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Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media to support the 8th *Berlinale Talent Campus* 2010 Actress Kerry Fox to mentor the new Talent Actors Stage

The *Berlinale Talent Campus* (February 13-18, 2010) has secured its financing thanks to the project funding of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM). Minister of State for Culture and the Media Bernd Neumann has said: "Dieter Kosslick's idea to establish a platform for aspiring film talents during the Berlinale has proved very valuable. Not only the Festival - which has successfully presented a number of films by former *Campus* participants - but also all of Germany as a location for culture and film production profit from this initiative. The *Campus* successfully acts as a sustainable network for international talents in the local film business; this was most recently evident at the *Campus* Short Film Competition Berlin Today Award, whose youngest award-winner *Wagah* is a joint project by India and Germany, and received the German Short Film prize in Gold." The *Campus* team, Project Manager Christine Tröstrum and Programme Manager Matthijs Wouter Knol are very happy to welcome the BKM as one of its funders, alongside the MEDIA - Training programme of the European Union and the founding partners Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg and Skillset/UK Film Council.

Actress Kerry Fox to mentor the new Talent Actors Stage

The eighth *Berlinale Talent Campus* is broadening its hands-on programme and will, for the first time, offer training in acting with the new Talent Actors Stage. The Talent Actors Stage provides a wide variety of training opportunities in acting technique, working with dialogue, casting and camera acting. This Hands-On Training is not only intended for actors: it also focuses on interdisciplinary collaboration with directors, producers, screenwriters and cinematographers in order to encourage exchange between different areas of filmmaking. The mentor of Talent Actors Stage will be the New Zealand actress Kerry Fox, who made an international breakthrough in 1990 for the film *An Angel at My Table* directed by Jane Campion. In 2001, she was awarded the Silver Bear at the Berlinale for her role in Patrice Chéreau's sensational film *Intimacy*. She has appeared in a number of compelling roles, including in Danny Boyle's dark comedy *Shallow Grave* and Hans-Christian Schmid's *Storm*, which brought her back to the Berlinale in February 2009. Currently, Kerry Fox is starring in the hit West End play "Speaking in Tongues" at the Duke of York's Theatre (London) and appears on screen in Jane Campion's *Bright Star*.