourg | with Caolán O'Gorman, Andrew Howard, Alessa Savage, Safiya Benaddi, Lyndsey Marshal
Netherlands / Belgium / France 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
An introverted teen, who has only ever experienced sex through the lens while working for his father's pornography business, must step out from behind the camera when a feisty classmate challenges him to embrace a real connection.

Where To?
by Assaf Machnes | with Ehab Salami, Ido Tako, Milan Peschel, Rama Nasrallah, Raheeq Haj Yahia-Suleiman
Israel / Germany 2026
Perspectives | World premiere | Debut film
Hassan, a 55-year-old Palestinian Uber driver, shuttles partygoers through endless Berlin nights. Amir, a young Israeli who is in danger of losing himself to these nights, becomes Hassan's regular passenger when they find themselves bonded by heartbreak.