



Press Release

Berlinale Special 2009

The *Berlinale Special* is a part of the Festival's official programme, and presents extraordinary new productions and topical works by contemporary filmmakers whose films the Berlinale wants to honour. The filmmakers of all the works in the *Berlinale Special* will attend the premieres and present their films.

This year's main venues are the Cinema Paris on the Kurfürstendamm, and the Friedrichstadtpalast where the *Berlinale Special* Gala Screenings will be held. In addition, a long-term documentation will be shown at the Cosima, a local arthouse cinema.

"I'm looking forward to greeting our guests and audiences on the red carpet at our beautiful new locations for *Berlinale Special* premieres", says Berlinale Director Dieter Kosslick. "Now we hope more Berlinale fans will have a chance to get tickets!"

So far 13 films have been invited to this year's *Berlinale Special*; nine of them are world premieres.

Berlinale Special - Gala Screenings at the Friedrichstadtpalast

Effi Briest Germany

By Hermine Huntgeburth (*The White Massai, The Trio*)

With Julia Jentsch, Sebastian Koch, Juliane Köhler, Mišel Matičević

World premiere

Food, Inc. USA

Documentary by Robert Kenner

With Eric Schlosser, Michael Pollan

International premiere

(Opening Film of *Culinary Cinema*, press release of December 10, 08)

Hilde Germany

By Kai Wessel

With Heike Makatsch, Dan Stevens, Monica Bleibtreu, Michael Gwisdek

World premiere

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John Rabe Germany/France/People's Republic of China
By Florian Gallenberger (*Quiero ser (I want to be ...)*)
With Ulrich Tukur, Daniel Brühl, Anne Consigny, Dagmar Manzel
World premiere

Berlinale Special - at Cinema Paris

Adam Resurrected USA/Germany/Israel
By Paul Schrader (*The Comfort of Strangers, American Gigolo*)
With Jeff Goldblum, Willem Dafoe, Derek Jacobi, Ayelet Zurer
European premiere

Baiyin Digu (*Empire Of Silver*) People's Republic of China/Hong Kong
By Christina Yao
With Aaron Kwok, Tie Lin Zhang, Hao Lei, Ding Zhi Cheng, Lei Zhen Yu
World premiere

Bellamy France
By Claude Chabrol (*Les Cousins, La Fleur du Mal*)
With Gérard Depardieu, Clovis Cornillac, Jacques Gamblin
World premiere

In Berlin Germany
Documentary by Michael Ballhaus and Ciro Cappellari
With Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Alexander Hacke, Danielle De Picciotto
World premiere

Every Little Step USA
Documentary by James D. Stern and Adam Del Deo
European premiere

Pink Germany
By Rudolf Thome (*Paradiso: Seven Days with Seven Women, Red Sun*)
With Hannah Herzsprung, Florian Panzner, Guntram Brattia, Cornelius Schwalm
World premiere

Singularidades de uma rapariga loura (Eccentricities Of A Blond Hair Girl) Portugal/France/Spain
By Manoel De Oliveira (*Past and Present, O Convento*)
With Ricardo Trêpa, Catarina Wallenstein, Carlos Santos
World premiere



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Terra Madre Italy

Documentary by Ermanno Olmi (*The Tree with the Wooden Clogs*)

World premiere

(also showing in *Culinary Cinema*)

Berlinale Special at Cinema Cosima at Bundesplatz

Berlin - Ecke Bundesplatz Germany

Five-part long-term documentation by Hans-Georg Ullrich and Detlef Gumm

World premiere

The complete programme of *Berlinale Special* will be published on January 27, 2009.

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