

## Press Release



### Berlinale 2006: Sidney Lumet and Jafar Panahi in the *Competition*

The selection for the *Competition* of the 56th Berlin International Film Festival is complete. In addition to the 23 films already announced (see press release from January 18, 2006), the last two *Competition* entries have now been confirmed. They will both screen as world premieres.

In *Find Me Guilty* (USA) master director Sidney Lumet (*Twelve Angry Men*) has taken up the subject of justice again. The film is based on true events and depicts the longest Mafia trial in US history. It took place in the mid 1980s and dragged on for over two years. The film features Vin Diesel, Peter Dinklage, Annabella Sciorra and Linus Roache.

Jafar Panahi's *Offside* (Iran) depicts an incident connected with a football game at Azadi Stadium in Teheran. In his earlier drama *The Circle*, which won several awards, Panahi had also focused on day-to-day realities of women in Iran. In *Offside*, a girl disguises herself as a boy to get into the stadium, since women are officially not allowed. Sima Mobarak Shahi, Safar Samandar and Shayesteh Irani play the leading roles.

The final film of the Berlinale, which is screening out of competition, will be announced on January 30.

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