

Press Release



Berlinale Competition 2008: Another Nine Films Confirmed

Almost two-thirds of the programme for the *Competition* of the 58th Berlin International Film Festival have now been confirmed. Besides the eight titles already announced (press release: December 10, 2007), another nine films have been invited to the *Competition*. To date the selection includes productions from the following countries: Belgium, Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Austria, Poland, Israel, Canada, USA, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong, China.

The following films are to have their world or international premiere during the Berlinale 2008, and will compete for the Golden Bear and the Silver Bears.

Feuerherz (Heart of Fire) Germany/Austria (adapted from the bestseller by Senait Mehari)
by Luigi Falorni (*The Story of the Weeping Camel*)
with Letekidan Micael

Julia France
by Erick Zonca (*The Dreamlife of Angels*)
with Tilda Swinton, Aidan Gould, Saúl Rubinek

Lady Jane France
By Robert Guédiguian (*Le Promeneur du champ de Mars*, Berlinale *Competition* 2005)
with Ariane Ascaride, Gérard Meylan, Frédérique Bonnal

Caos calmo (Quiet Chaos) Italy - International Premiere
by Antonello Grimaldi (*Bits and Pieces*, Berlinale *Panorama* 1996)
with Nanni Moretti, Isabella Ferrari, Alessandro Gassman, Valeria Golino

Happy-Go-Lucky UK
by Mike Leigh (*Life Is Sweet*, Berlinale *Panorama* 1991)
with Sally Hawkins, Alexis Zegerman, Eddie Marsan, Samuel Roukin

Restless Israel/Germany/Canada/France/Belgium
by Amos Kollek (*Bridget*, Berlinale *Competition* 2002)
with Moshe Ivgy, Ran Danker, Karen Young, Phyllis Sommerville

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Elegy USA (based on the novel “The Dying Animal” by Philip Roth)
by Isabel Coixet (*My Life Without Me*, Berlinale Competition 2002)
with Penélope Cruz, Ben Kingsley, Dennis Hopper

Sparrow Hong Kong, China
by Johnnie To (*PTU*, Berlinale Forum 2003)
with Simon Yam Tat Wah, Kelly Lin Hsi Lei, Gordon Lam Ka Tung, Lam Suet

Kabei (Kabei - Our Mother) Japan - International Premiere
by Yoji Yamada (*The Hidden Blade*, Berlinale Competition 2005)
with Sayuri Yoshinaga, Mitsugoro Bando, Tadanobu Asano

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