

Press Release



Berlinale Special 2011

As part of the Official Programme, this year's *Berlinale Special* will be presenting recent works by contemporary filmmakers and film portraits of outstanding personalities. In memory of Italian director Mario Monicelli, who died this past November, the Berlinale will screen *Il Marchese del Grillo*, for which Monicelli won a Silver Bear in 1982.

In 2011 the main venues of this programme are the Kino International and the Friedrichstadtpalast, where the *Berlinale Special* Gala Screenings will be held.

Berlinale Special - Gala Screenings in the Friedrichstadtpalast

The King's Speech Great Britain / Australia
by Tom Hooper (*The Damned United*)
with Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter, Guy Pearce
German premiere

Late Bloomers France
by Julie Gavras (*Blame it on Fidel*)
with Isabella Rossellini, William Hurt, Joanna Lumley, Simon Callow
World premiere

Sing Your Song USA (documentary)
A film by Susanne Rostock about Harry Belafonte
International premiere

Zhao Shi Gu Er (Sacrifice) People's Republic of China
by Chen Kaige (*Mei Lanfang - Forever Enthralled*, *Wu Ji - The Promise*)
with Ge You, Wang Xue Qi, Fan Bing Bing, Huang Xiao Ming
International premiere

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Gianni e le donne (The Salt Of Life) Italy
by Gianni di Gregorio (*Mid-August Lunch*)
with Gianni di Gregorio, Valeria De Franciscis Bendoni, Alfonso Santagata,
Aylin Prandi
International premiere

Escuchando al Juez Garzón Spain (documentary)
by Isabel Coixet (*Elegy, My Life Without Me*)
World premiere

In memoriam

Il Marchese del Grillo Italy/France (Silver Bear Best Director 1982)
by Mario Monicelli (*Fathers and Sons, Caro Michele*)
with Alberto Sordi, Caroline Berg, Andrea Bevilacqua

Toast Great Britain
by SJ Clarkson - feature debut
with Helena Bonham Carter, Ken Stott, Victoria Hamilton, Freddie
Highmore
German premiere

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