

56. Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg

PRESS INFORMATION

Focus on The Concept of Author Film at the Newcomer Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg

A retrospective and two festive evenings in honour of the „greatest author filmmaker of all times“ Ingmar Bergman at the upcoming International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg

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The upcoming 56th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg (10 to 21 October 2007) has a focus on the „concept of author film“ presenting a selection of films from Ingmar Bergman's and two festive evenings in his honour.

The most important representative of international author film, the „greatest filmmaker of all times“, unanimously awarded the „Palm of the Palms“ in Cannes in 1997, died on 30 July 2007. The festival, being the only one in Europe exclusively presenting international newcomer talents in filmmaking, will show five Bergman films and features two of his films in the framework of festive evenings:

Festive Opera Night „The Magic Flute“, Introduction by festival director Dr. Michael Kötz and screening of the film „Trollflöjten“ by Ingmar Bergman (18 and 20 October 2007, in Mannheim and Heidelberg respectively)

„Late Summer Night“, Introduction by festival director Dr. Michael Kötz and screening of the film „Wild Strawberries“ (17 and 19 October 2007, in Mannheim und Heidelberg respectively).

Additionally, the festival programme includes the films „Fanny and Alexander“, „Scenes of a Marriage“ and „On Life and Work“, the conversation between the Swedish filmmaker and Jörn Donner.

“We are convinced, and our festival of young author filmmakers from all over the world proves it each year, that author film is more lively than ever. The small retrospective presents the eternal Youth and Resilience of author film like Bergman represented it, long before the French film critics and later directors of the Nouvelle Vague introduced the term”, says Michael Koetz, manager and artistic director of the Mannheim-Heidelberg festival.

The 56th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg takes place from 10 to 21 October 2007.

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