



Press Release

Berlinale to Screen 4K Digital Restoration of *Taxi Driver*

It's a tradition for the Berlinale to present restored masterpieces in the *Berlinale Special* programme:

Thirty-five years after its premiere, the Berlinale will screen a 4K digital restoration of Martin Scorsese's cult film *Taxi Driver*. During restoration, the original 35mm negative was scanned at 4K resolution. Grover Crisp managed all facets of the digital restoration of the Columbia Pictures release. A Barco projector will make it possible to show the film in 4K quality.

Leading actor Robert De Niro and director Martin Scorsese made film history with the story surrounding a solitary taxi driver who wants to clean up the dirt of the big city. Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro), an emotionally unstable Vietnam veteran who suffers from insomnia, cruises aimlessly around the city every night. He witnesses a world where violence and brutality reign. One day Bickle buys some weapons. He is determined to take the law into his own hands. Among other awards, *Taxi Driver* received four Oscar nominations and won the Golden Palm in 1976.

Writer and director Paul Schrader, who wrote the screenplay for *Taxi Driver*, will present the restored version at the world premiere in Berlin together with restoration expert Grover Crisp of Sony Pictures.

Taxi Driver (USA, 1976)

Director: Martin Scorsese

Actors: Robert De Niro, Peter Boyle, Cybill Shepherd, Jodie Foster, Harvey Keitel

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