

Press Kit

The 32nd TEDDY AWARD

The queer film prize of the Berlin International Film Festival



32 Years of the TEDDY AWARD:

more than 1000 films

more than 100 award winners

more than 1 million cinema visitors

During the 68th Berlin International Film Festival

FRIDAY, February 23rd, HAUS DER BERLINER FESTSPIELE THE 32nd TEDDY AWARD Ceremony und Backstage Party

The TEDDY AWARD is the most important queer film award in the world. It is a socially committed political award that praises films and individuals who communicate queer topics on a wider scale, thus contributing to greater tolerance, acceptance, solidarity and equality in society. The TEDDY AWARD has been awarded since 1987 as part of the Berlin International Film Festival in the following categories: the best feature film, the best documentary / essay film and the best short film, as well as the TEDDY Readers' Award, the L'Oréal TEDDY Newcomer Award, the TEDDY Jury Award and a special TEDDY AWARD for outstanding artistic achievements. Films from all sections of the Berlin International Film Festival compete every year for the bronze-covered TEDDYs.

The series of previous TEDDY AWARD winners ranges from international star directors such as Pedro Almodóvar, Gus Van Sant, Derek Jarman and Ulrike Ottinger to international screen stars such as Oscar-winning Tilda Swinton, Helmut Berger, Joe Dallesandro and John Hurt. More than 2000 guests from the worlds of culture, art, business, politics and society are expected to attend this year's event.

The press kit and photos are also available for download at www.teddyaward.tv. The TEDDY AWARD ceremony will be streamed live on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/teddyaward1/>), at www.teddyaward.tv and at Alex-Berlin (www.alex-berlin.de).

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During the Berlinale you can find us every day in the Festival Press Centre till the evening of the 25th of February. **Please keep in mind that Berlinale Accreditation is not valid for the TEDDY AWARD. You can fill in the TEDDY AWARD accreditation form here: www.teddyaward.tv**

Events of the 32nd TEDDY AWARD 2018 during the 68th Berlin International Film Festival

Monday, 12.02.2018, 10 pm, Kino International

Introduction to the TEDDY 2018 Programme with Michael Stütz and Wieland Speck
MonGay, Kino International, Karl-Marx-Allee 33, 10178 Berlin

Friday, 16.02.2018, 10 pm, Südblock/Kottbusser Tor

Welcome reception for the international TEDDY-Jury 2018
Südblock, Admiralstraße 1-2, 10999 Berlin (Free entrance)

Tuesday, 20.02.2018, 11:30 am, BRLO Brwhouse

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Diversity Talk: “Before Pride”: Queer Film Pioneers on their legacy and contemporary work

BRLO Brwhouse, Schöneberger Straße 16, 10963 Berlin
with: Jerry Tartaglia

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm: Diversity Talk: “Bodies of Evidence”: The Sensual and Political Power of Transformation

BRLO Brwhouse, Schöneberger Straße 16, 10963 Berlin
with: Claudia Priscilla, Kiko Goifman, Evangelia Kranioti, Linn da Quebrada

Wednesday, 21.02.2018, 11:30 am, BRLO Brwhouse / 4:30 pm, Martin Gropius Bau

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Diversity Talk: “Black Queer Women in Focus”: The Economy of Space and Desire

BRLO Brwhouse, Schöneberger Straße 16, 10963 Berlin
with: Leilah Weinraub, Alina Skrzyszewska

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Diversity Talk: “Go Your Own Way”: Adolescent Resistance in Queer Narratives

BRLO Brwhouse, Schöneberger Straße 16, 10963 Berlin
with: Martín Rodríguez Redondo, Tsivia Barkai

Thursday, 22.02.2018, 4:30 pm, Embassy of Canada

Diversity Talk: Diversity and Gender Equality in Career and Society
Botschaft von Kanada in Berlin, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin (only with pre-registration)

Friday, 23.02.2018, 8:30 pm, HAUS DER BERLINER FESTSPIELE

Within the framework of the Berlin International Film Festival

32nd TEDDY AWARD Ceremony

HAUS DER BERLINER FESTSPIELE, Schaperstraße 24, 10719 Berlin

7 pm: Doors open

8:30 pm: The 32nd TEDDY AWARD Ceremony

Host: Jack Woodhead

With: Sookee, Irmgard Knief, Tim Kriegler, Markus Pabst, Linn da Quebrada, Duo Sienna

11:30 pm: TEDDY 32 Backstage PARTY und After Show Lounge

Tickets HOTLINE: +49 (0)30 - 4799 7474

Ticket Prices 2018:

Sponsor ticket Cat. A inkl. Reception: 148,- EUR

Seating Cat. A: 74,- EUR

Seating Cat. B: 52,- EUR

Seating Cat C: 35,- EUR

Screening Lounge + Party 25,- EUR

Ticket Info: www.teddyaward.tv

Monday, 26.02.2018, 10 pm, Kino International

Screening of the TEDDY winner(s) 2018

MonGay, Kino International, Karl-Marx-Allee 33, 10178 Berlin

INTRODUCING – ON STAGE OF THE TEDDY AWARD IN THE HAUS DER BERLINER FESTSPIELE – AWARD CEREMONY & BACKSTAGE PARTY

Jack Woodhead – the Host

Originally from the UK, Jack Woodhead is a singer, pianist, and composer, now living in Berlin. Jack hosts the renowned variety show “The Trip”, which went on to a highly acclaimed run in 'The Famous Spiegel Tent' in Melbourne, and all around Germany. Jack Woodhead has also written musical scores and starred in several hit musicals including 'Der Helle Wahnsinn' and 'Seifen Oper'. These productions ran for several months at the renowned Wintergarten Varieté Berlin. Jack Woodhead continues to sing and host variety, burlesque, and circus shows around the world, including the Berliner Festspiele, Tipi am Kanzleramt, GOP Varieté-Theater Hannover, Mein Schiff 1, Maggie Choo's Bangkok and Proud Cabaret London.

Sookee - Rapper

Over the last ten years, rapper and activist Sookee has helped shape the label Springstoff. Throughout this long time, her relationship to hip hop has been constantly evolving: she has continually reworked her own point of view and in recent years has made a name for herself as a queer-feminist rapper. She pushes for an alternative to the sexist status-quo in German rap and persistently strives for an emancipatory, left-wing hip hop scene. Sookee is a hip hop activist - as such, she always addresses her understanding of contradictions in a complex world and marks her self-image as a convinced feminist.

Linn da Quebrada - Singer

In 2016, multimedia artist Linn found in music another medium to fight for the breakdown of sexual, gender and body paradigms. Her first single, *Enviadescer*, made a lot of noise because of its direct lyrics and a music video that openly displays transvestites and feminized bodies. Also with her other songs, like *Talento* and *Bixa Preta*, open promotion of sexual tolerance is among Linn's main concepts. In 2017, the artist assumed another way of communication by launching *blasFêmea*, her first audiovisual experiment, which she wrote and directed herself. She maintained her engagement, and in the same week, Linn opened a collective financing campaign for the production of *Pajubá*, her debut album, which exceeded her initial goal, and was released some months later, in October. In concerts, Linn da Quebrada is accompanied by the music producer *BadSista*, the singer *Jup do Bairro*, the drummer *Valentino Valentino*, and the DJ *Pininga*.

Irmgard Knef - Cabaret artist

She looks like a Knef, moves like a Knef, mumbles like a Knef, sings like a Knef - well she is a Knef. Naturally not the world star Hildegard - sadly that Knef already left us. But second-born: Hilde's fictitious twin sister. Irmgard, "probably the most explosive find in the history of German entertainment" (*Der SPIEGEL*). Behind the perfect masquerade there is a man dressed as an old diva. The German actor, playwright and stage-director Ulrich Michael Heissig.

Markus Pabst – Artist

"Godfather of variety", "The Tarentino of variety", a "variety punk" or just "The Variety Pabst [German for pope]". Markus Pabst has received many such "titles" throughout his career. For more than 30 years, he has reformed and revolutionised the variety scene like no one else. "SOAP", "DUMMY" and "Der helle Wahnsinn" are just some of the shows directed by Pabst. In addition, he also writes pieces and shows and has again started performing on stage himself over the last year. His cooperation with Jack Woodhead, "KAWUMM", has been celebrated by press and audience for its entire 220-show run.

Tim Kriegler – Artiste

He completed his training as an artist only a year ago; since then, the events for the young BASE artist have piled up. The renowned GOP Variety engaged him for two months and shortly thereafter he made his debut abroad. He played over 30 shows on the La Clique show in Edinburgh. The renowned circus festival Cirque de Demain in Paris nominated him earlier this month. After the TEDDY AWARDS, he will play in Brighton and later this year in Australia. Usually Tim's specialty is in the air, but for the TEDDY he has specially rehearsed a new performance.

Duo Sienna Vertical Pole – Artistes

Sina and Vienna manage to combine elegance and power in a fascinating way. On the “pole” as well as the “air ring”, they communicate without words and savor every second in the deepest connection. With blind trust, these strong characters compliment each other perfectly, creating moments of enthralling intensity. Two novel performances of the highest quality, that will instantly captivate you with their mystical aesthetics.

Alkis – VJ

After he had lost any joy from his work as a journalist, he had to become something else. In 2007, he got his initial spark at Pornfilm Festival in Berlin, where he saw some excellent VJs during the party. It all went fast from there: gigs abroad, residency at Vienna Jewish queer Kibbutz club and at the men-party Pitbull in Vienna. When somebody asks him what he is doing he mostly replies “video-collages”. Clips that he prepares and mixes live on stage and which only last a few seconds. He uses pictures from popular culture, from blockbusters to Youtube. Nothing is safe from his scissors. Layer by layer these pictures are applied one over the other and new combinations are created from scratch – always live, always made specifically for the unique night.

DJs

2FARO AKA Cristofaro Salvato

When you see a dancefloor alive with dancing, screaming and smiling people, you can be sure that 2FARO is playing.

Since his last year's set at the the TEDDY AWARD 2017, many other nightclubs in Berlin have been graced with the vibe that only he can instill:

Kitkat Club, Suicide Circus, Salon zur wilden Renate and SchwuZ, to name just a few. Further afield, he has scored gigs at La Robeterie in Bologna and the legendary Bronx club in Stockholm.

He lost also his festival virginity at the Feel Festival and the Whole United Queer Festival. 2018 is set to be an even more exciting year. Straight after TEDDY AWARD, he will embark on a two-week tour of Brazil with his DJ peers from Berlin.

Das blaue Wunder

The DJ Duo Das blaue Wunder feat. Magnus und Norbert will play at the TEDDY AFTER SHOW LOUNGE. They will spin decades of collected vinyl delicacies in a musical selection one could almost call eclecticist. Magnus and Norbert are resident DJs at the Kreuzberg institutions Südblock and Möbel Olfe.

Mashyno AKA Stephane Peyre

Mashyno landed in Berlin in 2011 where he immersed himself into the electronic music scene. In 2013 he created Crush with 2FARO and one year later the glorious party G Day where they are both still resident DJs. Mashyno played Berlin venues such as Wilde Renate, Griessmuehle, About blank, Suicide Circus and SchwuZ, as well as some famous queer parties in Spain, Italy and Sweden. His mixes from House to Techno, with a lot of genre fluidity such as Nu Disco, Deep House and Acid House, take the audience on a cosmic trip and share that special vibration humans call LOVE.

TEDDY's place to beer @ BRLO at Gleisdreieck

„TEDDY's place to beer“ with TEDDY's Special Beer Hour Wednesday-Sunday from 5 pm in the BRLO Brewery at U-Bahnhof Gleisdreieck, Schöneberger Strasse 16, 10963 Berlin, brlo-brwhouse.de

THE TEDDY AWARD

The TEDDY AWARD is the most important queer film award in the world and has more to it than just a cultural impact. As long as homosexuality is threatened with the death penalty in some parts of the world and homophobic violence is an everyday occurrence even in cities like Berlin, the TEDDY AWARD also has a political significance and responsibility.

THE AWARD

Prizes are awarded in the following categories: Best Feature Film, Best Documentary/Essay Film and Best Short Film, as well as the TEDDY Readers' Award, the L'Oréal TEDDY Newcomer Award, the TEDDY Jury Award and the Special TEDDY AWARD, for which the coveted bronze statue goes to outstanding personalities for their artistic lifetime achievement. Films from all sections of the Berlin International Film Festival - most of them world premieres and international premieres - compete for the TEDDY AWARDS every year. The series of previous TEDDY AWARD winners ranges from the internationally renowned directors such as Pedro Almodóvar, Gus Van Sant, Derek Jarman, Ulrike Ottinger, Monika Treut and Werner Schroeter to internationally acclaimed actors such as Helmut Berger, Joe Dallesandro, Mario Montez, John Hurt and Oscar winning Tilda Swinton. The award ceremony is the largest audience event at the Berlin International Film Festival.

THE AWARD CEREMONY

More than 1500 guests from culture, art, economy, politics and society are expected to attend the ceremony. The TEDDY AWARD-Gala is a glamorous highlight in the cultural calendar of Berlin - not least because of the best and most exciting party of the Berlinale, which traditionally follows the award ceremony. The TEDDY AWARD Gala is a non-profit event, funded exclusively by contributions from the sponsors and patrons of the Teddy e.V., through the commitment of many volunteers as well as through donations from supporters and sponsors.

THE TEDDY AWARD JURY

Natascha Frankenberg is the programmer of *begehrt!*, the queer film section of the International Women's Film Festival Dortmund|Cologne. She is a film and media scholar and is currently doing her doctorate. Her PhD dissertation deals with the topic of temporality in queer studies and in queer documentary films. She was a research assistant at the Institute for Media Studies in Bochum and a research associate at the Helene Lange College: Queer Studies and Intermediality: Art - Music - Media Culture at the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg.

Bohdan Zhuk is a programmer for the Kyiv International Film Festival Molodist, Ukraine's biggest film fest (47th edition to take place in 2018) since 2014. He's the curator of its LGBTQ programme Sunny Bunny, which has been part of the festival since 2001 and is Ukraine's oldest regular queer-themed event. Under his curatorship, the programme was expanded and reformatted. With a master's in linguistics and a background as translator, radio journalist and host, he also works as communications manager for the British Council in Ukraine, writes articles about cinema, and translates films for national releases.

Roisín Geraghty is a producer, programmer, and festival manager, with experience in film and festival production from both Ireland and the US. She is currently the film programmer for GAZE International LGBT Film Festival. She has previously worked with Cork Film Festival, Galway Film Fleadh and Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival in Ireland, as well as the Independent Filmmaker Project (IFP) and Tribeca Film Festival in New York. She is interested in the creation, curation and proliferation of independent narrative and documentary film content, as well as advocating for both the creative and business elements of film.

Franck Finance-Madureira is a french movie journalist based in Paris. He's the co-editor-in-chief of FrenchMania, a website and a magazine dedicated to cinema and tv series through the lens of francophony. He is a member of French Syndicate of Cinema Critics. In 2010, he created the Queer Palm, the LGBTQI award of Cannes Film Festival which baseline is "Open minded award since 2010". Franck is also a casting director and plans to write his first book and direct his first short-movie very soon.

Pecha Lo graduated with an MA in Film History and the Visual Media from Birkbeck University in London, where she studied with Laura Mulvey and established a keen interest in film, feminist and gender equality theories. She currently serves as Secretary General of Taiwan Women's Film Association and is the festival director of the international Women Make Waves Film Festival in Taipei, Taiwan's third largest film festival and only women's film festival. Pecha also lectures in film in community colleges, and is a freelance film critic and an advocate of the LGBT-rights movement in Taiwan.

Antonio Harfuch is a content producer and film curator living in Mexico City. He has worked in several media production companies including Zamora Films, The Maestros, Redrum, Piano Films. From 2015 to 2017 he was a film curator for the Morelia International Film Festival, one of the most influential film festivals in Latin America, where he was also part of the team producing content for the festival's social media. He is the founder & artistic coordinator of the Genre and Sexual Diversity Film Programme, a programme of Mexican queer shorts films that emerged from this festival. He is strongly committed with the promotion of LGBT films and more broadly with films that showcase the richness of human diversity. He is currently a columnist on film for Fusion, a Spanish language news and cultural website.

Marthe Djilo Kamga is one of the founders and coordinators of the Massimadi Festival in Brussels, Marthe Djilo Kamga's professional and personal career has always been driven by issues of anchors, vulnerabilities, multiple identities and equal opportunities. Recently, it is through artistic creations and cultural productions (cinema, performances, photos, etc.) that she tackles the questions of the reappropriation of public spaces and the production of images and archives by people in situations of invisibility. She says she is neither militant nor researcher. Enriched by a academic journey rather scientific and social, she defines herself as a thwarted artist in self-therapy. She touches everything, and constantly wonders if a single life would be enough to satiate all her inquisitiveness. Among others, In 2009, Marthe also published in the collection of Cahiers de l'Université des Femmes a book titled : Quand les femmes aiment d'autres femmes: regard sur les homosexualités féminines au Cameroun. In 2017, she co-wrote and directed a film : Vibrancy of Silence: A Discussion with My Sisters, the first part of Frieda Ekotto's visual research project on Vibrancy of Silence: Archiving Images and Cultural Production of Sub-Saharan African Women.

THE FILMS

Competition

Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot
(Milk, Promised Land)

USA

Director: Gus Van Sant

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Jonah Hill, Rooney Mara, Jack Black, Udo Kier

Las herederas (The Heiresses)

Paraguay/Germany/Uruguay/Norway/Brazil/
France

Director: Marcelo Martinessi

Cast: Ana Brun, Margarita Irún, Ana Ivanova

Touch Me Not (Don't Get Me Wrong)

Romania/Germany/Czech Republic
/Bulgaria/France

Director: Adina Pintilie

Cast: Laura Benson, Tómas Lemarquis,
Christian Bayerlein, Grit Uhlemann, Hanna
Hofmann, Seani Love, Irmena Chichikova

Panorama

Bixa Travesty (Tranny Fag)

Brazil

Directors: Claudia Priscilla, Kiko Goifman

Cast: Linn da Quebrada, Jup do Bairro,
Liniker

Game Girls - France/Germany

Director: Alina Skrzyszewska

Garbage - India

Director: Q

Cast: Tanmay Dhanania, Trimala Adhikari,
Satarupa Das

The Silk and the Flame

USA

Director: Jordan Schiele

Hojoom (Invasion)

Iran

Director: Shahram Mokri

Cast: Abed Abest, Elaheh Bakhshi, Babak
Karimi, Pedram Sharifi, Mehdi Etemad Saied

L'Animale

Austria

Director: Katharina Mueckstein

Cast: Sophie Stockinger, Kathrin Resetarits,
Dominik Warta, Julia Franz Richter, Jack
Hofer, Dominic Marcus Singer, Simon Morzé

Malambo, el hombre bueno (Malambo, the
Good Man) – Argentina

Director: Santiago Loza

Cast: Gaspar Jofre, Fernando Muñoz, Pablo
Lugones, Nubecita Vargas, Gabriela Pastor,
Carlos Defeo

Marilyn

Argentina/Chile

Director: Martín Rodríguez Redondo

Cast: Walter Rodríguez, Catalina Saavedra,
Germán de Silva, Ignacio Giménez

Obscuro Barroco

France/Greece

Director: Evangelia Kranioti

River's Edge

Japan

Director: Isao Yukisada

Cast: Fumi Nikaidou, Ryo Yoshizawa,
SUMIRE, Shiori Doi, Aoi Morikawa

Shakedown - USA

Director: Leilah Weinraub

Generation

High Fantasy

South Africa

Director: Jenna Bass

Cast Qondiswa James, Nala Khumalo,
Francesca Varrie Michel, Liza Scholtz

Tinta bruta (Hard Paint)

Brazil

Directors: Marcio Reolon, Filipe Matzembacher

Cast: Shico Menegat, Bruno Fernandes, Guega Peixoto, Sandra Dani, Frederico Vasques

Forum***Tuzdan kaide (The Pillar of Salt)***

Turkey

Director: Burak Çevik

Cast: Zinnure Türe, Esme Madra, Nazan Kesal

Yours in Sisterhood (Yours in Sisterhood)

USA

Director: Irene Lusztig

Cast: Emily Chao, Francesca Enzler, Deborah Libby, Victoria Chan

Forum Expanded***Escape From Rented Island: The Lost Paradise of Jack Smith (Escape From Rented Island: The Lost Paradise of Jack Smith)***

USA

Director: Jerry Tartaglia

Cast: Jack Smith, Mario Montez, Agosto Machado, Tally Brown, Beverly Grant

Evidentiary Bodies (Evidentiary Bodies)

USA

Director: Barbara Hammer

Contra-Internet: Jubilee 2033

USA/Great Britain

Director: Zach Blas

Cast: Susanne Sachsse, Cassils, Dany Naierman, Raquel Gutiérrez, Fusako Shiotani

Juck

Sweden

Directors: Olivia Kastebring, Julia Gumpert, Ulrika Bandeira

Je fais où tu me dis (Dressed for Pleasure)

Switzerland

Director: Marie de Maricourt

Cast: Angélique Bridoux, Nathalie Cuenet, Naelle Dariya, Vincent Chaumont, Raphaël Tschudi

Para Aduma (Red Cow)

Israel

Director: Tsivia Barkai

Cast: Avigayil Koevary, Moran Rosenblat, Gal Toren, Dana Sorin, Uri Hochman

Pop Rox

USA

Director: Nate Trinrud

Cast: Kimia Behpoornia, Sara Young Chandler, Samantha Dilday

Retablo

Peru/Germany/Norway

Director: Alvaro Delgado Aparicio

Cast: Junior Béjar Roca, Amiel Cayo, Magaly Solier

Three Centimetres

Great Britain

Director: Lara Zeidan

Cast: Mira Choukeir, Joyce Abou Jaoude, Bissan Ahmed, Melissa Dan

Hommage

Pasolini

(Pasolini)

France/Italy/Belgium

Director: Abel Ferrara

Retrospektive

Der Himmel auf Erden

(Heaven on Earth)

Germany

Directors: Reinhold Schünzel, Alfred

Schirokauer

Cast: Reinhold Schünzel, Charlotte Ander,

Adele Sandrock

Ludwig der Zweite, König von Bayern

(Ludwig II of Bavaria)

Germany

Director: Wilhelm Dieterle

Berlinale Shorts

Onde o Verão Vai

(episódios da juventude)

Portugal

Director: David Pinheiro Vicente

Cast: Miguel Amorim, Joana Peres

T.R.A.P

Argentina

Director: Manque La Banca

Cast: Teo Palvi, Julia Sbriller, Antu La Banca

Berlinale Special

The Happy Prince

(The Happy Prince)

Germany/Belgium/Italy

Director: Rupert Everett

Cast: Rupert Everett, Colin Morgan, Edwin

Thomas, Colin Firth, Emily Watson

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