

Press Release



Berlinale 2016: First Films for *Competition* and *Berlinale Special*

The first nine films for the 66th Berlin International Film Festival *Competition* and *Berlinale Special* programme have been selected. Joining opening film *Hail, Caesar!* by Joel and Ethan Coen, which will be presented out of competition (see [press release from December 4, 2015](#) for details), five productions and co-productions from Canada, France, Germany, United Kingdom and the US are the newest additions to the *Competition* programme.

As part of the official programme, *Berlinale Special* will feature current works by contemporary filmmakers, documentaries and unique formats. Three productions have already been invited.

More information regarding programme selections will be announced in the coming weeks.

Competition

Boris sans Béatrice (Boris without Béatrice)

Canada

By Denis Côté (*Vic+Flo Saw a Bear*)

With James Hyndman, Simone-Elise Girard, Denis Lavant, Isolda Dychauk, Dounia Sichov

World premiere

Genius

United Kingdom / USA

By Michael Grandage

With Colin Firth, Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Laura Linney, Guy Pearce, Dominic West

World premiere - first feature

Alone in Berlin

Germany / France / United Kingdom

By Vincent Perez (*The Secret*)

With Brendan Gleeson, Emma Thompson, Daniel Brühl, Mikael Persbrandt

World premiere

Midnight Special

USA

By Jeff Nichols (*Mud, Take Shelter*)

With Michael Shannon, Joel Edgerton, Kirsten Dunst, Adam Driver, Jaeden Lieberher, Sam Shepard

World premiere

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Zero Days - documentary

USA

By Alex Gibney (*Taxi to the Dark Side*)

World premiere

Berlinale Special

The Music of Strangers: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble -

documentary

USA

By Morgan Neville (*Twenty Feet from Stardom*)

European premiere

The Seasons in Quincy: Four Portraits of John Berger - documentary

United Kingdom

By Colin MacCabe, Christopher Roth, Bartek Dziadosz, Tilda Swinton

World premiere

Where To Invade Next - documentary

USA

By Michael Moore (*Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Bowling for Columbine*)

European premiere

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