

Press Release



Chancellor Angela Merkel and Minister for Cultural Affairs Bernd Neumann to open new *European Film Market*

Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, and Minister of State and Commissioner for Media and Cultural Affairs Bernd Neumann will officially open the Berlinale's new *European Film Market (EFM)* on Friday, 10 February 2006.

Together with Festival director Dieter Kosslick and *EFM* director Beki Probst they will tour the Martin-Gropius-Bau. The Chancellor and the Minister of State will personally welcome and talk with representatives of companies from around the world at the *European Film Market*.

The *EFM* is the central component for the film industry at the *Berlin International Film Festival*. Due to changes in the international calendar of events, the *EFM* has been able to expand and improve its role as a global platform for the film industry. To cater to rising interest in the *EFM* and its growth, this year's *Market* has moved to the Martin-Gropius-Bau, only a few minutes on foot from the Potsdamer Platz.

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