



## Press Release

### Rotterdam-Berlinale Express 2004: Rotterdam's CineMart and the new Berlinale Co-Production Market collaborate

The Berlin International Film Festival and the International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR, January 21 – February 1, 2004) will continue with the Rotterdam-Berlinale Express. Five CineMart 2004 projects will be presented during the *Berlinale Co-Production Market*, which will take place on Sunday, February 8, and Monday, February 9, 2004.

The five chosen projects in the Rotterdam-Berlinale Express 2004 are:

*3 Needles*

Director: Thom Fitzgerald, Producer: Emotion Pictures, Canada

*Comme tout le Monde*

Director: Pierre-Paul Renders, Producer: Entre Chien et Loup, Belgium

*The Good Heart*

Director: Dagur Kari, Producer Zik Zak Filmworks, Iceland

*The Paraffin Child*

Director: Simone Horrocks, Producer: T.H.E. Films, New Zealand

*Sonetàula*

Director: Salvatore Mereu, Producers: Axelotil Film and Lucky Red, Italy

Dieter Kosslick, Festival Director of the Berlin International Film Festival: "In terms of film financing international co-production meetings are becoming more and more important. With the new Berlinale *Co-Production Market* we are looking forward to contributing to the further development of international projects. In this spirit we are glad to continue our partnership with the International Film Festival Rotterdam by the Rotterdam-Berlinale Express."

IFFR-co-directors Simon Field and Sandra den Hamer: "Rotterdam is known as a supportive festival, actively stimulating and promoting independent cinema. CineMart has built up strategic alliances with numerous festivals and markets all over the world, through which we can continuously put the CineMart projects in the spotlights throughout the year. Therefore we are pleased to continue working with Berlin as one of our international partners."

For the upcoming 21st edition of CineMart, Rotterdam's co-production market, a total of 47 new film projects have been selected for presentation to potential co-producers, TV-stations, distributors, financiers, sales agents and funding bodies. CineMart takes place during the Rotterdam festival from Sunday, January 25, till Thursday, January 29, 2004.

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For the upcoming 1st edition of the *Berlinale Co-Production Market*, a total of 32 projects have been selected. The *Berlinale Co-Production Market* will take place in the House of World Cultures on January 8 and 9, 2004.

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