


# GLAMOROUS OPENING OF THE RACE FOR THE BEARS 2017

## Description

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Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media Prof. Monika GrÃ¼tters, the Mayor of Berlin Michael MÃ¼ller, Jury President Paul Verhoeven and Festival Director Dieter Kosslick will open the 67th Berlin International Film Festival at the Berlinale Palast at 7.30 pm on February 9.

During the Opening Gala, the International Jury will be introduced. In addition to Paul Verhoeven (director, screenwriter, The Netherlands), Dora Bouchoucha Fourati (producer, Tunisia), Olafur Eliasson (artist, Iceland), Maggie Gyllenhaal (actress, USA), Julia Jentsch (actress, Germany), Diego Luna (actor, director, Mexico) und Wang Quanâ??an (director, screenwriter, Peopleâ??s Republic of China) will also be introduced. Anke Engelke will host the evening. The event will be broadcasted live on television by ZDF/3sat and via www.berlinale.de.

Following the Opening Gala *Django* by Etienne Comar will have its world premiere. The director and his film team, including the actors Alex BrendemÃ¼hl, CÃ©cile de France, Reda Kateb, Bim Bam Merstein, BeÃ¡ta Palya and Jan Henrik Stahlberg will present the film in the Berlinale Palast.

The members of the International Jury and the GWFF Best First Feature Award Jury, director Jayro Bustamante (Guatemala), French actress Clotilde Courau and director and producer Mahmoud Sabbagh (Saudi Arabia) are all expected on the Red Carpet. Also the Jury members of the GlashÃ¼tte Original Dokumentarfilmpeis, Daniela Michel (Mexico), Laura Poitras (USA) und Samir (Iraq / Swiss), will be there. A number of prominent German politicians and ambassadors have also announced their attendance.

Other international and national guests are also anticipated: Mario Adorf, Fatih Akin, Thomas Arslan, Hartmut Becker, Iris Berben, Senta Berger, Anne Zohra Berrached, Sebastian Blomberg, Can DÃ¼ndar, August Diehl, Maria-Victoria Dragus, Andreas Dresen, Katja Eichinger, Alexander Fehling, Veronica Ferres, Inka Friedrich, Liv Lisa Fries, Maria FurtwÃ¤ngler, Martina Gedeck, Jan Ole Gerster, Michael Gwisdek, Jella Haase, Fritzi Haberlandt, Monika Hansen-Sander, Corinna Harfouch, Leander

HauÃ?mann, AndrÃ© M. Hennicke, Hannah Herzsprung, Jutta Hoffmann, Oliver Hirschbiegel, Louis Hofmann, Henry HÃ¼bchen, Sandra HÃ¼ller, Hannes Jaenicke, Christian Jankowski, Odine Johne, Sibel Kekilli, Friederike Kempter, Burghart KlauÃ?ner, Herbert Knaup, Hanno Koffler, Juliane KÃ¶hler, Wolfgang Kohlhaase, Thomas Kretschmann, David Kross, Frederick Lau, Alina Levshin, Enrico Lo Verso, Heike Makatsch, Jacob Matschenz, Ulrich Matthes, Wotan Wilke MÃ¶hring, Ursela Monn, Antoine Monot, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Nele Mueller-StÃ¶fen, Wanja Mues, Jannis NiewÃ¶hner, Ulrich Noethen, Christiane Paul, Christian Petzold, Max Riemelt, Oskar Roehler, Andrea Sawatzki, James Schamus, Clemens Schick, Tom Schilling, Jenny Schily, Sebastian Schipper, Volker SchlÃ¶ndorff, Maria Schrader, Emilia SchÃ¼le, Jannik SchÃ¼mann, Marie-Lou Sellem, Robert Stadlober, Lilith Stangenberg, Jasmin Tabatabai, Aylin Tezel, Anna Thalbach, Rosalie Thomass, Antje Traue, Ludwig Trepte, JÃ¶rdis Triebel, Elisabeth Trissenaar, Tom Tykwer, Justus von DohnÃ¡nyi, Rosa von Praunheim, Nora von WaldstÃ¤tten, Franziska Weisz, Wim Wenders, Lavinia Wilson, Ai Weiwei, Johanna Wokalek, Tang Yan, Roland Zehrfeld, as well as many others.

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