



## International Jury of the 56th Berlinale

Under the presidency of Charlotte Rampling, an eight-member international jury will decide who will take home this year's Golden and Silver Bears. For the first time in the 56-year history of the Berlin International Film Festival, the Jury will announce the winners *during* the award ceremony on February 18, which will be broadcast live from the Berlinale Palast by ZDF/3sat.

The members of the International Jury are:

### **Charlotte Rampling (actress, UK), Jury President**

The respected character actress, who resides in France, is one of the most important international stars of contemporary cinema. She has performed for directors such as Luchino Visconti (*The Damned*), Woody Allen (*Stardust Memories*), John Boorman (*Zardoz*), Sydney Lumet (*The Verdict*) or Alan Parker (*Angel Heart*). For her role in *Swimming Pool* by François Ozon, she received the European Film Award for Best Actress in 2003.

### **Matthew Barney (multi-media artist, USA)**

The New York multi-media artist Matthew Barney was the shooting star of the international art scene in the mid 1990s. Between 1994 and 2002, Barney created a five-part series of art films, *The Cremaster Cycle*. His most recent film – *Drawing Restraint 9* – was realized in collaboration with his wife, singer Björk.

### **Yash Chopra (producer, India)**

With his Bollywood musicals, the successful producer and director attracts millions of movie-goers in India. He began his career as a filmmaker in 1959, but soon turned to producing. Since then he has realized some 30 movies with his own studio, Yash Raj Films. His dramatic love story *Veer-Zaara* won several of the International Indian Film Academy's major awards in 2005.

### **Marleen Gorris (director, Netherlands)**

With her directorial debut, *A Question of Silence* (1982), director Marleen Gorris from the Netherlands made a name for herself internationally. Her family chronicle *Antonia's Line* (1995) received, among other awards, the Oscar for Best Foreign Film. In 1997 Marleen Gorris adapted Virginia Woolf's classic novel *Mrs. Dalloway* for the screen.

### **Janusz Kaminski (cinematographer, Poland)**

A two-time Oscar-winner, the Polish cinematographer has collaborated with Steven Spielberg since 1989. He was decisive in creating the look of films such as *Schindler's List*, *Amistad*, *Saving Private Ryan* and *War of the Worlds*. He also

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did the camerawork on Spielberg's latest work, *Munich*. In 2000 he gave his directorial debut with the thriller *Lost Souls*.

### **Lee Young-ae (actress, Republic of Korea)**

Lee Young-ae is one of South Korea's most popular actresses. In 2001 she was a guest of the Berlinale *Competition* with the thriller *Joint Security Area*. Last year, for her leading role in the internationally acclaimed drama *Sympathy for Lady Vengeance*, the actress received several prizes, including the Blue Dragon Film Award.

### **Armin Mueller-Stahl (actor, Germany)**

Armin Mueller-Stahl is one of Germany's greatest stars of international renown. He began his career in East Germany, performing under the direction of Frank Beyer in films like *Naked Among Wolves* and *Jacob the Liar*. Then, after moving to the West, he attained international status with films such as *Lola* by Rainer Werner Fassbinder and *Music Box* by Costa-Gavras. In 1996, he was nominated for an Oscar for his role in *Shine*; in 1992, he was awarded the Silver Bear for his performance in *Utz*; and in 1997, he was honoured with the Berlinale Camera.

### **Fred Roos (producer, USA)**

This successful American producer already ranks among the most legendary of Hollywood magnates. As casting director for George Lucas or John Huston, he discovered talents like Harrison Ford, Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise. Recent productions of the Oscar winner include Francis Ford Coppola's *Youth Without Youth* and Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette*.

**The International Jury awards the following prizes to films screened in the *Competition*:**

- The Golden Bear for Best Film (for the producer)
- The Jury Grand Prix – Silver Bear
- The Silver Bear for Best Director
- The Silver Bear for Best Actress
- The Silver Bear for Best Actor
- The Silver Bear for An Outstanding Artistic Achievement
- The Silver Bear for Best Film Music

The Jury also awards the Alfred Bauer Prize in memory of the Berlinale's founder to a feature film which opens up new perspectives for cinematic art.

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