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Berlinale 2012: *Panorama* Audience Awards go to *Marina Abramovic The Artist is Present* and *Parada*

The audience has cast its votes: the 14th *Panorama* Audience Award, which is presented in collaboration with Radioeins of rbb (Berlin-Brandenburg's public radio and television station), Berlin's city magazine tip and the Berlinale's *Panorama* section, goes to *Parada* for the best feature film. For the best documentary film, *Marina Abramovic The Artist is Present* came out on top, receiving more votes than its competitors.

The official award ceremony will be held on Berlinale Kinotag, Sunday, February 19, at 5 pm in CinemaxX 7 at Potsdamer Platz. Wieland Speck, *Panorama* director, Robert Skuppin, head of programme department at Radioeins, and chief editor of tip magazine Heiko Zwirner will present the awards. Radioeins film expert Knut Elstermann will host the presentation. Directly after the award ceremony, the winning documentary will be rescreened. The winning feature will follow at 8:00 pm, also in CinemaxX 7.

The *Panorama* Audience Award has been presented since 1999. Since 2011, two prizes are being awarded: to the best feature film and the best documentary film. Berlin artist Christian Bilger created the award statuette. Throughout the entire Berlinale, moviegoers were asked to rate the films shown in the *Panorama* section either on a card received after the screening or online. Over 23,500 votes have been cast and counted.

This year the *Panorama* presented 53 productions from 37 countries, of which 20 screened in the *Panorama* Dokumente series. While the documentary film winner, *Marina Abramovic The Artist is Present*, went into the lead on the first day and ultimately won by a clear margin, the race for the best fictional work remained exciting until the very last moment.

Winner of the *Panorama* Audience Award for Best Feature 2012:

Parada (The Parade)

Serbia, Republic of Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia 2011
Director: Srdjan Dragojevic

2nd place

Diaz - Don't Clean Up This Blood

Italy, Romania, France 2012
Director: Daniele Vicari

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3rd place

Xingu

Brazil 2011

Director: Cao Hamburger

Winner of the *Panorama* Audience Award for Best Documentary 2012:

Marina Abramovic The Artist is Present

USA 2011

Director: Matthew Akers

2nd place

Call Me Kuchu

USA 2012

Directors: Malika Zouhali-Worrall, Katherine Fairfax Wright

3rd place

La Vierge, les Coptes et Moi (The Virgin, The Copts And Me)

France, Qatar, Egypt 2012

Director: Namir Abdel Messeeh

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