



## Press Release

### *Competition* of Berlinale 2009 Almost Complete

26 films will participate in the *Competition* programme of the 59th Berlin International Film Festival, 25 of which have already been confirmed. In addition to the eleven titles announced earlier (see press releases from November 28 and December 12, 2008), another 14 films have now been invited.

These include productions from Argentina, Denmark, Germany, France, Greece, Great Britain, Italy, Iran, Peru, Poland, Romania, Spain, Hungary, Uruguay and USA.

"With their very distinctive artistic styles, the films of the 2009 *Competition* provide evidence of living conditions in our globalized world. We are also pleased to present many world premieres again this year", comments Berlinale Director Dieter Kosslick.

*Cheri* UK/Germany/France

By Stephen Frears (*The Queen, Dangerous Liaisons*)

With Michelle Pfeiffer, Kathy Bates, Rupert Friend, Felicity Jones  
World premiere

*Darbareye Elly (About Elly)* Iran

By Asghar Farhadi (*Fireworks Wednesday*)

With Golshifteh Farahani, Taraneh Alidousti, Mani Haghighi  
World premiere

*Deutschland 09 - 13 kurze Filme zur Lage der Nation* Germany

- Out of Competition -

Compilation film by Fatih Akin, Tom Tykwer, Wolfgang Becker, Sylke Enders, Dominik Graf, Romuald Karmakar, Nicolette Krebitz, Isabelle Stever, Hans Steinbichler, Hans Weingartner, Christoph Hochhäusler, Dani Levy and Angela Schanelec  
World premiere

*Eden à l'ouest (Eden is West)* France/Greece/Italy - Out of Competition

By Costa-Gavras (*Missing, Amen*)

With Riccardo Scamarcio, Juliane Köhler, Ulrich Tukur  
International premiere

59. Internationale  
Filmfestspiele  
Berlin  
05. - 15.02.2009

Press Office

Potsdamer Straße 5  
10785 Berlin

Phone +49 · 30 · 259 20 · 707  
Fax +49 · 30 · 259 20 · 799

press@berlinale.de  
www.berlinale.de

Ein Geschäftsbereich der  
Kulturveranstaltungen des  
Bundes in Berlin (KBB) GmbH

**Management:**

Dieter Kosslick  
(Intendant Internationale  
Filmfestspiele Berlin),  
Dr. Thomas Köstlin  
(Kaufmännischer Geschäftsführer),  
Dr. Bernd M. Scherer,  
Dr. Joachim Sartorius

Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrats:  
Bernd Neumann

Amtsgericht Charlottenburg  
HRG Nr. 96 · HRB 29357  
UST ID DE 136 78 27 46



## Press Release

*Gigante* Uruguay/Germany/Argentina  
By Adrián Biniez (*Total Disponibilidad*)  
With Horacio Camandulle, Leonor Svarcas  
World premiere

*Happy Tears* USA  
By Mitchell Lichtenstein (*Teeth*)  
With Demi Moore, Parker Posey, Rip Torn, Ellen Barkin  
World premiere

*In the Electric Mist* France/USA  
By Bertrand Tavernier (*Laissez-Passer, La Guerre Sans Nom*)  
With Tommy Lee Jones, John Goodman, Peter Sarsgaard  
World premiere

*Katalin Varga* Romania/UK/Hungary - debut film  
By Peter Strickland  
With Hilda Péter, Norbert Tankó, Tibor Pálffy, Sebastian Marina  
World premiere

*La Teta Asustada (The Milk of Sorrow)* Spain/Peru  
By Claudia Llosa (*Madeinusa*)  
With Magaly Solier, Susi Sánchez, Efraín Solís  
World premiere

*Lille Soldat (Little Soldier)* Denmark  
By Annette K. Olesen (*Minor Mishaps*)  
With Trine Dyrholm, Finn Nielsen, Lorna Brown  
International premiere

*Notorious* USA - Out of Competition  
By George Tillman Jr. (*Men of Honor*)  
With Angela Bassett, Jamal Woolard, Derek Luke, Anthony Mackie  
International premiere

*Ricky* France/Italy  
By François Ozon (*8 Femmes, Swimming Pool*)  
With Alexandra Lamy, Sergi Lopez, Mélusine Mayance, Arthur Peyret  
World premiere



## Press Release

*Storm (Sturm)* Germany/Denmark/The Netherlands  
By Hans-Christian Schmid (*Requiem, Distant Lights*)  
With Kerry Fox, Anamaria Marinca, Stephen Dillane, Rolf Lassgård  
World premiere

*Tatarak (Sweet Rush)* Poland  
By Andrzej Wajda (*Popiół i diament, Katyn*)  
With Krystyna Janda, Pawel Szajda, Jan Englert  
World premiere

Press Office  
January 15, 2009