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The 60th Berlinale: Films by Martin Scorsese and Roman Polanski to celebrate world premieres in the *Competition* programme

The first seven titles for the *Competition* of the 60th Berlin International Film Festival have been confirmed. The films selected so far are from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, India, Iran, Turkey, the UK and the USA.

This first group of films selected for the *Competition* is characterized by upand-coming young directors, stars and masters of filmmaking like Martin Scorsese and Roman Polanski.

"The *Competition* of the 60th anniversary Berlinale will be marked by a mix of styles and genres, by exciting newcomers and renowned directors," says Festival Director Dieter Kosslick.

The following films have been confirmed for the *Competition* programme so far:

Bal (Honey) Turkey / Germany by Semih Kaplanoglu (Süt/Milk, Yumurta/Egg, Melegin Düsüsül Angel's Fall) with Bora Altas, Erdal Besikcioglu, Tülin Özen, Alev Ucarer, Ayse Altay World premiere

Der Räuber (The Robber) Austria / Germany by Benjamin Heisenberg (Sleeper, Max-Ophuels-Preis 2006) with Andreas Lust, Franziska Weisz World premiere

My Name Is Khan India by Karan Johar with Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol Out of competition

Na Putu (On the Path) Bosnia and Herzegovina / Austria / Germany / Croatia by Jasmila Žbanić (*Grbavica*, Golden Bear 2006) with Zrinka Cvitešić (Shooting Star 2010), Leon Lucev, Ermin Bravo, Mirjana Karanović World premiere 60. Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin 11. – 21.02.2010

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Shekarchi (The Hunter) Germany / Iran by Rafi Pitts (Zemestan - It's Winter) with Rafi Pitts, Mitra Hajjar, Ali Nicksaulat, Hassan Ghalenoi World premiere

Shutter Island USA

by Martin Scorsese (*The Departed, Aviator, Cape Fear*) with Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo, Sir Ben Kingsley, Michelle Williams, Patricia Clarkson, Max von Sydow World premiere / Out of competition

The Ghost Writer France / Germany / UK by Roman Polanski (*The Pianist*, Oscar 2002, *China Town, CuI-de-sac*, Golden Bear 1966) with Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan, Kim Cattrall, Olivia Williams World premiere

A total of 26 films will be selected for the *Competition* section of the 60th Berlin International Film Festival. Further *Competition* title confirmations will be announced in January 2010.

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