# Berlinale 2017: Competition and Berlinale Special Are Complete â?? Master Directors, Newcomers, and Stars Galore

## Description

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The *Competition* and *Berlinale Special* of the 67th Berlin International Film Festival are now complete. 18 of the 24 films selected for *Competition* will be competing for the Golden and the Silver Bears. 22 of the films will have their world premieres at the festival.



Catherine Deneuve and Catherine Frot in *Sage femme* (*The Midwife*) by Martin Provost

The *Berlinale Special* will present recent works by contemporary filmmakers, documentaries, and extraordinary formats, as well as brand new series from around the world.

*Berlinale Special Galas* will be held at the Friedrichstadt-Palast and Zoo Palast. Other *Special* premieres will take place at the Kino International. Moderated discussions will follow the screenings at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele.

For the third time, *Berlinale Special Series* will present a selection of series in the official program. Six German and international productions will have their world premieres at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele this year. Audiences will be able to see the first two episodes of each series.

***Competition***

**The following films will complete the *Competition* program:**

***Final Portrait***
United Kingdom / France
By Stanley Tucci (*Big Night*, *Joe Gouldâ??s Secret*, *Blind Date*)
With Geoffrey Rush, Armie Hammer, ClÃ©mence PoÃ©sy, Tony Shalhoub, James Faulkner, Sylvie Testud
World premiere â?? Out of competition

***Hao ji le* (*Have a Nice Day*)** â?? Animation
Peopleâ??s Republic of China
By Liu Jian (*Piercing I*)
World premiere

***Sage femme* (*The Midwife*)**
France / Belgium
By Martin Provost (*Le ventre de Juliette*, *SÃ©raphine*, *Violette*)
With Catherine Frot, Catherine Deneuve, Olivier Gourmet
World premiere â?? Out of competition

The following countries are participating in the *Competition* programme: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong â?? China, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Peopleâ??s Republic of China, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Slovakian Republic, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and USA.

***Berlinale Special***

***Berlinale Special Gala* at the Friedrichstadt-Palast**

***Maudie***
Canada / Ireland
By Aisling Walsh (*Song for a Raggy Boy*, *The Daisy Chain*)
With Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke, Kari Matchett, Zachary Bennett
European premiere

***Berlinale Special Gala* at the Zoo Palast**

***The Lost City of Z***
USA
By James Gray (*We Own The Night*, *Two Lovers*, *The Immigrant*)
With Charlie Hunnam, Sienna Miller, Robert Pattinson, Tom Holland
International premiere

***Berlinale Special* at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele**

***the bomb*** â?? Experimental film
USA
By Kevin Ford (*Three Days*, *By the River*), Smriti Keshari (*Food Chains*), Eric Schlosser (*Command and Control*; *Fast Food Nation*; *Food, Inc.*)
Live music by The Acid
International premiere

***La libertad del diablo* (*Devilâ??s Freedom*)** â?? Documentary
Mexico
By Everardo GonzÃ¡lez (*Pulque Song*, *Old Thieves: The Legend of Artegio*, *El cielo abierto*)
World premiere

***Nema-ye nazdik* (*Close Up*)**
Iran (1990)
By Abbas Kiarostami (*Taste of Cherry*, *The Wind Will Carry Us*, *Certified Copy*)
With Hossain Sabzian, Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Abolfazl Ahankhah, Mehrdad Ahankhah, Monoochehr Ahankhah
German Premiere of the restored version
As part of the cultural program Iranian Modernity of the Goethe-Institut

***The Trial: The State of Russia vs Oleg Sentsov*** â?? Documentary
Estonia / Poland / Czech Republic
By Askold Kurov (*Zima, ukhodi!*; *Leninland*; *Children 404*)
World premiere
30 Years European Film Academy

13 films have been selected for the *Berlinale Special* program, including productions and co-productions from the following countries: Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Iran, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Slovakian Republic, Spain, and USA.

***Berlinale Special Series* at the Haus der Berliner Festspiele**

***4 Blocks***
Germany
Director: Marvin Kren (*Blood Glacier*, *The ABCs of Death 2*, *Rammbock: Berlin Undead*)
With Kida Khodr Ramadan, Frederick Lau, Veysel Gelin, Almila Bagriacik, Maryam Zaree, Karolina Lodyga, Oliver Masucci, Massiv
Broadcaster: TNT Serie
World premiere

***Below The Surface***
Denmark / Germany
Creator: Kasper Barfoed (*Summer of â??92*)
Director: Kasper Barfoed
With Johannes Lassen, Sara Hjort Ditlevsen, Paprika Steen
Broadcaster: Kanal 5, Discovery Networks Denmark

World premiere

***Black Spot***
France / Belgium
Creator: Mathieu Missoffe (*Profiling*)
By Thierry Poiraud (*Goal of the Dead*), Julien Despaux (*Accused*)
With Suliane Brahim, Laurent Capelluto, Hubert Delattre, Samuel Jouy
Broadcaster: France 2
World premiere

***Der gleiche Himmel* (*The Same Sky*)**
Germany / Czech Republic
Creator: Paula Milne (*The Politicianâ??s Wife*, *The Virgin Queen*, *Endgame*)
Director: Oliver Hirschbiegel (Downfall, 13 Minutes)
With Tom Schilling, Sofia Helin, Friederike Becht, Ben Becker, JÃ¶rg SchÃ¼ttauf
Broadcaster: ZDF
World premiere

***Patriot***
USA / Czech Republic
Creator: Steve Conrad (*The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*)
With Michael Dorman, Kurtwood Smith, Michael Chernus, Kathleen Munroe, Aliette Opheim, Chris Conrad, Terry Oâ??Quinn
Broadcaster: Amazon Prime Video
World Premiere

***SS-GB***
United Kingdom
Director: Philipp Kadelbach (*Platonic Love*, *Generation War*)
With Sam Riley, Kate Bosworth, Lars Eidinger, James Cosmo, Rainer Bock, Maeve Dermody, Aneurin Barnard, Jason Flemyng
Broadcaster: BBC One
World premiere

The following countries are participating in the *Berlinale Special Series* programme: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, United Kingdom, and USA.

The 67th Internationale Filmfestspiele Berlin will take place February 9 to 19, 2017.
The Award Ceremony will be held at the Berlinale Palast on Saturday, February 18, 2017. The last festival day, February 19, 2017, is the Berlinale Publikumstag.

***Competition* 2017**

***Ana, mon amour*** by CÄ?lin Peter Netzer (Romania / Germany / France)
***Bamui haebyun-eoseo honja* (*On the Beach at Night Alone*)** by Hong Sangsoo (Republic of Korea â?? South Korea)
***Beuys*** by Andres Veiel (Germany) â?? Documentary
***Colo*** by Teresa Villaverde (Portugal / France)

***The Dinner*** by Oren Moverman (USA)
***Django*** by Etienne Comar (France) â?? First feature
***El bar* (*The Bar*)** by Ã•lex de la Iglesia (Spain) â?? Out of competition
***FÃ©licitÃ©*** by Alain Gomis (France / Senegal / Belgium / Germany / Lebanon)
***Final Portrait*** by Stanley Tucci (United Kingdom / France) â?? Out of competition
***Hao ji le* (*Have a Nice Day*)** by Liu Jian (Peopleâ??s Republic of China) â?? Animation
***Helle NÃ¤chte* (*Bright Nights*)** by Thomas Arslan (Germany / Norway)
***Joaquim*** by Marcelo Gomes (Brazil / Portugal)
***Logan*** by James Mangold (USA) â?? Out of competition
***Mr. Long*** by Sabu (Japan / Hong Kong, China / Taiwan / Germany)
***The Party*** by Sally Potter (United Kingdom)
***Pokot* (*Spoor*)** by Agnieszka Holland (Poland / Germany / Czech Republic / Sweden / Slovakian Republic)
***Return to Montauk*** by Volker SchlÃ¶ndorff (France / Germany / Ireland)
***Sage femme* (*The Midwife*)** by Martin Provost (France / Belgium) â?? Out of competition
***T2 Trainspotting*** by Danny Boyle (United Kingdom) â?? Out of competition
***TestrÃ¶l Ã©s lÃ©lekrÃ¶l* (*On Body and Soul*)** by IldikÃ³ Enyedi (Hungary)
***Toivon tuolla puolen* (*The Other Side of Hope*)** by Aki KaurismÃ¤ki (Finland / Germany)
***Una mujer fantÃ¡stica* (*A Fantastic Woman*)** by SebastiÃ¡n Lelio (Chile / USA / Germany / Spain)
***Viceroyâ??s House*** by Gurinder Chadha (India / United Kingdom) â?? Out of competition
***Wilde Maus* (*Wild Mouse*)** by Josef Hader (Austria) â?? First feature

***Berlinale Special* 2017**

***Acht Stunden sind kein Tag* (*Eight Hours Donâ??t Make A Day*)** by Rainer Werner Fassbinder (Federal Republic of Germany 1972) â?? TV series with 5 episodes
***the bomb*** by Kevin Ford, Smriti Keshari, Eric Schlosser (USA) â?? Experimental film
***Es war einmal in Deutschlandâ?¦ (Bye Bye Germany)*** by Sam Garbarski (Germany / Luxembourg / Belgium)
***In Zeiten des abnehmenden Lichts* (*In Times of Fading Light*)** by Matti Geschonneck (Germany)
***La libertad del diablo* (*Devilâ??s Freedom*)** by Everardo GonzÃ¡lez (Mexico) â?? Documentary
***La Reina de EspaÃ±a* (*The Queen of Spain*)** by Fernando Trueba (Spain)
***Le jeune Karl Marx* (*The Young Karl Marx*)** by Raoul Peck (France / Germany / Belgium)
***The Lost City of Z*** by James Gray (USA)
***Masaryk* (*A Prominent Patient*)** by Julius Å evÄ•Ãk (Czech Republic / Slovakian Republic)
***Maudie*** by Aisling Walsh (Canada / Ireland)
***Nema-ye nazdik* (*Close Up*)** by Abbas Kiarostami (Iran)
***The Trial: The State of Russia vs Oleg Sentsov*** by Askold Kurov (Estonia / Poland / Czech Republic) â?? documentary
***Ã?ltimos dÃas en La Habana* (*Last Days in Havana*)** by Fernando PÃ©rez (Cuba / Spain)

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