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TEDDY AWARD ceremony: 14 February 2014, Komische Oper Berlin

### 28th TEDDY AWARD – The jury

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Dear Madam and Sir,

Queer filmmakers and festival organisers from nine countries across four continents are this year's international jury for the 28th TEDDY AWARD to be presented on 14 February in the Komische Oper Berlin. Together they share a passion and commitment to queer film. Choosing from the queer films shown in all sections of the festival, the task of the nine-strong jury is to decide on the prizewinners in the categories best feature film, best documentary and best short film and to make a special jury award.

The president of the 2014 TEDDY jury **Marten Rabarts** hails from New Zealand. As producer and director, he has taught for many years at film schools. He worked for 12 years as the artistic director of the Binger Filmlab in Amsterdam before moving in 2012 to Mumbai to take up his present role as Head of Development at the National Film Development Corporation of India.

Moscow-born visual artist **Masha Godovannaya** studied cinema in the United States and is film programmer. In 2003 she returned to Russia to teach film and video at the University of St. Petersburg. She has been a jury member for the SIDE BY SIDE LGBT international film festival. Psychology graduate **Julián David Correa** was co-founder in 2001 of the Bogotá LGBT film festival CICLO ROSA. He works for the Directorate of Cinematography at the Colombian Ministry of Culture. **Ana David** is the co-director and head of programming for QUEER LISBOA – INTERNATIONAL QUEER FILM FESTIVAL, the longest running film festival in Lisbon, Portugal.

Canadian **Andrew Murphy** graduated in anthropology and journalism and is currently responsible for programming Toronto's INSIDE OUT LGBT FILM FESTIVAL after 12 years as the programmer for the ATLANTIC FILM FESTIVAL in Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Ellen Becht** trained as a professional pianist. However, she is also the programmer and media spokesperson for PRIDE PICTURES, the LGBT film festival in Karlsruhe, Germany. In addition, she is an organiser of the Karlsruhe LGBT cultural event SCHRILL IM APRIL.

**Dave Kim** is managing director of the South Korean firm Rainbow Factory, the country's only production company to specialise in LGBT films. Dave Kim is a member of the Korean gay rights organisation *Chingusai* and has been head of programming for the SEOUL LGBT FILM FESTIVAL for the last four years. The Czech filmmaker **Lucia Kajankova** has been head of programming since 2007 for the highly regarded queer film festival MEZIPATRA in Prague. **Oscar Eriksson** is co-founder and co-director of Sweden's largest queer film festival CINEMA QUEER INTERNATIONAL in Stockholm.

The official introduction to the nine members of the TEDDY jury will take place during the **TEDDY GRAND OPENING PARTY** on **Friday 7 February from 10pm** in SchwuZ, Rollbergstrasse 26, Berlin Neukölln. Following the jury reception, a fantastic line-up of live acts and DJs promises to get the 28th TEDDY AWARD off to a flying start.

And for those wanting to get the inside information on the queer films in competition for the TEDDY, **Wieland Speck** head of the Panorama section of the Berlinale and TEDDY director will present his **Introduction to the TEDDY selection 2014**, a MonGay Special, on Monday 3 February 2014 at Kino International, Karl-Marx-Allee 33, 10178 Berlin. Ticket proceeds will go to the TEDDY foundation (Tickets 7 euro, reductions 6.50).

The programme of the TEDDY AWARD is available online at [www.teddyaward.tv](http://www.teddyaward.tv)

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