

Press Release



Berlinale Camera Award to Erika Rabau February 10, 2004

The Berlinale Camera is awarded to film personalities to whom the Berlin International Film Festival feels particularly indebted. By bestowing this honor, the Berlinale wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation. The Berlinale Camera has been awarded since 1986. This year, for the first time, it will be donated by the jeweler Georg Hornemann from Düsseldorf. At the 54th Berlinale the photographer Erika Rabau is to be honored with this award.

Erika Rabau

For over 30 years photographer Erika Rabau has documented the Berlinale. All the Festival's great stars and directors have posed in front of the camera of this vivacious, polyglot cosmopolitan. At seventeen, Rabau was drawn to South America where, in the 1950s, she first worked as a camerawoman in Buenos Aires. In the early 1960s she returned to Europe and became a photographer. In 1972 she was discovered for the Berlinale by the then director Alfred Bauer. As well as working as a photographer, Erika Rabau has often performed in front of the camera. She has acted in R. W. Fassbinder, Ulrike Oettinger, Wolf Gremm and Wim Wenders films. For years she has also been a regular cast member in Lothar Lambert's films.

On February 10, at 9:30 pm, in the Filmmuseum Berlin, at the *Retrospective Reception*, photographer Erika Rabau will be awarded a Berlinale Camera for her services to the Festival. In tribute of this occasion Hans Helmut Prinzler will hold a laudatory speech.

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