



56. Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg

The International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg is changing New date and new venues

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The 56th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg is changing, the following novelties regarding geography and time will be introduced:

New date

The festival moves into October, away from November: It will take place from 9 to 21 October 2007, on 13 days instead of 10 days.

However, the International Competition, the International Discoveries section and the Arthouse Filmmarket will take place from 12 to 21 October 2007.

The MANNHEIM MEETINGS will take place from 14 to 18 October 2007.

This new date became necessary as the festival management decided to move to new venues.

New venues

The International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg wants to further stress its status as a festival of premieres which distinguishes it from almost any other film festival in Germany. The works of promising young filmmakers will be presented in an even more explicitly and exclusively festive manner, with only two screenings per film and per city (in Mannheim and Heidelberg). Therefore the festival needs appropriate and representative film theatres with sufficient seatings. Arthouse venues of such proportions are very rare though. Furthermore, an international film festival requires large space to accommodate the business rooms, e.g. for the MANNHEIM MEETINGS, the conferences, the Filmmarket etc., and the lobbies.

The International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg will therefore move to the banks of the river Rhine in Mannheim, building two large, robust, perfectly light-impermeable tents that can be heated, too, and where 1000 people respectively can be comfortably seated.

In Heidelberg, the festival will also move into a 1000-seats-tent and to the regular Cinema Studio Europa.

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