



## Press Release

*Generation*, the Berlinale section for children and young people Documentary to screen in the *Generation Kplus* competition for the first time

Thirteen films have already been selected to participate in the *Generation* section of the Berlinale 2009 - seven in *Kplus* and six in *14plus*. A record number of more than 1000 films have been submitted this year.

For the first time, *Generation* will screen a documentary for its younger audiences in the *Kplus* competition. In *Los herederos*, Mexican director Eugenio Polgovsky sensitively but persistently observes how hard work defines the lives and existence of children and their families. "We cannot ignore documentary material that has such an enormous impact on the screen. We are eager to engage in the controversial discussions that this work will provoke across the generations", says section director Maryanne Redpath.

A German film has also been confirmed. *Lippels Traum* by Lars Büchel (*Erbsen auf halb 6*) will celebrate its world premiere in *Generation Kplus*. Along with the young main actor Karl Alexander Seidel the film's illustrious ensemble includes Moritz Bleibtreu, Anke Engelke, Christiane Paul, Uwe Ochsenknecht, Edgar Selge and Eva Mattes.

"Every year, increasingly more filmmakers view what is happening in the world through the eyes of young people. Leading this time to the search for a father in China's remote provinces, the obsessive multimedia-wanderings of a youth who declares he will commit suicide on camera, or first explorations of love and sexuality in Taipei", comments Maryanne Redpath on the range of topics covered by the films selected for *14plus* so far.

### School project

*Generation* will also be continuing its Berlinale school project. Thanks to the ongoing support of VISION KINO, a network for film and media competence, teachers from Berlin and Brandenburg will again be able to view and discuss films from this section in class.

The selection process for *Generation* will be completed in early January 2009. To date, the following films have been invited:

### *Generation Kplus*

*C'est pas moi, je le jure! (It's Not Me, I Swear!)* by Philippe Falardeau, Canada 2008

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*Flickan (The Girl)* by Fredrik Edfeldt, Sweden 2008  
World premiere

*Lippels Traum* by Lars Büchel, Germany 2008  
World premiere

*Los herederos (The Inheritors)* by Eugenio Polgovsky, Mexico 2008

*Mamma Mu & Kråkan (Mamma Moo & Crow)* by Igor Veyshtagin,  
Sweden/Germany/Hungary 2008

*Max Pinlig (Max Embarrassing)* by Lotte Svendsen, Denmark 2008  
International premiere

*Mommo (The Bogeyman)* by Atalay Taşdiken, Turkey 2008  
World premiere

### *Generation 14plus*

*Cherrybomb* by Glenn Leyburn and Lisa Barros D'Sa, Great Britain 2008  
World premiere

*Gunlala de qiang (Lala's Gun)* by Ning Jingwu, People's Republic of China  
2008  
World premiere

*Het zusje van Katia (Katia's Sister)* by Mijke de Jong, Netherlands 2008

*Miao Miao* by Cheng Hsiao-Tse, Hong Kong/Taiwan 2008

*My Suicide* by David Lee Miller, USA 2008  
World premiere

*Snijeg (Snow)* by Aida Begić, Bosnia & Herzegovina/Germany/France/Iran  
2008

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