

Mannheim–Heidelberg Discoveries in Berlin

Mannheim-Heidelberg discoveries Lucia Murat, Teona Strugar Mitevka, Ramin Bahrani and Tso-chi Chang in the Berlinale programme

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Four Newcomer directors who presented their debuts at the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg in the past years have found their way into Berlin's official selection this year:

Macedonian director Teona Strugar Mitevka, who in 2004 debuted with „How I killed a Saint“ in Mannheim-Heidelberg's *International Competition* presents her new film „Jas Sum Od Titov Veles“ in the *Panorama* section in Berlin.

Also showing in the *Panorama* is „ Maré, Nossa história de amor“ by Brazilian Lucia Murat, whose feature „Quase Dois Irmãos“ was in the *International Discoveries* programme in Mannheim-Heidelberg in 2005.

Taiwanese director Tso-chi Chang, in Mannheim-Heidelberg Competition in 1996 with „Chung-tsai“, will present his new film „ Soul of a Demon“ in Berlin's *Panorama*.

Ramin Bahrani from the USA, who was awarded a Special Mention by the International Jury in 2005 Mannheim-Heidelberg for his competition entry „Man Push Cart“, will present his second feature „Chop Shop“ in Berlin's „Generation Kplus“ programme.

Mannheim-Heidelberg has been specialising in the discovery of international new directors in the arthouse arena since 57 years. Wim Wenders, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Thomas Vinterberg, Francois Truffaut are among the most renowned directors who were discovered in Mannheim-Heidelberg.

The 57 International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg takes place from 6 to 16 November 2008.

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