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Berlinale Spotlight in Tunis

For years the Berlinale has had a global presence with specially curated programmes at film festivals or other cultural events around the world. These activities take place under the name *Berlinale Spotlight*.

The 26th Carthage Film Festival in Tunisia is hosting the *Berlinale Spotlight* which will present different short and full-length films from November 21 to 28.

With the support of the Goethe-Institut in Tunis and in cooperation with the Carthage Film Festival, a total of 23 films will be shown that screened in the *Competition, Berlinale Special, Perspektive Deutsches Kino* and *Berlinale Shorts* sections or were funded by the Berlinale *World Cinema Fund* (*WCF*).

The selection includes 14 extraordinary feature films from the 2011 to 2015 programmes of the Berlin International Film Festival. Among them are this year's Golden Bear winner *Taxi* by Jafar Panahi, and Sebastian Schipper's celebrated work *Victoria* that won the Silver Bear in 2015 for its brilliant camerawork. Joining these is *Kreuzweg* (*Stations of the Cross*), for which the Brüggemann siblings received the Silver Bear for Best Script in 2014. Five of the features in the *Berlinale Spotlight* were funded by the *World Cinema Fund*, and are from Argentina, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Thailand and Vietnam. They include *Harmony Lessons*, which won the Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic Contribution in 2013.

Two short film programmes from the 2015 *Berlinale Shorts* competition will round off the *Berlinale Spotlight*.

Vincenzo Bugno, project manager of the *World Cinema Fund*, will present the *Berlinale Spotlight* at the Carthage Film Festival in Tunisia.

Berlinale Spotlight programme

Feature films:

Aferim!, director: Radu Jude (Romania / Bulgaria / Czech Republic) - Silver Bear for Best Director ex aequo 2015

Baal, director: Volker Schlöndorff (1969, FR Germany) - *Berlinale Special* 2014

Die geliebten Schwestern (Beloved Sisters), director: Dominik Graf (Germany / Austria) - Competition 2014

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Every Thing Will Be Fine, director: Wim Wenders (Germany / Canada / France / Sweden / Norway) - *Competition* (*Out of Competition*) 2015

Kreuzweg (Stations of the Cross), director: Dietrich Brüggemann (Germany / France) - Silver Bear for Best Script 2014

Pina, director: Wim Wenders (Germany / France) - *Competition* (*Out of Competition*) 2011

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

This Ain't California, director: Marten Persiel (Germany) - *Perspektive Deutsches Kino* 2012

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

Features funded by the Berlinale World Cinema Fund:

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

Jauja, director: Lisandro Alonso (Argentina / France / Netherlands / Germany / USA / Mexico)

Sur la Planche (On the Edge), director: Leila Kilani (Morocco / France / Germany)

Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives, director: Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand / UK / Germany)

Uroki Garmonii (Harmony Lessons), director: Emir Baigazin (Kazakhstan / France / Germany) - Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic Contribution (Camera)

Films from the *Berlinale Shorts* competition 2015:

Programme I: Stranger Than Paradise

Planet Σ , director: Momoko Seto (France) – Audi Short Film Award 2015 *Pebbles at Your Door*, director: Vibeke Bryld (Denmark)



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Dissonance, director: Till Nowak (Germany) Blood Below the Skin, director: Jennifer Reeder (USA)

Programme II: White Flags Are More Visible

Snapshot Mon Amour, director: Christian Bau (Germany) El Juego del Escondite (Hide & Seek), director: David Muñoz (Spain) Däwit (Daewit), director: David Jansen (Germany) YúYú, director: Marc Johnson (France / Spain / USA) Symbolic Threats, directors: Mischa Leinkauf, Lutz Henke, Matthias Wermke (Germany)

For more information: http://www.jcctunisie.org/index.php

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