



## Press Release

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### interfilm 21<sup>st</sup> International Short Film Festival Berlin November 1 – 6, 2005

#### International Competition

Approximately 100 films will compete in the International Competition for selection by an international jury to receive the "interfilm Short Awards" in the categories best film, best animation, best camera, best documentary and best film "against violence and intolerance."

Jury members for the International Competition include Thom Palmen (festival director, Umeå International Film Festival, Sweden), Tony Hill (filmmaker and professor, England), Manuela Mancini (director, Italy) and Thomas Heinze (screen actor).

The best documentary will be determined by a separate 3-member jury: Oliver Rauch (director), Florian Hager (editor, ZDFdokukanal) and Judith Keil (director).

The best film "against violence and intolerance" will also be chosen by a separate jury whose members are Loretta Stern (actress and television host), Sybill Klotz (Representative, Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen), Malcolm Blaylock (festival director, St. Kilda, Australia) and Pepe Danquart (filmmaker).

#### German Competition

The German Competition gives special attention to local short film productions. The jury members are Martin Schwarz (journalist), Manuel Siebenmann (director), Maria Simon (actress) and Ruth Ol'shan (director).

#### KuKi – Shorts for Kids – Children and Youth Short Film Festival

The 21st International Short Film Festival interfilm Berlin gives children's and youth films a special forum this year. In addition to the competition KuKi – Shorts for Kids, in which a children's jury is called upon to select the best nominee, there will also be a country focus program on Swedish children's films. interfilm Berlin will introduce its distribution program for children's films (6 and up), "Tricks for Kids." Making a guest appearance will be a selection of films from the Youth Media Festival 2004. Further, Berndt Gützel-Lingner from the Bundesverband Jugend & Film e.V. will present works from young up-and-coming filmmakers from the current festival year as well as the DVD „GeradeRaus,“ and discuss the youth film scene with the audience and attending filmmakers.

During the Berlin school fall break, students between 9 and 13 took part in a workshop and produced a film themselves that will be presented during the festival.

#### Special programs

The area of animation is especially well-represented at this year's festival. Current productions are competing in the purely-animation programs of the International Competition as well as in the children's film programs. A large number of special programs is also dedicated to animation, including **AsiAnima** with films from East Asia and **Recontres Audiovisuelles de Lille** with extraordinary French cartoons. **Clipped** is a study on the interaction of animation and music. Two programs are retrospectives on the well-known Polish animation and video artist **Zbig Rybczyński**. In an additional program, the husband-wife artist duo **Phil Mulloy** and **Vera Neubauer** will present their provocative animations. Within the Italian Competition **Immaginale**, a small retrospective on Italian animations will also take place.

Find the complete program at [www.interfilm.de/festival2005](http://www.interfilm.de/festival2005)

After the resounding success of the Siemens mobile MicroMovie AWARD 2004, interfilm Berlin and Siemens introduce a new format this year. The visual festival journal BlueNews was developed exclusively for the upcoming festival, and will be available to all festival guests for free download onto mobile phones with a Bluetooth receiver.

Besides MicroMovies from previous festivals, portraits and behind-the-scenes info, there will be new clips produced daily from the material that selected visiting filmmakers record using a Siemens mobile phone during Siemens MicroMovie Sessions.

### **Events**

Opening night of the 21st Short Film Festival takes place on November 1 at 7:30pm at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt.

The festival closes with the Awards Ceremony on November 6 at 8pm at Kino Babylon Berlin:Mitte.

### **Parties**

During the festival, clips of music, images, animation and multimedia will be shown in special programs at the Roter Salon at the Volksbühne. Also planned this year are film lectures. After the presentations there will be daily party events with entertainment, deejays, dancefloor and open-end bar.

The main festival party takes place on Saturday, November 5 at Club 103, Falckensteinstrasse 47, Kreuzberg.

### **Distribution**

During **interfilm inside**, the festival organization will present its new distribution program "Ostfront – Westfront," a selection of submissions from the last festival and a DVD release. As a service to the international film professionals and journalists in the audiences, interfilm Berlin offers a special film market during the festival.

The festival office and film market will reside in the Hackesche Höfe (kleiner Festsaal).

### **Venues**

Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Kino Babylon Berlin:Mitte, Hackesche Höfe Filmtheater, Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, Roter Salon, Acud Kino, Instituto Cervantes, Play\_Gallery.

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We would be happy to send you photo material and more detailed information on specific programs. We can also gladly provide you with Betacam excerpts from selected festival films.

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