



Press Release

Berlinale Shorts: Samm Haillay Is New Jury Member

British film producer Samm Haillay is the new member of the *Berlinale Shorts* jury. The other jury members are Brazilian festival director and producer Zita Carvalhosa, and author and chief editor of *Spex* Max Dax. Polish director Xavery Żuławski had to cancel coming to the festival at short notice.

Samm Haillay was born in Wiltshire in 1973. He was studying film when he met Duane Hopkins and discovered they shared an interest in cinematic grammar. Their debut feature film *Better Things* premiered at “Critics Week” in Cannes in 2008. As well as producing all of Duane’s film and gallery work, Samm produces a number of other talented directors as well as lectures at Teesside University. His short films have won over 40 international awards, including the 2009 Silver Bear for *Jade*, which he co-produced. He is currently developing *Bypass* by Duane Hopkins, *Frontier* by Daniel Elliott and is co-producing *Self-Made* by Gillian Wearing.

The *Berlinale Shorts* award ceremony will be held in CinemaxX 3 on February 16.

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