

# Press Release

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## **Chancellor Gerhard Schröder will open the Berlinale**

The 51st Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin will officially open on Wednesday February 7th at 19.30. The Festival will be opened by the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Gerhard Schröder.

At the opening ceremony the Mayor of Berlin, Eberhard Diepgen, will welcome guests from across the world. Following Diepgen's address the world premiere of Jean-Jacques Annaud's film - Enemy at the Gates - will open the Festival. As is tradition, Moritz de Hadeln will present the members of the International Jury to the public.

Moritz de Hadeln is particularly pleased to have the Chancellor, once again, present at the opening of the Internationale Filmfestspiele. The presence of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder clearly highlights the international standing the Festival has attained.

Many prominent guests will be attending the opening ceremony, including the new Minister of State for Cultural Affairs and the Media, Julian Nida-Rümelin.

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