

Press Release N°4

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At half-time, goEast honours award winner of the Students' Films Competition

Successful start: goEast welcomes more than 150 guests from many countries to Wiesbaden. Nearly 4000 visitors attended the screenings in the first four days of the festival. The program will end on April 12 with a grand award ceremony.

With the selection of the awards for the Students' Film Competition on Saturday night, goEast goes into its second round. Even in the early days of the festival of Central and Eastern European film, there was a notable increase in admissions compared to the 2004 festival. More than 150 international guests and approximately 80 journalists followed our invitation to Wiesbaden. After the successful opening of the festival on Wednesday, especially the reading and party with "Russendisco"-author and DJ Wladimir Kaminer – attended by 1200 – and the Students' Film Competition proved to be audience-favourites. The winner of the Hessian Film Award 2004, Srdjan Koljević's RED COLOURED GREY TRUCK (Serbia & Montenegro, Slovenia, Germany 2004) was shown in a sold-out screening to an enthusiastic audience on Saturday night. Saturday also was the final day for the second part of our scientific symposium "Identities in the Post-Communist Era", which was started in 2004 and this year focused on the Baltic states and Poland. With up to 150 registrations per screening, the School Film Days on April 11 and April 12 also promise to be a big success.

The Competition and the film-series "Highlights", "Specials", "Portrait" and "Signature" will continue until April 12, when the festival will end with a grand award ceremony at the Caligari FilmBühne at 7pm.

The main sponsors of the festival – which is organized by the Deutsche Filminstitut – DIF – are the state capital of Wiesbaden and the state initiative "hessen media". 16 films – ten feature films and six documentaries from the last two production-years – are in competition for the main award of the festival. goEast is happy to announce that Škoda Auto Deutschland is sponsoring the main award for the first time in 2005. The "Golden Lily", The Škoda Award for the best film, is endowed with € 10,000. The non-profit Hertie Foundation is sponsoring the documentary award with € 10,000 for the fourth time now, honouring the documentary that best deals with the transformation-process in Central and Eastern Europe. The state capital of Wiesbaden once again endows the award for best direction with €7,500.

For further information, please visit www.filmfestival-goEast.de or call us at 069 – 96 12 – 36 / - 37.

The winners of the Students' Film Competition.

In the section Documentary and Experimental Film, the award – endowed with €750 – goes to:

My Son Romek / MÓJ Syn Romek / Mein Sohn Romek by Marcin Solarz, Poland 2003.

Film school: University of Silesia, Katowice – The Radio and Television Department of Krzysztof Kieslowski's name (WriTV)

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In the section Short Feature Film, the award – endowed with €750 – goes to:

Women from the dark / Kobieta z Ciemności / Die Frau aus dem Dunkeln by Marcin Solarz, Poland 2004.

Film school: Silesian University Katowice – Faculty for Radio and Television, named after Krzysztof Kieslowski (WriTV)

In the section Animated Film, the award – endowed with €750 – goes to:

DELIVERY by Till Nowak, Germany 2005 (world premiere).

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