



Press Release

Generation 2012: Opening Films and Guests

Once again the festival centre of *Generation* will be in the House of World Cultures (Haus der Kulturen der Welt). The two cinemas in this architectural landmark on the Spree River have a total seating capacity of around 1,400. They provide the perfect setting for the section's opening celebrations and the festival premieres of its two competitions.

The *Generation 14plus* competition will open with the US directorial debut *Electrick Children* by Rebecca Thomas. The director and her leading actors Julia Garner (*Martha Marcy May Marlene*), Rory Culkin (*Lymelife*) and Billy Zane (*Titanic*) are expected on the Red Carpet for this world premiere at 7:30 p.m. on February 10. Garner plays a young Mormon who breaks out of her strict religious community and plunges herself into the nightlife of Las Vegas.

The Swiss documentary *Die Kinder vom Napf* will kick off the competition of *Generation Kplus* at 3:30 p.m. on February 10. Director Alice Schmid accompanies 50 mountain farm children through the four seasons in the "Wild West" of Lucerne Canton. For the international premiere, the filmmaker and the children from the mountain village of Romoos are coming to Berlin.

Generation is also expecting a number of other well-known guests for the premieres of their films. For *Kronjuvelerna (The Crown Jewels)*: Bill Skarsgård (Shooting Star 2012) and Alicia Vikander (Shooting Star 2011). For *Comes A Bright Day*: Craig Roberts (*Submarine*), Imogen Poots (*28 Weeks Later*), Kevin McKidd (*Grey's Anatomy*) and Timothy Spall (*The King's Speech*). For *Lal Gece (Night of Silence)*: Ilyas Salman (*Abbas in Flower*). For *ARCADIA*: Ryan Simpkins (*A Single Man*), John Hawkes (*Winter's Bone*). The final list of guests will be released shortly before the festival begins.

Berlinale School Project

Generation is continuing its Berlinale School Project which has proved very successful. Under the guidance of film educationalists, around 45 teachers from all types of schools will take a closer look at the films screening in the section. Festival Director Dieter Kosslick: "In collaboration with VISION KINO, a network for film and media competence, we want to continue to make sure that films for the big screen get the attention they deserve in the classroom."

Advanced group ticket sales begin today

As of today, January 25, tickets for all films screening in *Generation* can be ordered at a reduced price for groups of five or more by calling +49 (0) 30 - 88627613 (daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

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