

## Press Release



### ***Berlinale Spotlight: Film Programme and Talk at the “Days of Cinema” in Palestine***

From October 12 to 20, the Berlinale will present a film programme and co-organize a talk on the topic of film criticism at the “Days of Cinema” in Ramallah. The “Days of Cinema” is being put on by the ‘FilmLab: Palestine’, which aspires to strengthen the film industry and, more specifically, create opportunities for young filmmakers to train and explore film as a medium in the Palestinian territories.

For years the Berlinale has had a global presence with curated programmes at film festivals or other cultural events around the world. From now on, these year-round activities will take place under the name *Berlinale Spotlight*. The Goethe-Institut will support the *Berlinale Spotlight* in Ramallah.

In Ramallah, the *Berlinale Spotlight* will show this year’s celebrated Golden Bear winner, *Taxi* by Jafar Panahi, as well as eight films co-funded by the Berlinale *World Cinema Fund (WCF)*, and two extraordinary German films from the 2014 and 2015 *Competition* programmes. Vincenzo Bugno, project manager of the *World Cinema Fund*, will present the *Berlinale Spotlight* in Ramallah and, e.g., host a talk on the role and possibilities of film criticism. Discussing the topic with him will be the Turkish film critic and President of the International Federation of Film Critics - FIPRESCI, Alin Tasciyan.

### ***Berlinale Spotlight Programme***

*Taxi*, director: Jafar Panahi (Iran) - Golden Bear 2015

*Jack*, director: Edward Berger (Germany) - *Competition* 2014

*Victoria*, Regie: Sebastian Schipper (Germany) - Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic Contribution (Camera) 2015

Films co-funded by Berlinale *World Cinema Fund*:

*Abaabi ba boda boda (The Boda Boda Thieves)*, director: Yes!That’s Us (Uganda / South Africa / Kenia / Germany) - *Forum* 2015

*Al-wadi (The Valley)*, director: Ghassan Salhab (Lebanon / France / Qatar / United Arab Emirates / Germany) - *Forum* 2015

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*Cha và con và (Big Father, Small Father and Other Stories)*,  
director: Phan Dang Di (France / Vietnam / Netherlands / Germany)  
- *Competition 2015*

*Chilla (40 Days of Silence)*, director: Saodat Ismailova (Uzbekistan /  
Tajikistan / Netherlands / France / Germany) - *Forum 2014*

*Fidai*, director: Damien Ounouri (Algeria 2012)

*Historia del miedo (History of Fear)*, director: Benjamin Naishtat  
(Argentina / France / Uruguay / Germany) - *Competition 2014*

*La obra del siglo (The Project of the Century)*, director: Carlos  
M. Quintela (Cuba 2015)

*Round Trip*, director: Meyar Al Roumi (Syria 2012)

For further information on "Days of Cinema":  
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