



diractors

**International Film Festival
Luxembourg City**

15th - 19th October 2009

Cinémathèque - Utopia - Utopolis

www.diractors.org

The « **DirActors** » festival is devoted to actors who become directors. In the history of film-making, many actors, at some point in their career, have switched to directing their own film, deciding to be (or not) part of the cast. Nowadays, many actors lead a double career in front of and behind the camera. Directing enables them to fully express themselves in a creative way. From Germany, Michael Herbig and Margarethe von Trotta, from Great-Britain Kenneth Branagh, Tim Roth and Terry Gilliam, from Italy Roberto Benigni and Nanni Moretti, from France Sophie Marceau and Guillaume Canet, from Japan Takeshi Kitano, from the United States Clint Eastwood, Robert Redford, George Clooney and Woody Allen; all of them and many others have successfully tried their hands at it.

> 2008 :

- 5.000 visitors
- 800 pupils and students from Luxembourg and Greater Region

A few highlights from 2008

The festival opened with the presentation of *Märzmelodie*, in the presence of the German actor-director Martin Walz.

> Sandrine Bonnaire came to speak about her experience as an actress with the directors Marion Laine and Safy Nebbou, and the documentary she directed, *Elle s'appelle Sabine*. Her presence at the festival with this film, allowed the subject of autism to be brought up and discussed, during a workshop at the European Parliament for the 'Day to make a difference'.

> The actor-director Luc Feit explained his cinematographic journey in the company of the directors Pol Cruchten and Achim von Borries.

> Martin Provost presented his film *Séraphine* for the panorama, 7 months later the film won 7 Césars.

> A live satellite transmission, provided Amy Redford (who was unable to leave New York) the possibility to reply to questions following the projection of her film *The Guitar*.

> Around twenty Luxembourgish and French producers attended a presentation outlining the possibilities of co-production with Luxembourg, with the support of the Film Fund.

> The actress Emmanuelle Béart and the director Fabrice du Welz attended a press conference for the film *Vinyan*.

> The festival ended with the premiere of the western *Appaloosa* by Ed Harris.

> PROGRAMME 2009

DirActors International Film Festival's third edition will take place from **Thursday October 15th, 2009 to Monday October 19th, 2009** in Luxembourg City.

Screenings will take place at the **Luxembourg City's Cinémathèque, Utopolis Kirchberg** and **Cine Utopia**.

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- **Panorama of feature premieres in Luxembourg**

A selection of ten films directed by actors-directors the year leading up to the festival.

The final selection will be revealed on Monday October 5th.

- **Carte Blanche to actors-directors**

Several international actors-directors will be invited to take part in this third edition of the festival.

Screenings and meetings

Films directed and/or acted by our actors-directors will be screened in order to illustrate their career. Public meetings will be organised for each of them. Actors, directors and producers who have worked with them will be invited and will come to talk about this experience.

- **Concerts-Screenings**

The festival, will present a silent film, with an original musical arrangement.

Within the programme *Colors of Money*, *DirActors* will present the film *L'Argent* by Marcel L'Herbier, accompanied by pianist Jean-François Zygel.

- **Short Films**

In order to bring young Luxembourgish cinema into the spotlight, both in and outside of Luxembourg, the festival created a short film section in 2009. A selection of 4 to 6 short films from Luxembourg and 4 to 6 short films from other European countries will be screened in the presence of their directors. The screening will be followed by an audience with the public and a party open to all.

- **Professional workshop**

The festival would like to create a springboard to foster the emergence of new projects in the country. With the contribution of the Film Fund, we will invite, as in 2008, a dozen European producers to discover the system unique to Luxembourg.

For the first time, a workshop between European and Luxembourgish producers will allow those who wish to present actors film projects and initiate co-productions.

For further information : contact@directors.org

- **School screenings**

A special programme has been designed especially for the teachers of Luxembourg and the Greater Region. Information : education@directors.org

> Useful guide

ALL THE SCREENINGS AND MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

1. TICKETS

Pass (5 screenings), tickets, and concert-screening tickets will be available at the festival locations from Monday October 5th.

Screenings and meetings will take place :

- > Ciné-Utopia
- > Utopolis Kirchberg
- > The Cinémathèque of Luxembourg City

2. PRICES

Pass for 5 screenings : 20 € / Reduced rate : 15 € - this pass is not valid for concert screenings. It can be used by several people to buy tickets for the same show.

Single Ticket: 5 € / Réduced rate : 4 € - this ticket is not valid for concert screenings

Concert-screening : 10 € / reduced rate : 5 €

Reduced rate : under 18, students and youth card holders, Seniors above 60 ans, teachers, unemployed, upon presentation of documentation.

Cinémathèque books of tickets, Utopia SA vouchers and Cinecheques are not allowed
School screenings are free for pupils and teachers registered at education@diractors.org

A pass or a single ticket gives direct access to the cinemas, subject to seating availability.

Unused tickets or cards are not refunded.

3. INFORMATION

The schedule will be available on October 5th on

www.diractors.org

www.utopolis.com

www.cinematheque.lu

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> Official partners

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- Luxembourg City Tourist Office
- Studio Cinelive
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