

Press Release



Berlinale 2015: Malick, Dresen, Greenaway and German in *Competition*

The first seven films for the 65th Berlin International Film Festival *Competition* programme have been selected. The productions and co-productions hail from Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, the Russian Federation, United Kingdom, Ukraine and the US.

The programme selections include former Berlinale bear winners Andreas Dresen (*Nightshapes* 1999, *Grill Point* 2002) and Terrence Malick (*The Thin Red Line* 1999) with their newest works. Frequent Berlinale *Forum* guest Peter Greenaway will participate in this year's *Competition*. The directorial debut by Jayro Bustamante - simultaneously Guatemala's debut in *Competition* -, a feature film by former *Generation* participant Andrew Haigh, and the newest work by Russian director Alexey German are also among the first selected *Competition* films.

The opulent live action film adaptation *Cinderella* by Kenneth Branagh will screen out of competition. Festival-goers were once captivated by the fairy tale in 1951, when Walt Disney's animation *Cinderella* won the audience award and a Golden Bear (Music Film). Visitors to the Berlinale in 2015 can look forward to a new interpretation of the well-loved fable with a cast of international stars, and let themselves be swept away by the love story.

Films confirmed in *Competition* to date (in alphabetical order):

45 Years

United Kingdom
By Andrew Haigh (*Weekend*)
With Charlotte Rampling, Tom Courtenay
World premiere

Als wir träumten (As We Were Dreaming)

Germany / France
By Andreas Dresen (*Grill Point*, *Cloud 9*, *Stopped on Track*)
With Merlin Rose, Julius Nitschkoff, Joel Basman, Marcel Heuperman, Frederic Haselon, Ruby O. Fee
World premiere

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Cinderella

USA

By Kenneth Branagh (*Hamlet*)

With Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Richard Madden, Stellan Skarsgård, Holliday Grainger, Sophie McShera, Derek Jacobi und Helena Bonham Carter

International premiere - Out of competition

Eisenstein in Guanajuato

The Netherlands / Mexico / Belgium / Finland

By Peter Greenaway (*The Tulse Luper Suitcases*)

With Elmer Bäck, Luis Alberti

World premiere

Ixcanul (Ixcanul Volcano)

Guatemala / France

By Jayro Bustamante

With María Mercedes Coroy, María Telón, Manuel Antún, Justo Lorenzo, Marvin Coroy

World premiere - Debut feature

Knight of Cups

USA

By Terrence Malick (*The Thin Red Line*)

With Christian Bale, Cate Blanchett, Natalie Portman

World premiere

Pod elektrichskimi oblakami (Under Electric Clouds)

Russian Federation / Ukraine / Poland

By Alexey German (*Paper Soldier*)

With Louis Franck, Merab Ninidze, Viktoriya Korotkova, Chulpan Khamatova, Anastasiya Melnikova, Piotr Gasowski

World premiere

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

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