

PRESS INFORMATION

**„Beach Talks“ on German film to be continued at the
54th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg.**

Mannheim-Heidelberg, IFMH --- 12 October 2005

The so called „Beach Talks“, a series of discussions on German film that started at the first „Festival of German Cinema“ 2005 in Ludwigshafen/Germany will be continued at the upcoming 54th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg at the request of the then involved filmmakers. The festival directorate announced that many directors and producers that attended the newly founded Festival of German Cinema in July 2005 will come to this year's International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg to continue the discussion on the situation of German film. The Festival of German Cinema was initiated in spring 2005 as being a project of the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg. The „Beach Talks“ in July 2005 resulted in the „Ludwigshafener Position“, a manifesto where filmmakers, actors and producers formulate requirements for German film and the film industry in Germany. Among the first to sign the position were Hanna Schygulla, Peter Lilienthal, Fred Kelemen („Fallen“), Robert Thalheim („Net “), Cyril Tuschi („SommerHundeSöhne“), Alexandra Sell („Durchfahrtsland“) and many others.

The Beach Talks will take place from 23 to 25 November 2005 daily from 5pm. On November 25, 2005 at 7pm there will be a public discussion with the German filmmakers.

A selection of films from the „Festival of German Cinema“ will be shown in a sidebar of the 54th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg which takes place from 17 to 26 November 2005.

For further information:

Marija Capek

- Press -

Tel: 0049 (0)621 1560153

email: press@mannheim-filmfestival.com