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Berlinale 2008: With 50 Films, the Panorama is Now Complete

This year's *Panorama* will present 17 feature films in its main programme, 15 in *Panorama Special* and 18 in its *Panorama Dokumente* series. 31 of these films are world premieres and 17 directorial debuts.

Opening Films

The *Panorama* main programme will open with *Rusalka (Mermaid)*, the second work of Russian director Anna Melikyan, whose first film, *Mars*, screened in the *Panorama* in 2005. The story imaginatively pursues the childhood experiences of a little girl up into the turbulent and excessive reality of present-day Moscow. Emotionally and visually rich, the film sets the tone for a number of this year's contributions. In particular women directors - and a third of *Panorama* features films are by women - have evolved detailed cinematographic narratives.

The *Panorama Special* will open with the Israeli-German-French co-production *Lemon Tree* by Eran Riklis. Leading actress Hiam Abbass, (International Jury Berlinale 2007) can also be seen in a French entry, *La fabrique des sentiments (The Feelings Factory)* by Jean-Marc Moutout. In *Lemon Tree*, she plays a Palestinian woman who has inherited a lemon grove bordering directly on Israeli territory. The tragic dimensions of what she experiences make the current complexity of the region palpable.

Panorama Dokumente

Panorama Dokumente will open with Parvez Sharma's *A Jihad For Love*, which introduces a central topic: the emergence of a new combative attitude among queers in countries where they are denied basic rights, legally and/or morally. Produced by Sandi Dubowski, who confronted orthodox Judaism with human rights issues in his *Trembling Before G-d* and won the 2001 TEDDY for it, *A Jihad For Love* confronts the Islamic world and its advocates with similar questions.

Other films addressing this central topic are *Das andere Istanbul* by Döndü Kilic, *EAST/WEST- Sex & Politics* by Jochen Hick, *Improvvisamente l'inverno scorso (Suddenly, Last Winter)* by Gustav Hofer and Luca Ragazzi, as well as Rosa von Praunheim's *Tote Schwule - lebende Lesben*.

In addition there's Julian Shaw's *Darling! The Pieter-Dirk Uys Story*, an essay on political activist and comedian Pieter-Dirk Uys, who has for years been

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fighting against apartheid and AIDS in South Africa; and Yunus Vally's *The Glow Of White Women*.

The following *Panorama Dokumente* films concentrate on **music**, a focal point of all Berlinale sections:

In *Café de los Maestros* by Argentinian director Miguel Kohan, master musicians and singers from the golden days of the tango come together for an extraordinary big event. Oscar-winner Gustavo Santaolalla co-produced this film with Lita Stantic and Walter Salles.

Heavy Metal in Baghdad by Eddy Moretti and Suroosh Alvi documents the dramatic life of the Iraqi band Acrassicauda from Saddam Hussein's fall to the uncertain present.

Patti Smith: Dream of Life by Steven Sebring chronicles over eleven years in the life of this singer, poet and painter. Known as the godmother of punk, Patti Smith narrates the film herself.

Wild Combination: A Portrait of Arthur Russell by Matt Wolf revives the avant-garde composer, singer, songwriter and disco producer, who died from AIDS in 1992.

Bananaz by Ceri Levy follows Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett, the creators of Gorillaz - the first virtual cartoon band - as they brainstorm and implement their ideas.

Manfred Salzgeber Prize

Three outstanding international film experts have been won for this year's jury:

Mirsad Purivatra, director of the Sarajevo International Film Festival

Bee Tham Tan, founder of the Asian Film Archive in Singapore

Susanne Pfeffer, curator of the KW Institute for Contemporary Art in Berlin

The Manfred Salzgeber Prize is awarded in memory of the former director of the *Panorama*, who also helped shape the Berlin Film Festival. It goes to a film "that broadens the boundaries of cinema today" and is a non-cash prize for technical services required for cinema screenings.

The *TEDDY - Queer Film Award* will be presented at the Berlinale on



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Thursday, February 14, at the House of World Cultures. The nine-member jury, made up of festival organisers from around the world, will present the award in Berlin for the 22nd time.

Here is the complete list of the films of this year's *Panorama*:

Documentary films

A Jihad For Love USA/Germany/Great Britain/France/Australia
by Parvez Sharma

Bananaz Great Britain
by Ceri Levy
with Damon Albarn, Jamie Hewlett

Café de los Maestros Argentina
by Miguel Kohan

Darling! The Pieter-Dirk Uys Story Australia
by Julian Shaw
with Pieter-Dirk Uys, Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu

Das andere Istanbul (The Other Side of Istanbul) Germany
by Döndü Kilic

Derek Great Britain
by Isaac Julien
with Tilda Swinton

EAST/WEST - Sex & Politics Germany
by Jochen Hick

Erika Rabau - Der Puck von Berlin (Erika Rabau - Puck of Berlin)
Germany
by Samson Vicent
with Erika Rabau

Full Battle Rattle USA
by Tony Gerber and Jesse Moss



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Heavy Metal In Baghdad USA
by Eddy Moretti and Suroosh Alvi

Improvvisamente l'inverno scorso (*Suddenly, Last Winter*) Italy
by Gustav Hofer and Luca Ragazzi
with Veronica Pivetti

Jesus Christus Erlöser (*Jesus Christus Savior*) Germany
by Peter Geyer
with Klaus Kinski

Patti Smith: Dream Of Life USA
by Steven Sebring

Sag mir, wo die Schönen sind... (*The Beauties from Leipzig*) Germany
by Gunther Scholz

Sharon Israel/Germany
by Dror Moreh

The Glow Of White Women South Africa
by Yunus Vally

The Living End: Remixed and Remastered USA
by Gregg Araki
with Mike Dytri, Craig Gilmore, Mary Woronov, Mark Finch, Johanna Went
(*Panorama* 1992, digitally remastered)

Tote Schwule - lebende Lesben (*Dead Gay Men and Living Lesbians*)
Germany
by Rosa von Praunheim

Wild Combination: A Portrait of Arthur Russell USA
by Matt Wolf

With Gilbert & George Great Britain
by Julian Cole

Feature Films



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3 días (Before the Fall) Spain

by F. Javier Gutiérrez

with Víctor Clavijo, Mariana Cordero, Eduard Fernández, Juan Galván,
Elvira de Armiñán, Ana de las Cuevas, Daniel Casadellá

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3 zan Iran

by Manijeh Hekmat

with Niki Karimi, Pegah Ahangarani, Maryam Boubani, Reza Kianian, Babak
Hamidian, Atila Pessiani

PANORAMA SPECIAL

Arumdabda (Beautiful) Republic of Korea

by Jaihong Juhn

with Cha Soo-yeon, Lee Chun-hee

PANORAMA SPECIAL

Boy A Great Britain

by John Crowley

with Andrew Garfield, Peter Mullan, Katie Lyons, Shaun Evans

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Chiko Germany

by Özgür Yildirim

with Denis Moschitto, Moritz Bleibtreu, Volkan Özcan, Reyhan Sahin, Ogün
Yardim

PANORAMA SPECIAL

Corazones de Mujer (Woman's Hearts) Italy/Morocco

by Kiff Kosoof

with Aziz Ahmeri, Ghizlane Waldi

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Coupable (Guilty) France

by Laetitia Masson

with Hélène Fillières, Jérémie Rénier, Amira Casar, Denis Podalydès, Anne
Consigny, Marc Barbé, Dinara Droukarova

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Det som ingen ved (What No One Knows) Denmark/Sweden



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by Søren Kragh-Jacobsen
with Anders W. Berthelsen, Maria Bonnevie, Ghita Nørby, Marie Louise Wille
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Dream Boy USA
by James Bolton
with Max Roeg, Stephan Bender, Diana Scarwid
PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Eskalofrio (Shiver) Spain
by Isidro Ortiz
with Junio Valverde, Mar Sodupe, Francesc Orella, Roberto Enríquez, Andrés Herrera
PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Filth And Wisdom Great Britain
by Madonna
with Eugene Hutz, Holly Weston, Vicky McClure, Richard E. Grant, Stephen Graham, Inder Manocha, Shobu Kapoor
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Genenet al asmak (The Aquarium) Egypt/France/Germany
by Yousry Nasrallah
with Hend Sabry, Amr Waked, Gamil Rateb, Bassem Samra, Ahmed El Fichawy, Dorra Zarouk, Menha El Batraoui, Tamim Abdou
PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Hatsu-koi (First Love) Japan
by Imaizumi Koichi
with Murakami Hiroshi, Matsunoki Teppen, Kawashima Ryoya, Horie Shinji, Shibata Kei
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Hu-tieh (Soul of a Demon) Taiwan
by Chang Tso-chi
with Tseng Yi-che, Chen Pei-chun, Cheng Yu-jen, Chan Cheng-yun, Tsai Chieh-de, Hsieh Yueh-hsia
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Jas sum od Titov Veles (I Am From Titov Veles) Macedonia/France/



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Belgium/Slovenia

by Teona Strugar Mitevska

with Labina Mitevska, Ana Kostovska, Nikolina Kujaca, Xhevdet Jasari

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Jerusalema South Africa

by Ralph Ziman

with Rapulana Seiphemo, Jeffery Zekele, Ronnie Nyakale, Jafta

Mamabolo, Malusi Skenjana

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La fabrique des sentiments (The Feelings Factory) France/Belgium

by Jean-Marc Moutout

with Elsa Zylberstein, Jacques Bonnaffé, Bruno Putzulu, Hiam Abbas

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La Rabia Argentina

by Albertina Carri

with Analía Couceyro, Javier Lorenzo, Victor Hugo Carrizo

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Le ring (The Fight) Canada

by Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette

with Maxime Desjardins-Tremblay, Maxime Dumontier, Julianne Côté,

Jason Roy Léveillé, Jean-François Casabonne, Stéphane Demers, Suzanne

Lemoine, René-Daniel Dubois

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Lemon Tree Israel/Germany/France

by Eran Riklis

with Hiam Abbass, Rona Lipaz-Michael, Doron Tavory, Ali Suliman, Tarik

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PANORAMA SPECIAL

Love And Other Crimes Germany/Serbia/Austria/Slovenia

by Stefan Arsenijevic

with Anica Dobra, Milena Dravic, Fedja Stojanovic, Hanna Schwamborn,

Vuk Kostic

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Maré, nossa historia de amor (Another Love Story)



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Brazil/France/Uruguay

by Lúcia Murat

with Cristina Lago, Vinicius D'Black, Marisa Orth, Jefchander Lucas, Anjo Lopes, Elisa Lucinda, Flávio Bauraqui, Malu Galli, Babu Santana

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Megane (Megane (Glasses)) Japan

by Naoko Ogigami

with Satomi Kobayashi, Mikako Ichikawa, Ryo Kase, Ken Mitsuishi, Masako Motai

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Otto; or, up with Dead People Germany/Canada

by Bruce LaBruce

with Jey Crisfar, Katharina Klewinghaus, Susanne Sachsse

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Piao Lang Qing Chun (Drifting Flowers) Taiwan

by Zero Chou

with Serena Fang, Pai Chih-ying, Chao Yi-lan, Lu Yi-ching, Sam Wang, Herb Hsu, Ma Yi-hang

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Revanche Austria

by Götz Spielmann

with Johannes Krisch, Irina Potapenko, Ursula Strauss, Andreas Lust, Hannes Thanheiser

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Rusalka (Mermaid) Russian Federation

by Anna Melikian

with Masha Shalaeva, Yevgeniy Tsyganov, Maria Sokova, Nastya Doncova, Irina Scrinichenko

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Sleep Dealer USA/Mexico

by Alex Rivera

with Luis Fernando Peña, Leonor Varela, Jacob Vargas, Tenoch Huerta, Metztli Adamina

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Sonetàula Italy

by Salvatore Mereu

with Francesco Falchetto, Manuela Martelli, Antonio Crisponi, Serafino Spiggia

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The Amazing Truth About Queen Raquela Iceland

by Olaf de Fleur Johannesson

with Raquela Rios, Stefan Schaefer, Olivia Galudo, Brax Villa, Valerie Grand Einarsson, Markus Kalberer

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Tout est parfait (Everything Is Fine) Canada

by Yves-Christian Fournier

with Maxime Dumontier, Chloé Bourgeois, Maxime Bessette, Jean-Noël Raymond-Jetté, Niels Schneider

PANORAMA MAIN PROGRAMME

Transiberian Spain/Germany/Great Britain/Lithuania

by Brad Anderson

with Woody Harrelson, Ben Kingsley, Emily Mortimer, Thomas Kretschmann, Eduardo Noriega, Kate Mara

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Supporting Films

No Bikini Canada

by Claudia Morgado Escanilla

with Matrya Fedor, Apollonia Vanova, Christine Lippa, Cole McLeod

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Tá Brazil

by Felipe Sholl

with Fernando São Thiago, João Ferreira

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