

SHOOTING STARS 2007

European Film Promotion

celebrates ten years of Europe's most promising acting talent

at the Berlin International Film Festival, February 8 – 18th 2007



2006 Shooting Stars on the red carpet

10 January 2007: Twenty-five of the best and brightest young actors and actresses from across Europe have today been chosen by **European Film Promotion (EFP)** as the tenth generation of **SHOOTING STARS**. In a very special weekend of events commemorating the first highly successful decade of SHOOTING STARS, the up-and-coming talent will be presented to the public together for the first time during the Berlin International Film Festival, 10-12 February 2007. SHOOTING STARS is mainly supported by the **MEDIA** Programme of the European Union, EFP-organizations and private sponsors.

This year's SHOOTING STARS will be following in the footsteps of some of the most renowned European actors and actresses on international stage and screen. Over the past decade, household names such as **Daniel Craig** (*James Bond*, *Layer Cake*), **Rachel Weisz** (*The Constant Gardener*, *The Mummy*), **Daniel Brühl** (*Good Bye, Lenin!*, *Salvador*), **Ludivine Sagnier** (*8 Femmes*, *Swimming Pool*), **Eduardo Noriega** (*Ché Guevara*, *Alatriste*), **Aňa Geislerová** (*Beauty In Trouble*, *Something Like Happiness*) and **Stefano Accorsi** (*La Faute Á Fidel*; *Romanzo Criminale*) have taken to the Berlinale festival stage as SHOOTING STARS, rapidly rising to international acclaim shortly after.

Over the past ten years, SHOOTING STARS has sealed its reputation as the most prominent showcase of new acting talent in Europe. Attended by some of the most respected players in the film industry, SHOOTING STARS continues to gain notoriety as one of the best opportunities to spot future stars of acting Europe.

Over the course of the weekend, the Shooting Stars of 2007 will be presented to the world's media at an international press conference, as well having interviews with casting directors at a profiled Industry Breakfast. As the culmination, they will be presented with the STUDIO HAMBURG SHOOTING STARS AWARD on the main festival stage, by festival director **Dieter Kosslick**, followed by a glittering Gala Reception.

With the addition of new members from **Poland**, **Romania** and **Slovakia**, SHOOTING STARS 2007 is set to be the most successful year yet - with special anniversary celebrations looking back at ten years of support for almost 200 young actors in their careers, both at home and internationally.



Mélanie Laurent, France



Maximilian Brückner, Germany
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Jasmine Trinca, Italy



Pádraic Delaney, Ireland

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"EFP is delighted to be celebrating the tenth generation of SHOOTING STARS," comments **Renate Rose**, managing director of **European Film Promotion**. "We began this initiative to highlight the tremendous wealth of acting talent in Europe to the rest of the world, and the heritage of the project now speaks for itself."

"Over the last decade, SHOOTING STARS has become a vital event for film industry talent spotters and has helped to kick-start the careers of some of the most feted actors today – including **Daniel Craig**, the newest James Bond, who was the UK's SHOOTING STAR in 2000", adds Claudia Landsberger, president of European Film Promotion. "We're confident that the SHOOTING STARS of 2007 will go on to receive as much recognition as their predecessors, and are proud to be able to present them to the world at the Berlinale."

The SHOOTING STARS of 2007 have been chosen by **EFP member organizations** from all over Europe for their standout work and potential for international stardom.

VOLKSWAGEN and **STUDIO HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION** are once again supporting SHOOTING STARS as main sponsors for the weekend's event.

SHOOTING STARS 2007: 11TH – 12TH FEBRUARY: BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th February

- International Industry Breakfast with Casting Directors

Monday 12th February

- Press Conference: Kaisersaal at Sony Centre
- STUDIO HAMBURG SHOOTING STARS AWARD, Berlinale Palast
- Shooting Stars Gala Reception

Accreditation

- Please see www.ideageneration.co.uk for accreditation form and details on how to apply

Interviews with SHOOTING STARS 2007

- SHOOTING STARS press conference in Berlin
- Pre-Berlin interviews available
- Individual interviews with SHOOTING STARS are available at www.cineuropa.org

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AUSTRIA: Sabrina Reiter

Nominated by: Austrian Film Commission

RECENT FILMS:

Dead in 3 Days (*In 3 Tagen bist du tot*), (Andreas Prochaska, 2006)
Soko Donau/Wien, (Alexander Wiedl, 2006)

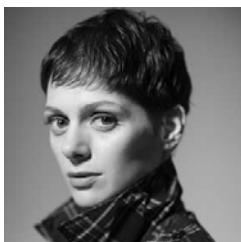


BELGIUM: Kevin Janssens

Nominated by: Flanders Image

RECENT FILMS:

Vermist (10 Episodes), (Jan Verheyen and others, 2007)
Storm Force (*Windkracht 10: Koksijde Rescue*) (Hans Herbots, 2006)
King of the World (*Koning Van De Wereld*), (Guido Henderickx, 2005)



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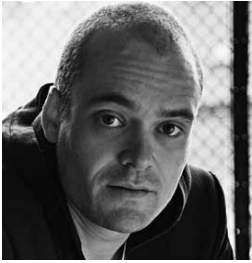
CZECH REPUBLIC: Klára Issa

Nominated by: Czech Film Center

RECENT FILMS:

Grandhotel, (David Ondříček, 2006)
Rose and Maloney (TV series), (Metin Hüseyin, 2005)
Angel Exit, (*Anděl exit*), (Vladimír Michálek, 2000)

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DENMARK: David Dencik

Nominated by: Danish Film Institute

RECENT FILMS:

Ghetto, (Daniel Espinosa, 2007)
Daisy Diamond, (Simon Staho, 2007)
A Soap (*En Soap*), (Pernille Fischer Christensen, 2006)



ESTONIA: Rain Tolk

Nominated by: Baltic Films

RECENT FILMS:

Autumn Ball, (Veiko Õunpuu, 2007)
186 Kilometers, (Andres Maimik/ Rain Tolk, 2007)
Empty (short), (Veiko Õunpuu, 2006)



FINLAND: Tommi Eronen

Nominated by: Finnish Film Foundation

RECENT FILMS:

Jade Warrior (*Jadesoturi*), (Antti-Jussi Annala, 2006)
Producing Adults (*Lapsia ja aikuisia*), (Aleksi Salmenperä, 2004)
On the Road to Emmaus (*Emmauksen Tiellä*), (Markku Pölönen, 2001)



FRANCE: Mélanie Laurent

Nominated by: Unifrance

RECENT FILMS:

Don't Worry, I'm Fine (*Je vais bien, ne t'en fais pas*), (Philippe Lioret, 2006)
Days of Glory (*Indigènes*), (Rachid Bouchareb, 2006)
The Beat that my Heart Skipped (*De battre mon coeur s'est arrêté*), (Jacques Audiard, 2005)



GERMANY: Maximilian Brückner

Nominated by: German Films

RECENT FILMS:

Schwere Jungs, (Marcus H. Rosenmüller, 2006)
Wer früher stirbt, ist länger tot, (Marcus H. Rosenmüller, 2005)
Sophie Scholl – The final days (*Sophie Scholl – Die letzten Tage*), (Marc Rothemund, 2004)

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GREECE: Panayota Vladi

Nominated by: Greek Film Centre

RECENT FILMS:

Extended Play (*Pente Lepta Akoma*), (Yannis Xanthopoulos, 2006)
Close to the Edge (*Sta Oria*), (Savvas Karydas, 2006)

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HUNGARY: Péter Nagy

Nominated by: Magyar Filmunió

RECENT FILMS:

LORA, (Gábor Herendi, 2007)

Oliver VII, (Josef Pacskovszky, 2000)

Cloud Over The Ganges (*Felhő a Gangesz felett*), (Gábor Dettre, 2000)



ICELAND: Gísli Örn Gardarsson

Nominated by: Icelandic Film Centre

RECENT FILMS:

Parents (*Foreldrar*), (Ragnar Bragason, 2007)

Children (*Börn*), (Ragnar Bragason, 2006)

Beowulf & Grendel, (Sturla Gunnarsson, 2005)



IRELAND: Pádraic Delaney

Nominated by: Irish Film Board

RECENT FILMS:

Foxes, (Mira Fornayova, 2007)

The Tudors, (Charles McDougal, Steve Shill, Brian Kirk, Ciaran Donnelly, 2006)

The Wind That Shakes The Barley, (Ken Loach, 2005)



ITALY: Jasmine Trinca

Nominated by: Filmitalia

RECENT FILMS:

Il Disco Del Mondo, (Riccardo Milani, 2006/07)

The Caiman (*Il Caimano*), (Nanni Moretti, 2005)

The Son's Room (*La Stanza Del Figlio*), (Nanni Moretti, 2001)



LUXEMBOURG: Jules Werner

Nominated by: Film Fund Luxembourg Maison de Cassal

RECENT FILMS:

Nuits d'Arabie, (Paul Kieffer, 2007)

Irina P., (Sam Garbarski, 2007)

The Merchant of Venice (Michael Radford, 2004)



THE NETHERLANDS: Halina Reijn

Nominated by: Holland Film

RECENT FILMS:

Nadine, (Erik de Bruyn, 2006)

Blackbook (*Zwartboek*), (Paul Verhoeven, 2005)

Hotel Paraiso (*Zus & Zo*), (Paula van der Oest, 2000)

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NORWAY: Nicolai Cleve Broch

Nominated by: Norwegian Film Institute

RECENT FILMS:

URO, (Stefan Faldbakken, 2006)

UNO, (Aksel Hennie, 2004)

Buddy, (Morten Tyldum, 2003)



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POLAND: Agnieszka Grochowska

Nominated by: Polish Film Institute

RECENT FILMS:

Just Love Me (*Tylko Mnie Kochaj*), (Ryszard Zatorski, 2005)

En Route (*Unterwegs*), (Jan Krüger, 2004)

Nina's Journey (*Ninas Resa*), (Lena Einhorn, 2004)



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PORTUGAL: Afonso Pimentel

Nominated by: ICAM

RECENT FILMS:

20,13, (Joaquim Leitão, 2006)

Bad Blood (*Coisa Ruim*), (Tiago Guedes / Frederico Serra, 2005)

Kiss Me, (António da Cunha Teles, 2004)



ROMANIA: Maria Popistașu

Nominated by: Romanian Film Promotion

RECENT FILMS:

Man Seeking Woman (*Man Zoekt Vrouw*), (Miel Van Hoogenbemt, 2007)

Love Sick (*Legaturi Bolnavicioase*), (Tudor Giurgiu, 2005)

Crash Test Dummies, (Jörg Kalt, 2005)



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SLOVAKIA: Táňa Pauhofová

Nominated by: Slovak Film Institute

RECENT FILMS:

Music (*Muzika*), (Juraj Nvota, 2007)

A Little Piece of Heaven (*Kousek nebe*), (Petr Nikolaev, 2005)

Cruel Joys (*Kruté Radosti*), (Juraj Nvota, 2002)



SLOVENIA: Marko Mandić

Nominated by: Slovenian Film Fund

RECENT FILMS:

Teah (*Teja*), (Hanna A.W. Slak, 2007)

Vladimir, (Zoran Živulović, 2002)

Rascals (*Barabe*), (Miran Zupanič, 2000)

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SPAIN: Óscar Jaenada

Nominated by: ICAA

RECENT FILMS:

Todos Estamos Invitados, (Manuel Gutiérrez-Aragón, 2006)
La Vida Abismal, (Ventura Pons, 2006)
Camarón, un Mito, (Jaime Chávarri, 2005)



SWEDEN: Gustaf Skarsgård

Nominated by: Swedish Film Institute

RECENT FILMS:

Kidz in da Hood (*Förortsungar*), (Ylva Gustafsson and Catti Edfeldt, 2006)
Babylon Disease (*Babylonsjukan*), (Daniel Espinoza, 2004)
The Color of Milk (*Ikke naken*), (Torun Lian, 2004)



SWITZERLAND: Nils Althaus

Nominated by: Swiss Films

RECENT FILMS:

Breakout, (Mike Eschmann, 2007)

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UK: Kate Dickie

Nominated by: British Council

RECENT FILMS:

Red Road, (Andrea Arnold, 2006)
The Harvest (short), (Joseph Briffa, 2006)
Room for the Night (short), (Vincent Hunter, 2005)

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Editor's Notes:

European Film Promotion

European Film Promotion (EFP) was established in 1997 and is this year celebrating its tenth anniversary. With 27 national export and promotion organisations from 28 countries, EFP is uniquely positioned to promote and market European cinema - and the talent behind it - throughout the world. EFP is supported by the MEDIA Programme of the European Union and by its member organisations.

EFP's mandate, as established by the Association is:

- to increase the competitive opportunities for European films in the international marketplace;
- to improve access for European film professionals to the international marketplace;
- to contribute, where possible, to the opening of new markets for European film;
- to enhance the distribution possibilities for European film;
- to further share the accumulated knowledge and experience of the Association via its European-wide network.

Poland, Romania, Slovakia

For the first time Poland, Romania and Slovakia have nominated Shooting Stars. In February 2006 the Polish Film Institute and the Slovak Film Institute became the 25th and 26th members of the EFP network, followed by Romanian Film Promotion in May 2006.

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