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Berlinale 2002 opens with the world premiere of *Heaven*

The 52nd Berlin International Film Festival is celebrating its grand opening on February 6, 2002 with the world premiere of Tom Tykwer's *Heaven*. "Tom Tykwer is one of Germany's greatest film directors", stated Dieter Kosslick, the new festival director, "and we are very pleased that his first international production will open the next Berlinale. *Heaven* is a splendid example of the creative potential of German cinema."

Cate Blanchett (*Elizabeth*) and Giovanni Ribisi (*Gone in 60 Seconds*) star in this concentrated fusion of thriller, love story and moral drama. *Heaven* is based on the last screenplay written by Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski, who died in 1996, and his co-author Krzysztof Piesiewicz. It was filmed on location in Germany and Italy, in both English and Italian language. This *Competition* entry is an international co-production by X Filme Creative Pool and Miramax. X Filme Creative Pool also produced Tom Tykwer's *The Princess and the Warrior* and his worldwide success *Run Lola Run*.

Tom Tykwer commented when he was told of the decision: "We have tried to break new ground - with our ideas, the story, and how the film was made and produced. *Heaven* is the outcome. A film conceived with partners from America, Italy, Poland, England and France - and its premiere couldn't happen in a better place than Berlin. I'm extremely happy that the new Festival director has invited us and our new friends to open the Berlinale 2002 with *Heaven*".

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