

**The Newcomers' Festival****18.-27. November 2004**

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**High Quality International Jury Appointed for Mannheim-Heidelberg**

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The International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg has appointed five personalities from film, theatre and TV for this year's International Jury. Their professional knowledge and taste will decide upon which of the films will receive the Main Award of Mannheim-Heidelberg, the Rainer-Werner-Fassbinder-Prize and the Special Prize of Mannheim-Heidelberg.

The members of the International Jury Mannheim-Heidelberg 2004 are:

**Henry Arnold** is the male protagonist in Edgar Reitz Trilogy „Heimat“ which the festival will present as an homage to the German director. Arnold is a most renowned stage, TV and film actor and director who lives and works in Germany, Italy and France.

**Don Boyd** is a well known film and TV director and producer and worked with John Schlesinger, Jean-Luc Godard and Robert Altman. Boyd is also visiting Professor in Film at Exeter University, a governor of The London Film School, and contributes to several newspapers and radios.

**Lissy Bellaiche** worked many years at the Danish Film Institute as Manager for International Relations, representing Danish films abroad and organizing a lot of Danish film festivals all over the world. She is the Sales Director for I/S Danish Film Producers and also works as a Festival Consultant for Trust Film Sales which became famous for being the International Distributors for several Lars von Trier Dogma films.

**L.M. Kit Carson** is a screenwriter/actor/producer of award-winning movies working both as an Independent and with Hollywood Studios. One of the original fellows at the launch of The Sundance Institute, Carson remains actively involved with the Institute's Writing Workshops for new and emerging talent. He was screenwriter for the film „David Holzman's Diary“ that won the Main Prize of Mannheim in 1967.

**Tiziana Soudani** is a producer of internationally successful films, she lives and works in Locarno. Her portfolio encompasses mainly documentaries and feature films, among them are „Promised Land“ by Michael Beltrami and „Vodka Lemon“ by Hiner Saleem.

The 53rd International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg takes place from 18 to 27 November 2004.

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