

NEWSLETTER I

PLUNGING INTO THE FILM WORLDS OF EASTERN EUROPE

Taking place in Wiesbaden from **5 to 11 April 2006: goEast – Festival of Central and Eastern European Film.**

In its sixth year of existence **goEast** presents a total of more than 100 films from 15 different countries. The **Portrait** section introduced last year will be carried forward in 2006 with the work of the Lithuanian director Šarūnas Bartas. His sparse and challenging films, shot in black and white or restrained colours and frequently without specific narration or dialogue, are striking for their brittle lyricism. The **Students' Competition** gives young filmmakers from Sarajevo, Bucharest, Berlin, the Rhine-Main region, and Kassel the opportunity to present their short films.

"Mainstream Made in Russia" is the title of the **goEast** symposium running from 6 to 8 April 2006. Its subject will be the latest developments in the Russian film industry, which became clear to German audiences, too, on release of the film "Wächter der Nacht" (Night Watch). The symposium is built around a comprehensive film programme and lectures by experts from Russia and Germany. All of the events programmed for the symposium are open to the general public.

In order to do justice to a cultural diversity of which many people in Germany remain unaware, **goEast** supplements the festival competition and other film sections with a comprehensive sidebar programme.

In 2006 the exhibition "Krzysztof Kieślowski. Signs and Memory" at the Museum Wiesbaden offers some insight into the life and work of the great Polish director. A number of his films will be shown to accompany the exhibition. In Viktor Jerofejew, **goEast** has won as a guest one of Russia's leading authors and the son of a close friend of Stalin. In his book "The Good Stalin", which was published by Berlin Verlag in 2004, he reflects upon his childhood at the centre of political power, and his path to liberation.

A concert by the Russian **skacore outfit "Leningrad"** promises to deliver a highlight of the **goEast** sidebar programme. Regularly listed in the Russian charts, this underground band came to the notice of a German audience primarily through Wladimir Kaminer's "Russendisko", the hip Berlin event whose acclaimed guest appearance at **goEast** 2005 "Leningrad" seems sure to match.

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