

**Mannheim–Heidelberg Discovery Wins FIPRESCI-„Oscar“  
FIPRESCI-Award for „Best Foreign Film 2007“ goes to Ognjen Svilicic who was  
discovered in Mannheim-Heidelberg in 1999**

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The FIPRESCI selected „Armin“ by Croatian director Ognjen Svilicic to receive the FIPRESCI Best Foreign Language Film of 2007 Award at the Palm Springs Festival from almost all national submissions to the Academy Award for the Best Foreign Language Film.

Ognjen Svilicic debuted with his film „Da mi je biti morski pas“ („I wish I Were a Shark“) in the Mannheim-Heidelberg's International Discoveries programme in 1999. Svilicic also wrote the script for „Sto je Iva snimila 21. listopada 2003“ („What Iva Recorded“) by Tomislav Radic, which was presented in 2005 as a Special Screening in Mannheim-Heidelberg.

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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