

## Press Release



### Jury for the Best First Feature Award

Since 2006, when it introduced the Best First Feature Award, the Berlinale has been even more committed to supporting the next generation of film makers. The award is endowed with 50,000 Euros, donated by the GWFF (Gesellschaft zur Wahrnehmung von Film- und Fernsehrecht), a society dedicated to safeguarding film and television rights. The prize money is to be split between the producer and the director of the winning film. Additionally, the director will be awarded with a high-quality viewfinder.

Festival Director Dieter Kosslick and the heads of the *Competition*, *Panorama*, *Forum*, *Generation*, and *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* sections have nominated a total of 18 directorial debuts. The winners will be announced at the official award ceremony in the Berlinale Palast on February 14.

A three-person jury will decide on the Best First Feature Award:

#### **Fernando Eimbcke (Mexico)**

Fernando Eimbcke studied at the UNAM Film Institute in Mexico. He was invited to the *Berlinale Talent Campus* in 2003 and celebrated his feature film debut with *Temporada de Patos* in 2004. Following its world premiere at the festival in Guadalajara, he was invited to "Semaine de la critique" in Cannes as well as numerous other international festivals. He took part in *Competition* of the Berlinale in 2008 with *Lake Tahoe*, winning the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize and the FIPRESCI Award. He contributed to the episode film *Revolucion*, which screened in *Berlinale Special* in 2010. In 2013, he received awards in San Sebastián and Turin for *Club Sandwich*.

#### **Joshua Oppenheimer (USA)**

American documentary director Joshua Oppenheimer has been making militias, death squads and their victims the focus of his work. His harrowing debut feature-length film *The Act of Killing* won several international awards all over the world including the *Panorama* Audience Award, the BAFTA award and a European Film Award. It was also nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary and has been released in more than 31 countries. *The Look of Silence* celebrated its premiere at the 2014 Venice Film Festival, receiving the Grand Jury Prize and the FIPRESCI Award, followed by the prestigious Danish Arts Council Award.

#### **Olga Kurylenko (Ukraine)**

International actress Olga Kurylenko had her breakthrough alongside

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Daniel Craig's James Bond in *A Quantum of Solace*. Appearances in films by directors such as multi award-winning Terrence Malick (*To the Wonder*), Martin McDonagh (*Seven Psychopaths*) and the hit American series *Magic City* followed, as well as a lead role alongside Tom Cruise in *Oblivion*. Most recently she worked with Academy Award winner Russell Crowe in his directorial debut *The Water Diviner*, and completed filming for the drama *A Perfect Day* with Benicio Del Toro and Tim Robbins.

The following 18 films are nominated for the Best First Feature Award:

### **Competition (2)**

***Ixcanul (Ixcanul Volcano)*** - Guatemala / France

By Jayro Bustamante

With María Mercedes Coroy, María Telón, Manuel Antún, Justo Lorenzo, Marvin Coroy

***Vergine giurata (Sworn Virgin)*** - Italy / Swiss / Germany

By Laura Bispuri

With Alba Rohrwacher, Lars Eidinger, Flonja Kodheli, Luan Jaha, Emily Ferratello

### **Panorama (5)**

***Al-Hob wa Al-Sariqa wa Mashakel Ukhra (Love, Theft and Other Entanglements)*** - Palestinian Territories

By Muayad Alayan

With Sami Metwasi, Maya Abu Alhayyat, Riyad Sliman, Ramzi Maqdisi, Kamel Elbasha

***600 Millas (600 Miles)*** - Mexico

By Gabriel Ripstein

With Tim Roth, Kristyan Ferrer, Harrison Thomas, Noé Hernández, Armando Hernández

***Paridan az Ertefa Kam (A Minor Leap Down)*** - Iran / France

By Hamed Rajabi

With Negar Javaherian, Rambod Javan

***Pionery-geroi (Pioneer Heroes)*** - Russian Federation

By Natalia Kudryashova

With Natalia Kudryashova, Daria Moroz, Aleksei Mitin, Aleksandr Userdin



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***Petting Zoo*** - Germany / Greece / USA

By Micah Magee

With Devon Keller, Austin Reed, Deztiny Gonzales, Kiowa Tucker

### ***Forum (5)***

***Der Geldkomplex (The Money Complex)*** - Spain

By Juan Rodríguez

With Lola Rubio, Gianfranco Poddighe, Rafael Lamata, Jorge Dutor, Katrin Memmer

***Nefesim kesilene kadar (Until I Lose My Breath)*** - Turkey / Germany

By Emine Emel Balcı

With Esme Madra, Rıza Akın, Gizem Denizci, Uğur Uzunel, Sema Keçik

***Koza*** - Slovakia / Czech Republic

By Ivan Ostrochovský

With Peter Baláž, Zvonko Lakčević, Ján Franek, Stanislava Bongilajová, Nikola Bongilajová

***Beira-Mar (Seashore)*** - Brazil

By Filipe Matzembacher und Marcio Reolon

With Mateus Almada, Maurício José Barcellos, Elisa Brites, Francisco Gick, Irene Brietzke

***Chaiki (The Gulls)*** - Russian Federation

By Ella Manzheeva

With Evgenia Manzhieva, Sergey Adianov, Evgeniy Sangadzhiev, Lyubov Ubushieva

### ***Generation (4)***

***Mina Walking*** - Canada / Afghanistan

By Yosef Baraki

With Farzana Nawabi, Hashmatullah Fanaie, Qadir Aryaie

***Prins (Prince)*** - Netherlands

By Sam de Jong

With Ayoub Elasri, Jorik Scholten, Achraf Meziani, Sigrid Ten Napel

***Golden Kingdom*** - USA

By Brian Perkins



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With Shine Htet Zaw, Ko Yin Saw Ri, Ko Yin Than Maung, Ko Yin Maung Sein

***You're Ugly, Too*** - Ireland

By Mark Noonan

With Aidan Gillen, Lauren Kinsella, Erika Sainte

### ***Perspektive Deutsches Kino (2)***

***Im Sommer wohnt er unten (Summers Downstairs)*** - Germany / France

By Tom Sommerlatte

With Sebastian Fräsdorf, Alice Pehlivanyan, Karin Hanczewski, Godehard Giese, William Peiro

***Wanja*** - Germany

By Carolina Hellsgård

With Anne Ratte-Polle, Nele Trebs, Robert Viktor Minich

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