



## Press Release

### Selection of Fictional Films in *Panorama* Now Complete: 34 Features from 29 Countries

The main programme of the *Panorama* will open with the Brazilian production *Sangue azul (Blue Blood)* by Lirio Ferreira at the CinemaxX 7 on February 5. In the magnificent visuals of a fairy tale, the film tells of a family torn by strife and how, bit by bit, its members find their way back to each other. In doing so they disclose secrets whose consequences only become evident as things unfold.

*Panorama Special* will open with two works at the Zoo Palast on February 6. With Mexican filmmaker Gabriel Ripstein's tension-driven directorial debut, *600 Millas (600 Miles)*, in which a young gunrunner, en route from Texas to Mexico, suddenly finds himself stuck with a US task force veteran (Tim Roth). Trying to get rid of the guy, turns into the biggest adventure of the young man's life. The other film is legendary German director Rosa von Praunheim's latest work: *Härte (Tough Love)* tells the story of karate world champion Andreas "Andy" Marquardt, who also appears in this hybrid feature, and accompanies the audience on his journey from a childhood of abuse to an adulthood of violence. Ultimately he evolves into a man who cares (albeit rather gruffly) about others. This film introduces the thematic focus of abuse that runs through all three *Panorama* series.

Latin America is making a strong showing: Chilean director Sebastián Silva is presenting his film *Nasty Baby* that is set in Brooklyn. Chico Teixeira and Anna Muylaert, both from Brazil, are contributing *Ausência (Absence)* and *Que horas ela volta? (The Second Mother)* respectively. And from Argentina come Marco Berger's *Mariposa (Butterfly / the director was also TEDDY Award-winner 2011 for Ausente / Absent)* and Juan Schnitman's *El incendio (The Fire)* on the perils of human relationships.

New to the line-up is Mitchell Lichtenstein's part wicked and whimsical sociological study, psychodrama and horror story from the USA. After *Teeth* and *Happy Tears*, *Angelica* is this director's third contribution to the Berlinale. Also new and from the USA is Takeshi Fukunaga's directorial debut, *Out of My Hand*, about a worker on a Liberian rubber plantation who wants to get away from a life overshadowed by civil war and so moves to New York.

Two European-US co-productions portray the emotional worlds of young people in the USA. In *Bizarre*, French director Étienne Faure places teenage Maurice in a tender and playful environment, a commune of sorts, in Brooklyn. While dffb graduate Micah Magee's debut film, *Petting Zoo*, sets its protagonist in Texas, where she tries to maintain her autonomy despite daily adversities. Europe's presence is further

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strengthened by works from Romania, Russia and Lithuania. Discoveries from Iran, the Palestinian Territories, Morocco, South Africa, as well as Thailand and Indonesia conclude this year's fictional film line-up.

The complete programme of *Panorama Dokumente* will be announced in the next press release.

Here is a list of all the films confirmed to date:

### ***Panorama* fictional films**

#### ***600 Millas (600 Miles)* - Mexico**

By Gabriel Ripstein

With Tim Roth, Kristyan Ferrer, Harrison Thomas, Noé Hernández, Armando Hernández

World premiere

#### ***al bahr min ouaraikoum (The Sea Is Behind)* - Morocco**

By Hicham Lasri

With Malek Akhmiss, Hassan Badida, Yassine Sekkal

European premiere

#### ***Al-Hob wa Al-Sariqa wa Mashakel Ukhra (Love, Theft and Other Entanglements)* - Palestinian Territories**

By Muayad Alayan

With Sami Metwasi, Maya Abu Alhayyat, Riyad Sliman, Ramzi Maqdisi, Kamel Elbasha

World premiere

#### ***Angelica* - USA**

By Mitchell Lichtenstein

With Jena Malone, Janet McTeer, Ed Stoppard, Tovah Feldshuh

World premiere

#### ***Ausência (Absence)* - Brazil / Chile / France**

By Chico Teixeira

With Matheus Fagundes, Irandhir Santos, Gilda Nomacce, Thiago de Matos, Francisca Gavilán

International premiere

#### ***Bizarre* - France / USA**

By Étienne Faure

With Pierre Prieur, Adrian James, Raquel Nave, Rebekah Underhill

World premiere

#### ***De ce eu? (Why me?)* - Romania / Bulgaria / Hungary**



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By Tudor Giurgiu  
With Emilian Oprea, Mihai Constantin, Andreea Vasile, Dan Condurache,  
Liviu Pintileaska  
World premiere

***El incendio (The Fire)*** - Argentina  
By Juan Schnitman  
With Pilar Gamboa, Juan Barberini  
World premiere

***Härte (Tough Love)*** - Germany  
By Rosa von Praunheim  
With Luise Heyer, Hanno Koffler, Katy Karrenbauer, Marion Erdmann,  
Andreas Marquardt  
World premiere

***How To Win At Checkers (Every Time)*** - Thailand / USA / Indonesia  
By Josh Kim  
World premiere

***Mariposa (Butterfly)*** - Argentina  
By Marco Berger  
With Ailín Salas, Javier De Pietro, Julián Infantino, Malena Villa  
World premiere

***Nasty Baby*** - USA  
By Sebastián Silva  
With Kristen Wiig, Sebastián Silva, Tunde Adebimpe, Mark Margolis, Reg  
E. Cathey  
International Premiere

***Necktie Youth*** - South Africa  
By Sibs Shongwe-La Mer  
With Sibs Shongwe-La Mer, Bonko Cosmo, Emma Tollman, Jonathan  
Young, Colleen Balchin  
World premiere

***Onthakan (The Blue Hour)*** - Thailand  
By Anucha Boonyawatana  
With Atthaphan Poonsawas, Oabnithi Wiwattanawarang, Duangjai Hirunsri  
World premiere

***Out of My Hand*** - USA  
By Takeshi Fukunaga  
With Bishop Blay, Duke Murphy Dennis, Zenobia Kpoto  
World premiere



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***Paridan az Ertefa Kam (A Minor Leap Down)*** - Iran / France

By Hamed Rajabi

With Negar Javaherian, Rambod Javan

World premiere

***Petting Zoo*** - Germany / Greece / USA

By Micah Magee

With Devon Keller, Austin Reed, Deztiny Gonzales, Kiowa Tucker

World premiere

***Pionery-geroi (Pioneer Heroes)*** - Russian Federation

By Natalia Kudryashova

With Natalia Kudryashova, Daria Moroz, Aleksei Mitin, Aleksandr Userdin

World premiere

***Que Horas Ela Volta? (The Second Mother)*** - Brazil

By Anna Muylaert

European premiere

***Sangailė (The Summer of Sangailė)*** - Lithuania / France / Netherlands

By Alantė Kavaiė

With Julija Steponaitytė, Aistė Dirutė, Juratė Sodytė, Martynas Budraitis

European premiere

***Sangue azul (Blue Blood)*** - Brazil

By Lirio Ferreira

With Daniel de Oliveira, Caroline Abras, Sandra Coverloni, Rômulo Braga

International premiere

***Zui Sheng Meng Si (Thanatos, Drunk)*** - Taiwan

By Chang Tso-Chi

With Lee Hong-Chi, Chen Jen-Shuo, Huang Shang-Ho, Lu Hsueh-Feng,

Wang Ching-Ting

World premiere

Previously announced fictional films (see press release from December 16, 2014):

***54: The Director's Cut*** by Mark Christopher, USA (WP)

***Chorus*** by François Delisle, Canada (EP)

***Der letzte Sommer der Reichen (The Last Summer of the Rich)***

by Peter Kern, Austria (WP)

***Dora oder Die sexuellen Neurosen unserer Eltern (Dora or The Sexual Neuroses of Our Parents)*** by Stina Werenfels, Switzerland / Germany



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**Dyke Hard** by Bitte Andersson, Sweden (IP)

**Gukje Shijang (Ode to My Father)** by JK Youn, Republic of Korea (EP)

**I Am Michael** by Justin Kelly, USA (IP)

**Jun Zhong Le Yuan (Paradise in Service)** by Doze Niu Chen-Zer, Taiwan (EP)

**Meurtre à Pacot (Murder in Pacot)** by Raoul Peck, France / Haiti / Norway (EP)

**Mot Naturen (Out of Nature)** by Ole Giæver, Marte Vold, Norway

**Ned Rifle** by Hal Hartley, USA (EP)

**Stories of Our Lives** by Jim Chuchu, Kenya (EP)

Previously announced films in *Panorama Dokumente*:

**B-Movie: Lust & Sound in West-Berlin** by Jörg A. Hoppe, Klaus Maeck, Heiko Lange, Germany (WP)

**Danielův Svět (Daniel's World)** by Veronika Liskova, Czech Republic (IP)

**El hombre nuevo (The New Man)** by Aldo Garay, Uruguay / Chile (WP)

**Fassbinder - lieben ohne zu fordern (Fassbinder - To Love without Demands)** by Christian Braad Thomsen, Denmark (WP)

**Iraqi Odyssey** by Samir, Switzerland / Germany / Iraq / United Arab Emirates (EP)

**The Yes Men Are Revolting** by Laura Nix, Andy Bichlbaum, Mike Bonanno, USA (EP)

For more information, see the first *Panorama* press release from Dec. 16, 2014, at:

[http://www.berlinale.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/alle/Alle-Detail\\_25556.html](http://www.berlinale.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/alle/Alle-Detail_25556.html)

(WP= World premiere, IP= International premiere, EP = European premiere)

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