

# 55. Internationales Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg

## **International Jury 2006 Mannheim-Heidelberg has been set Four jurors from the international film business at the 55th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg**

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Four internationally renowned jury members - Labina Mitevska, Lou Ye, Margit Vremmert and Thierry Vandersanden - this year will decide which of the 20 selected films in competition will win the Main Award of Mannheim-Heidelberg, the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Award and the Special Prize of the Jury:

**Labina Mitevska**, Macedonian actress, started her career in 1993 in Milcho Mancevski's „Before the Rain“. Since 1998, she has been a member of the European Film Academy. She starred in her sister Teona's film *How I Killed a Saint*, screened at the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg in 2004. Her new film *Warchild* was released in German cinemas on November 9, 2006.

**Lou Ye**, born in Shanghai, founded the first independent production company in China in 1998. His debut, *Weekend Lover* was screened in competition in 1996 in Mannheim-Heidelberg and won the Rainer Werner Fassbinder Award. His film *Suzhou River* (2000), a MANNHEIM MEETINGS result, was named one of the best films in 2000 by *Time Magazine Asia*. However, the Chinese censors are still not allowing the film to be screened in China. Lou Ye's most recent film *Summer Palace* ran at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

**Margit Vremmert**, after studying economics, worked as a budget councillor with Estonian Film Foundation. Since 2002 she has been the CEO at Talinnfilm, which is owned by Estonian Film Foundation, and she is more and more involved in the distribution business which she has established at Talinnfilm. Many films from Talinnfilm have received international awards.

**Thierry Vandersanden** was editor at *Le Moniteur du Film en Belgique* from 1994 to 1999. From 1990 to 1995 he worked as a press officer with the Festival International du Film Francophone in Namur, which he has been co-organising for many years. Since 1999, Thierry Vandersanden has been responsible for the Promotion of Film of the French Community in Belgium. He already has proved to have a keen sense for quality as a member of several professional juries.

The 55th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg takes place from 16 to 25 November 2006 and officially opens on 17 November with Michael Schorr's world premiere *Schröder's Wonderful World*.

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