



## 22nd FilmFestival Cottbus – Polish Films and co-productions at the Festival

The world comes to Cottbus - six days, the city in the Lausitz region becomes the meeting place of prominent directors, actors and producers from East and West. Leading forum of East European cinema, the festival with over 150 films from 36 nations offers to its visitors a comprehensive overview of the current film scene of the entire Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European area.

Please find below a list of Polish films and co-productions at this year's festival edition. The complete program of the 22nd FilmFestival Cottbus can be found on the website: [www.filmfestivalcottbus.de](http://www.filmfestivalcottbus.de).

### Feature Film Competition

*Thu, 8. Nov. 7.30pm Stadthalle (2nd screening Fri, 9.11., 2.30pm Weltspiegel)*

#### **YOU ARE GOD | DU BIST GOTT | JESTEŚ BOGIEM**

Leszek Dawid | Poland 2012 | 114 min

1998, in the Silesian city of Katowice, Magik, Rahim and Fokus write Polish hip hop history. They are „Paktofonika“ and their song „Jestem Bogiem“ (“I am God”) became a manifesto for a whole generation. This film tells their common story, which led to Magik's suicide much too early. The latest blockbuster from Poland.

*Wed, 7. Nov., 7.30pm Stadthalle (2nd screening Thu, 8.11, 12.00pm Weltspiegel)*

#### **WOMEN'S DAY | FRAUENTAG | DZIEŃ KOBIEI**

Maria Sadowska | Poland 2012 | 96 min

Halina is promoted to store manager of the supermarket chain „Motylek“ („Butterfly“). But her life as chief is just transient when she finds herself being abandoned by the system for being overly humane. Social-critical feature film debut by the famous Polish musician Maria Sadowska.

### Short Feature Competition

*Fri, 9. Nov., 7.30pm Weltspiegel „Long Night of the Shorts I“*

Five shorts on a tired trio infernal in the Romanian city, the promises of a bag on a Lithuanian railway station, a Polish girl, that celebrates on All souls day the dead and her birthday, the survival of an old Russian man in the war and a Russian woman who discovers her love for the child of a rape.

#### **ALL SOUL'S DAY | ALLERSEELEN | ŚWIĘTO ZMARŁYCH**

Aleksandra Terpińska | Poland 2011 | 18min

### U 18 German-Polish Youth Film Competition

*Wed, 7. Nov., 5.00pm Glad-House-Saal*

#### **AMIGOS FOREVER | FREUNDINNEN | KOLEŻANKI**

Sylwester Jakimow | Poland 2011 | 33min

Two hyped-up teenage girls walk the streets looking for trouble. They aggressively harass passengers, play the mob and get into fights for no reason whatsoever. In the meantime life continues to run its course, without paying attention to the girls. The city is full of strange people focused solely on their own problems...



Sat, 10. Nov., 5.30pm *Weltspiegel*

**BEING LIKE DEYNA | WIE KAZIMIERZ DEYNA | BYĆ JAK KAZIMIERZ DEYNA**

Anna Wieczur-Bluszcz | Poland 2012 | 95min

Kazio's father wants his son to become a footballer, just like his idol Kazimierz Deyna. When the falls of communism puts a spanner in the works, the father comes up with an ingenious business idea: white socks with an aphrodisiac impact! But what about the football? An original tale of growing-up during the fall of communism.

Thu, 8. Nov., 5.00pm *Weltspiegel*

**YUMA**

Piotr Mularuk | Poland & Czech Republic 2012 | 103min

Poland in the early nineties. Zyga, an ambitious young man, can't see a future for himself in his small home town on the German-Polish border. He dreams of Cowboy boots, cars and beautiful girls. Soon he gets involved in the theft of clothing, shoes and electronic goods from a neighbouring German town...

**>Polish Horizons<**

Thu, 8. Nov. 10.00pm *Weltspiegel*

**80 MILLION | 80 MILLIONEN | 80 MILLIONÓW**

Waldemar Krzystek | Poland 2011 | 102min

A comedy thriller about one of the more unusual episodes of the Solidarność movement. In 1981, activists withdraw 80 million złotych from Solidarność bank accounts in a bid to stop the government from crippling the movement. The government didn't like that at all...

Fri, 9. Nov., 2.30pm *Glad-House-Saal*

**DAAS**

Adrian Panek | Poland 2011 | 102min

Vienna, 1776. Jakub Frank, celebrated by his followers as the Messiah, is indicted. A lawyer sees him as a threat to the Austrian Empire and a former student demands justice. A gripping historical drama full of intrigue and conspiracy.

Fri., 9. Nov., 6.30pm *Obenkino*

**BEST OF SOLANIN FILM FESTIVAL**

5 Short Movies | Poland 2010-2012 | 88 min

Wannabe individualists who feel incredibly different; a grandfather with his granddaughter and their encounter with the mysterious Bebok; robots that can't adapt to the new factory environment, a red house where people can feed pigeons and, the best from the current club scene - excellent Polish independent cinema!

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Wed, 7. Nov., 2.30pm *Kammerbühne* (2nd screening Sat, 10.11., 1.00pm *Obenkino*)

**ARGENTINIAN LESSON | LEKTION ARGENTINIEN | ARGENTYŃSKA LEKCJA**

Wojciech Staron | Poland 2011 | 57 min

The camera follows the 8-year-old Janek in the Argentine province where his mother teaches the villagers on behalf of the Polish government. The small village is dominated by poverty and subordinated to the whims of nature. It's the beginning of a deep friendship when Janek meets Marcia – told in impressive images and only a few dialogues.



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**MERCY | GNADE | ŁASKA**

Eliza Subotowicz | Poland 2012 | 18min

**IN THE NAME OF THE DEVIL | IM NAMEN DES TEUFELS | W IMENIU DIABŁA**

Barbara Sass | Poland 2011 | 115min

Having lived through traumatic times Anna seeks comfort in a nunnery. However the Mother Superior together with the newly-appointed, charismatic Father Franciszek introduce a series of unconventional rituals, by means of which Anna and her fellow nuns are to be forced into a form of emotional dependence on God and the nunnery leadership. An enthralling psychodrama about religious mania and demagoguery, based on a true story.

Wed, 7. Nov., 9.30pm Obenkino

**LOVELESS ZORITSA | DIE SCHWARZE ZORICA | CRNA ZORICA**

Radoslav Pavković, Hristina Hatziharalabous | Serbia, Poland, Cyprus & Greece 2012 | 80min

Her name is Zoritsa, but the raged villagers name her "the kiss of death". Since her first love got mysteriously drawn in the river, men around her die in a strange way. Set in a Balkan village where superstition still rules life and the impossible still happens every day, Mane, the young city policeman has to find out whether Zoritsa is a serial killer or just a girl bearing an extraordinary curse. A dark fairytale with comedy elements.

Thu, 8. Nov., 12.30pm Kammerbühne

**THE MOON IS JEWISH | DER MOND IST JÜDISCH | KSIĘŻYC TO ŻYD**

Michał Tkaczyński | Polen 2011 | 45min

His religion was football, the ritualistic expression violence. That was until Pawel learned that his family is in fact of Jewish extraction. Thus a hooligan became an Orthodox Jew. This documentary film offers insight not only into an unusual biography, but also contemporary Jewish life in Poland.

Fri, 9. Nov., 2.30pm Stadthalle

**MY AUSTRALIA | MEIN AUSTRALIEN | MOJA AUSTRALIA**

Ami Drozd | Israel & Poland 2011 | 100min

Poland in the mid-sixties. The brothers Tadek and Andrzej join a neo-Nazi gang. On finding out, their mother announces her intention to emigrate together with them to Australia. In reality however the destination is Israel. The family is in fact of Jewish extraction, something the mother has to date kept quiet for fear of negative repercussions.

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**POPIELUSZKO – FREEDOM IS WITHIN US | POPIELUSZKO – DIE FREIHEIT IN UNS |  
POPIELUSZKO – WOLNOŚĆ JEST W NAS**

Rafał Wieczyński | Polen 2009 | 108 min

In 1984 Jerzy Popiełuszko, widely known as the "Solidarność-Priest" for his role in the resistance against communism, was murdered by agents of the Polish internal intelligence agency. This film debut attracted over 1,3 million cinema viewers in Poland.



## Polish Film Guests

### Feature Film Competition

#### **YOU ARE GOD | DU BIST GOTT | JESTEŚ BOGIEM**

Director Leszek Dawid, Producer Jerzy Kapuściński and the Leading actor Marcin Kowalczyk  
8. till 11. November

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