



Press Release

World Cinema Fund with Four Films in Cannes

The *World Cinema Fund (WCF)* is pleased to report that four of the films it helped support have been invited to the Festival de Cannes (13 to 24 May 2009).

The following films will be showing in the official programme of the *Un Certain Regard* section:

The Wind Journeys by *Ciro Guerra* (Columbia/Germany/the Netherlands)
Independencia by *Raya Martins* (France/Germany/Philippines)

And in the programme of the Directors' Fortnight:

Ajami by *Scandar Copti* and *Yaron Shani* (Israel/Germany)

As well as in the programme of the Critics' Week:

Huacho by *Alejandro Almendras Fernandez* (France/Chile/Germany)

The *WCF* supports film projects from Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, as well as South East Asia and the Caucasus.

All of the films that the *WCF* has helped finance so far have qualified for renowned international film festivals (including Cannes, Venice, Berlin, Toronto, Locarno, San Sebastian); some of these films have also gone on to win international prizes.

At this year's Berlinale, the International Jury 2009 awarded the Golden Bear for Best Film to the Peruvian-Spanish film *La teta asustada (The Milk of Sorrow)* by *Claudia Llosa*. The film received *WCF* production funding in 2006.

The *World Cinema Fund* is an initiative of the **German Federal Cultural Foundation** and the **Berlin International Film Festival** in cooperation with the **Goethe Institute**.



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