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Berlinale Residency: Fellowship Holders 2015 Present Their Films from October 6 - 8 at Arsenal Cinema

The Berlin International Film Festival will be presenting three films by this year's participants of the *Berlinale Residency* at the Arsenal Cinema from October 6 to 8.

As *Berlinale Residency* fellowship holders, the three directors Fernando Eimbcke (Mexico), Daniel Borgman (New Zealand) and Ella Manzheeva (Russian Federation) have been in the capital since September 1. They will be spending three months in the city to work on their next feature film projects.

All three filmmakers will return to the city with their fully developed projects and their producers to find further partners and financiers at the *Berlinale Co-Production Market* in February 2016.

Film Programme of the *Berlinale Residency* 2015

On **October 6** at 7.30 pm, the film programme will kick off at the Arsenal Cinema with Fernando Eimbcke's feature debut, *Temporada de Patos* (*Duck Season*).

In 2004 Mexican filmmaker Fernando Eimbcke showed *Temporada de Patos* (*Duck Season*) at many festivals, including the Guadalajara International Film Festival and the "Semaine de la Critique" in Cannes. In 2008 his film *Lake Tahoe* screened in the *Competition* of the Berlinale, where it won the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize and the FIPRESCI Prize. In 2010 Eimbcke contributed an episode of the portmanteau film *Revolución* that screened in the *Berlinale Special*. In 2013 he won top awards for his film *Club Sandwich* in both San Sebastián and Turin.

On **October 7** at 7.30 PM, the programme will continue with Daniel Borgman's *The Weight of Elephants*.

Daniel Borgman is from New Zealand and presented his first short film, *The Man & the Albatross*, in Locarno in 2008; his second work, *Lars and Peter*, screened in the short film competition in Cannes in 2009; and *Berik* won the Grand Prix in the short film section of the "Semaine de la Critique" in Cannes in 2010. His first full-length film, *The Weight of Elephants*, had its premiere in the *Berlinale Forum* in 2013.

The programme will close on **October 8** at 7.30 pm with Ella Manzheeva's *Chaiki* (*The Gulls*).

Ella Manzheeva's first feature, *Chaiki* (*The Gulls*), had its premiere in the *Berlinale Forum* in 2015. With this film, the Russian filmmaker recently

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won the Prize for Best Debut at Kinotavr, the Open Russian Film Festival in Sochi. Two years ago Manzheeva participated in the *Berlinale Talents*, through which she attracted the attention of the Russian film industry.

All three films will be shown in Arsenal 1, Potsdamer Str. 2 in Berlin-Tiergarten. After each screening there will be a moderated discussion with the director, followed by refreshments.

The *Berlinale Residency* is an initiative of the Berlin International Film Festival, which is supported by the Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg and the German Federal Foreign Office.

The Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg supports the *Berlinale Residency* within the scope of its Berlin 24/7 programme, which offers work fellowships in the German film capital to international filmmakers.

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