

Press Release



Generation 2013: Opening Films and Juries

The *Generation 14plus* competition will open with the world premiere of the Turkish entry *Jin* by Reha Erdem (*Kosmos*, Berlinale 2010). The screening at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt at 7:30 PM on February 8 will be attended by the director and his leading actress, Deniz Hasgüler. She plays a young fighter caught between the fronts in Turkey's Kurdish regions.

The Dutch-Belgian co-production *Nono, Het Zigzag Kind (The Zigzag Kid)* by Vincent Bal will kick off the competition of *Generation Kplus*. For its premiere at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt at 3:30 PM on February 8, Isabella Rossellini (Berlinale Jury President 2011) and Burghart Klaussner (*Das weisse Band*) are expected on the red carpet. In the film, they play a pair of be-dazzling grandparents who take Nono, their grandson (Thomas Simon), on an adventurous journey into his family's past.

In *Generation 14plus'* tenth year, two new prizes, sponsored by the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (The Federal Agency for Civic Education), will be awarded for the first time. A three-member international jury will award the Grand Prix for Best Feature (endowed with 7,500 Euros) as well as the Special Prize for Best Short Film (endowed with 2,500 Euros). The jury members are:

Xavier García Puerto from Spain, festival director (REC. Internacional de Cinema de Tarragona); Lucy Mulloy from the USA, director of the film *Una Noche* (Berlinale 2012); as well as Alaska-born filmmaker Andrew Okpeaha MacLean, winner of a Crystal Bear and Best First Feature Award for *On the Ice* (Berlinale 2011).

This new jury is the counterpart of the International Jury of *Generation Kplus*, which traditionally awards prizes for the best feature film and the best short film endowed with a total of 10,000 Euros, donated by the Deutsches Kinderhilfswerk.

Its members are:

Rosario García-Montero from Peru, director of the film *Las Malas Intenciones (The Bad Intentions)*, Berlinale 2011); Jan Naszewski from Poland, Head of Industry at the T-Mobile New Horizons International Film Festival in Wroclaw and CEO of New Europe Film Sales; Katharina Reschke from Germany, award-winning screenwriter and children's book author.

Eleven children from Berlin, between the ages of eleven and 14, as well seven teenagers have been invited to be on this year's Children's and Youth Juries. They will award the Crystal Bears for Best Short and Feature Films in the competitions of *Generation Kplus* and *Generation 14plus*.

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“Abenteuer Film” - A New Youth Project

Generation is happy to announce that it is now collaborating with “fluter”, the youth magazine of the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung. The jointly developed project “Abenteuer Film” (The Adventure of Film) is the sequel to *Generation’s* “Young Journalists” project. In February, young reporters will cover *Generation14plus* films and publish their contributions in www.fluter.de. With the support of the magazine’s editorial staff, the participants will learn the basics of interactive online publishing.

Berlinale School Project

In collaboration with VISION KINO, a network for film and media competence, *Generation* is also continuing with its successful Berlinale School Project. The aim of this project is to strengthen and sustain the significance cinema can have in the classroom. Under the guidance of film educationalists, around 45 teachers from different types of schools will work with the films screening in the section. Reports with last year’s results may be downloaded at www.visionkino.de.

Advance sales for group tickets

Starting January 28, tickets for *Generation* films may be ordered at a reduced price for groups of five or more. Call + 49 (0)30 252 92 766 (daily from 11 am to 5 pm).

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