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Berlin International Film Festival Mourns the Loss of Bernd Eichinger

The Berlinale was deeply saddened to hear of the death of German film producer Bernd Eichinger.

As one of the most important and influential personalities in the industry, producer, author and director Bernd Eichinger was for decades a prominent force in German cinema. With guts, instinct and confidence in the international market, he raised the prestige of German films worldwide.

"With Bernd Eichinger we have lost a visionary producer and passionate cineaste. With his high level of creativity and energy he continually pushed the limits of the doable – and so repeatedly taught the film industry pragmatism and brought success. We feel great sorrow at his sudden death," says Berlinale Director Dieter Kosslick.

The Berlinale will show Bernd Eichinger's *A Girl Called Rosemarie* (1996), starring Nina Hoss, who is a member of this year's International Jury, in Kino International at 2.00 pm on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Bernd Eichinger was frequently a guest of the Berlin International Film Festival: In 1997 his international co-production *Smilla's Sense of Snow* (directed by Bille August) opened the Berlinale; in 2006 he returned to the *Competition* with *The Elementary Particles* (directed by Oskar Roehler); and most recently, at the *Berlinale Talent Campus* in 2008, he took part in discussions with emerging film talents.

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