

Press Release



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Section head change for Berlinale *Forum*

Christoph Terhechte will vacate his position as director of the Berlinale *Forum* in July of 2018. He was appointed to the *Forum* selection committee in 1997, and in June of 2001 he took over the *Forum* director's position from Ulrich Gregor, founder of the section, which has been presented by the Arsenal – Institute for Film and Video Art since 1971. Terhechte has also been a member of the Berlinale *Competition* selection committee since 2002. Christoph Terhechte now wishes to take on new career challenges.

“Christoph Terhechte has our heartfelt gratitude for his many years of work. He succeeded in maintaining the adventurous spirit of the *Forum* at the Berlinale, and in consistently infusing the section with fresh incentives in the face of drastic changes in the festival landscape. In addition, the focal points Christoph Terhechte set for the Berlinale *Forum* enrich the Arsenal programme year-round,” commented Milena Gregor, Birgit Kohler and Stefanie Schulte Strathaus of the managing board of the Arsenal – Institute for Film and Video Art.

“Sincere thanks to Christoph Terhechte for his long-standing and great work at *Forum*. The section's curatorial profile and its multifaceted programme made a considerable contribution to the versatility of the Berlinale and to the film discourse,” says Berlinale director Dieter Kosslick.

The Arsenal – Institute for Film and Video Art managing board and the Berlinale will provide an interim section directorate for the 2019 *Forum*.

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