

## Press Release



### The Berlin International Film Festival mourns the loss of Mario Monicelli

The Berlinale was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Italian director Mario Monicelli.

Monicelli was one of the most important Italian post-war directors and a master of the comedy genre. The multi-award winning director and screenwriter also received two Oscar nominations: for *The Strikers (I Compagni)* in 1963 and for *Casanova'70* in 1965.

„With Mario Monicelli we have lost a great director, who was a committed and critical observer of Italian society to the last,“ says Berlinale Director Dieter Kosslick.

Mario Monicelli presented a large number of his films at the Berlin International Film Festival. He was awarded the Silver Bear for Best Director for three of these films: *Fathers and sons (Padri e figli, 1957)*, *Caro Michele (1976)* and *The Marquis Of Grillo (Il Marchese del Grillo, 1982)*.

One of Monicelli's films will be shown at the 61st Berlin International Film Festival in honour of the deceased director.

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