THE BERLINALE REMEMBERS JOHN HURT

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The Berlin International Film Festival is presenting a special screening to commemorate the recently deceased actor John Hurt. Since the 1990s he had attended the Berlinale with regularity and starred in twelve films presented at the festival.



John Hurt and Tilda Swinton at the premiere of *Snowpiercer* by Bong Joon-ho - Berlinale 2014

The British actor is considered one of the most brilliant performers of the stage and screen in the last 50 years. Early in his career he gained international acclaim as a character actor. His roles in *Midnight Express* (dir: Alan Parker, 1978) and *The Elephant Man* (dir: David Lynch, 1980), for which he garnered Oscar nominations, firmly established him at the top of the league in Hollywood. Younger audiences are acquainted with Hurt from his portrayal of Mr. Ollivander in the Harry Potter films. Currently moviegoers in Germany can see him in *Jackie* (dir: Pablo LarraÃn).

Berlinale entries with John Hurt that screened, for instance in the *Competition* include *The Commissioner* (dir: George Sluizer, 1998), *V for Vendetta* (dir: James McTeigue, out of competition in 2006), and *Jayne Mansfieldâ??s Car* (dir: Billy Bob Thornton, 2012). John Nossiterâ??s *Resident Alien* (1991) and *Owning Mahowny* by Richard Kwietniowski (2003) were shown in the *Panorama.*

In memory of John Hurt, the Berlin International Film Festival will present *An Englishman in New York* by Richard Laxton. In 2009 Hurt received the Teddy Award for his outstanding performance in this film. It will screen in CinemaxX 6 at 6.00 pm on Friday, February 17.

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