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CATALAN FILMS & TV AT BERLINALE – EFM '08 LINE UP

MARKET SCREENINGS

BARCELONA (A MAP)

by Ventura Pons

Produced by Els Films de la Rambla

Original language: Catalan

Cast: Núria Espert, Josep Maria Pou, Rosa Maria Sardà

Synopsis: Six characters – contemporary archetypes of urban solitude – meet in an old apartment located in the center of Barcelona. An elderly couple, the woman's brother and three tenants: a blonde woman who gives French classes; a young security guard and one-time football player; and a young, pregnant South American girl.

In this non-descript Barcelona flat, incest, homosexuality and adultery are intertwined in the lives of these characters, whilst we simultaneously witness the passing of time in this Mediterranean city.

Fiction / Adults / 90' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007

Sales: Latido Films

International Sales Agent Contact: david@latidofilms.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Tuesday 12 Feb. 18.45h, Cinestar 6

BROKEN BONDS

by Miquel García Borda

Produced by Iris Star

Original language: Catalan

Cast: Ruth Gabriel, Miquel García Borda, Montse Mostaza

Synopsis: A gypsy policewoman is given the job of investigating the kidnapping of a distinguished businessman's son. The more she investigates, the clearer it gets: in this case, nothing is what it seems to be.

Suspense / General / 90' / Colour / 35mm / Ultra Stereo / 2007

Sales: Coach 14

International Sales Agent Contact: j.domenech@coach14.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Tuesday 12 Feb. 11.45h, CinemaxX 2

BUTTERFLY

by Pablo Garcia

Produced by Producciones Doble Banda, Eddie Saeta

Original language: Spanish, Catalan, Galician

Cast: Fele Martínez, Tzeitel Rodríguez, David Gómez

Synopsis: A Catalan director who loves creative cinema is preparing his next project. He travels with his assistant Laura to Son, a lovely village on the Galician Coast, to research the characters and locations which will be his inspiration for values he feels are disappearing. The trip unfolds as a cinematographic creative process yet also as a love story. A feature film that oscillates between reality and fiction, a process which is none other than the film itself.

Fiction / All ages / 100' / Color / 1.85:1 / Dolby / 2006

Sales: KWA

International Sales Agent Contact: kevin@kevinwa.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Friday 8 Feb. 17.00h, CinemaxX Studio 11

DONKEY XOTE

by José Pozo

Produced by Filmax Entertainment

Original language: English

Synopsis: This is a true adventure comedy. The donkey, Rucio, tells the "true" story of Don Quixote and defends the idea that he wasn't mad, but in fact quite an intelligent, passionate and enthusiastic fellow. We then follow Don Quixote, his "squire", Sancho Panza (Quixote's best friend and the wealthiest man in town), Sancho's donkey, Rucio (who wants to be a horse) and a real horse, Quixote's faithful steed, Rocinante (who hates leaving his stable) on their adventure to fight a duel with the "Knight of the Moon". If Quixote wins the duel the true identity of Dulcinea will be revealed.

Animation / All ages / Color / 35mm / Dolby Digital

Sales: Filmax International

International Sales Agent Contact: filmaxint@filmax.com

Stand: Grand Hyatt Berlin. Grand Suite #342 - #343.

Screenings:

Wednesday 13 Feb. 11.30h, CinemaxX 8

DON'T SAY A WORD

by Felipe Jiménez Luna

Produced by Mediapro

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Santi Rodríguez, Jimmy Barnatan, Claudia Molina, Elio González, Rebeca Cobos, Israel Rodríguez, Ramón Langa

Synopsis: Silvia, after murdering the teacher whom she was in love with and his lover, starts to develop a taste for the business and does the same thing to a seller of Nazi objects, a band singer, the check-out girl in a supermarket... Her class-mates, tired of covering up for her, decide that they too want to get rid of the teachers and neighbours who are making life impossible for them. So, they organise themselves into committees for murders, burials...An incompetent policeman is going to try to solve the case of the mysterious disappearances.

Fiction / Adults / 90' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2006

Sales: Imagina International Sales

International Sales Agent Contact: filmsales@imagina.tv

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Saturday 9 Feb. 10.45h, DFFB-KINO

Tuesday 12 Feb. 16.30h, DFFB-KINO

FERMAT'S ROOM

by Rodrigo Sopeña, Luís Piedrahita

Produced by Notro Films

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Santi Millán, Lluís Homar, Alejo Sauras

Synopsis: Four mathematicians, who do not know each other, are invited by a mysterious host to spend a weekend trying to solve a great enigma. They are given the names of some of the most important mathematicians in history, and the only thing they know about their host is his pseudonym: Fermat. The meeting point is an abandoned house; and the place that has been arranged for them turns out to be a shrinking room that will crush them if they do not discover what connects them all and why someone might wish to murder them.

Fiction / All ages / 90' / Colour / 35mm, DVD / Dolby Digital / 2007

Sales: Notro Films

International Sales Agent Contact: alex@notrofilms.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Friday 8 Feb. 20.00h, CinemaxX Studio 13

IN THE CITY OF SYLVIA

by Jose Luis Guerín

Produced by Eddie Saeta

Original language: French

Cast: Pilar López de Ayala, Xavier Lafitte, Laurence Cordier

Synopsis: A boy in a city is looking at a girl. Later, he looks at another one, and another one...

Fiction / All ages / 84' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007

Sales: DeAplaneta

International Sales Agent Contact: lmedina@deaplaneta.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Friday 8 Feb. 11.00h, CinemaxX Studio 15

MY WAY

by J.A. Salgot

Produced by Alguienvoló (Audiovisual&Arts), Zip Films, Televisió de Catalunya

Original language: Catalan

Cast: Ariel Casas, Sílvia Marsó, Susana Fawaz

Synopsis: *My Way* is an intimist drama with a dose of suspense that tells the story of Marco, a small-time drug dealer who wants to quit the "profession" and lead a normal life with his wife, his daughter and his brother. But, after the death of his mother, he discovers that his father, whom he hasn't seen in years, has Alzheimer's, and decides to take him home. This new family environment, which becomes increasingly complicated and tense, as well as the shadow of his drug dealings, spark an unpredictable chain of events.

Fiction / Adults / 105' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007

Sales: Intramovies

International Sales Agent Contact: m.fusco@intramovies.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Monday 11 Feb. 11.15h, CinemaxX Studio 16

MOON IN A BOTTLE

by Grojo

Produced by Ikiru Films, Sogecine

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Edu Soto, Bárbara Goenaga, Dominique Pinon, Federico Luppi

Synopsis: Zeta has been hired to write a novel in a month. Everyday, he comes to the Café Rossignol, where he looks for inspiration in its strange clientele. There, he falls for Alicia, a beautiful waitress who resists falling in love. He meets Pascal, the owner, a cabaret artist who anxiously awaits the arrival of Irene and Kurt, his old friends and lovers. He also chats with Don José, a client who lives terrified by a letter he does not dare to open. They all want to change their lives and the time has come to be brave and try the impossible. Will they manage to trap the Moon in a Bottle?

Fiction / All ages / 97' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007
Sales: Sogepaq
International Sales Agent Contact: sogepaqint@sogecable.com
Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:
Thursday 7 Feb. 17.30h, Arsenal 2

NOBODY'S SHADOW

by Pablo Malo

Produced by Media Films, Zine 1

Original language: Spanish

Cast: José Luis García Pérez, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu

Synopsis: The winter of 1967 is drawing to an end. The body of nine-year-old Laura is found drowned in a swamp near a boarding school in the Pyrenees. A month later, Marco arrives from the city and moves into the attic of an isolated house in the mountains. Meanwhile, Julia, the headmistress of the boarding school, is witness to strange incidents involving Monica, the drowned girl's room-mate. It's a place that both scares and attracts the little girl, because she's convinced Laura is still there...

Fiction / All ages / 105' / Color / 35mm / Dolby Digital
Sales: DeAplaneta
International Sales Agent Contact: lmedina@deaplaneta.com
Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:
Thursday 7 Feb. 17.15h, CinemaxX 1
Saturday 9 Feb. 09.30h, CinemaxX 1

PRETEXTS

by Silvia Munt

Produced by Ovideo TV

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Silvia Munt, Ramon Madaula, Laia Marull

Synopsis: The marriage of Viena, a theatre director, and Daniel, a doctor in a geriatric home, is on the rocks. While they still love each other, they can't stand each other. To fill the emptiness in their lives, they both focus on their respective careers. Their worlds are at odds, their needs are different... or maybe not: we are all in search of the same thing.

This is a story about shared loneliness, imperfect love, unfulfilled desires and promises which, though of unknown duration, become a wonderful pretext to live... in spite of everything.

Fiction / Adults / 90' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007
Sales: KWA
International Sales Agent Contact: kevin@kevinwa.com
Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:
Saturday 9 Feb. 9.00h, CinemaxX Studio 11
Monday 11 Feb. 16.30h, CinemaxX Studio 11

ROAD SPAIN

by Jordi Vidal

Produced by Produced by Iris Star

Original language: Catalan

Cast: Marc Rodríguez, Ingrid Rubio, Carlos Álvarez-Novoa

Synopsis: On the very day Marc had an important architecture project to present, he accidentally slept in. That very morning, he begins to suspect that his girlfriend is sleeping with someone else. In a matter of minutes, Marc lost it all. Soon later, he buys an old caravan and hits the road, starting what will turn out to be a fabulous journey around Spain, an odyssey of discovery in the company of characters every bit as fascinating as the trip itself.

Road Movie / General / 90' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007
Sales: Coach 14
International Sales Agent Contact: j.domenech@coach14.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Sunday 10 Feb. 13.30h, CinemaxX Studio 12

SULTANS OF THE SOUTH

by Alejandro Lozano

Produced by Filmax Entertainment

Original language: Spanish (Mexico)

Cast: Tony Dalton, Ana de la Reguera, Silverio Palacios

Synopsis: Four thieves steal 11 million dollars from a Mexican bank and head off to Buenos Aires to change their greenbacks into pesos, with the help of The Texan, one of the city's big racketeers. The Texan sends three of his men to carry out the transaction in a parking lot. However, when the money is exchanged, a group of unknown gunmen open fire, assacring The Texans' men and escaping with all the cash. Suddenly, the thieves are given a very short grace period to recover the money before The Texan takes his revenge.

Fiction / Adults / 102' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2006

Sales: Filmax International

International Sales Agent Contact: filmaxint@filmax.com

Stand: Grand Hyatt Berlin. Grand Suite #342 - #343.

Screenings:

Friday 8 Feb. 09.30h, CineStar 5

Tuesday 12 Feb. 19.30h, CineStar 4

THE APPEARED

by Paco Cabezas

Produced by Oberon Cinematográfica, Morena Films, Jaleo Films

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Ruth Díaz, Javier Pereira, Pablo Cedrón

Synopsis: Malena and Pablo, a sister and brother travelling together in Argentina, discover a diary that tells of crimes committed twenty years earlier. That same night, the past and the present intertwine. Before the helpless eyes of the brother and sister, a family is persecuted, tortured and murdered, in the very manner described in the diary, step by step.

Based on actual facts, *The Appeared* is a ghost story in the vein of *The Sixth Sense*. A film that delves into events that actually occur, a journey into true terror because despite our attempts to forget, pain, as a physical presence, lives on.

Fiction / Adults / 106' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2006

Sales: ThinkFilm

International Sales Agent Contact: dfenkel@thikfilmcompany.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:

Saturday 9 Feb. 11.00, Cinestar 1

Sunday 10 Feb. 16.15, Cinestar 1

THE BEST OF ME

by Roser Aguilar

Produced by Escándalo Films, Televisió de Catalunya

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Marián Álvarez, Juan Sanz, Lluís Homar

Synopsis: *The Best of Me* is a film about the loss of innocence. About the gap between fantasy and reality. About the determination to do things right and seeing everything botched up in the end. About silence and pain. About uncertainty. And about the lifelong hope of finding something, only to discover that it is not what you expected. And about learning that there is always so much more.

Fiction / Adults / 86' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2006

Sales: El Dorado

International Sales Agent Contact: mocha.eldorado@telefonica.net

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:
Friday 8 Feb. 15.00h, Parlament
Wednesday 13 Feb. 09.30h, Marriott 3

THE LAST OF THE JUST

by Manuel Carballo

Produced by Filmax Entertainment

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Diego Martín, Antonio Dechent, Ana Claudia Talancón

Synopsis: Two ancient armies have been secretly fighting since the beginning of time. Their conflict is based on the belief that the guardians of the Apocalypse, the Just, men far beyond their own kind, exist, and that the Final Judgement would depend on their survival. Both organizations act in the name of Good, but their purposes are strictly opposed. One of them wants to protect "the Just" for the sake of humanity while the other group looks forward to destroying them in order to regenerate humankind. Now, after years of conflict, there's only one Just man left, Theo.

Fiction / Adults / 102' / Colour / 35mm / Dolby Digital / 2007

Sales: Filmax International

International Sales Agent Contact: filmaxint@filmax.com

Stand: Grand Hyatt Berlin. Grand Suite #342 - #343.

Screenings:
Thursday 7 Feb. 11.15h, CinemaxX 2

TIME CRIMES

by Nacho Vigalondo

Produced by Zip Films, KV Entertainment, Fine Productions

Original language: Spanish

Cast: Karra Elejalde, Nacho Vigalondo, Bárbara Goenaga

Synopsis: A man who accidentally travels into the past and comes face to face with himself.

A naked girl in the middle of the woods.

A strange individual with pink bandages covering his face.

An eerie mansion at the top of a hill.

Pieces of a bizarre puzzle in which terror, drama and suspense will draw our protagonist towards an unconceivable crime.

Who is the killer?

Who is the victim?

Fiction / All ages / 90' / Colour / 35mm / 2007

Sales: Magnolia Pictures

International Sales Agent Contact: ladamson@magpictures.com

Stand: Martin-Gropius-Bau-22

Screenings:
Friday 8 Feb. 13:30h, CinemaxX Studio 14
Monday 11 Feb. 15.00h, CinemaxX Studio 14