

GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL

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2023 GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL FIRST HIGHLIGHTS ANNOUNCEMENT KEY FILMS DIRECT FROM BERLINALE PLUS THE 'KINO FOR KIDS' PROGRAMME

The 2023 German Film Festival proudly presented by Palace, will screen an impressive selection of the best in contemporary German cinema. This year's programme, presented in association with German Films, will screen from 2 – 24 May at Palace Cinemas nationally as well as Palace Nova and Luna Palace Cinemas.

First highlights include two exciting films direct from the 2023 Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale). Starring Vicky Krieps, **INGEBORG BACHMANN - JOURNEY INTO THE DESERT** (*Ingeborg Bachmann – Reise in die Wüste*) screened In Competition at Berlinale and was nominated for the Golden Bear. Krieps shines as charismatic Austrian writer Ingeborg Bachmann in this stylish biopic which chronicles Bachmann's unconventional life and tumultuous romance with Swiss playwright Max Frisch, directed by Margarethe von Trotta.

A wild reinterpretation of the 'Sisi' myth, **SISI & I** (*Sisi & Ich*), also premiered at Berlinale in the Panorama section. This thought-provoking drama set in the late 19th century, stars Susanne Wolff and Sandra Hüller and follows the lady-in-waiting of Empress Elisabeth 'Sisi' of Austria-Hungary as they live in an aristocratic commune in Greece.

This year's line features the entertaining sequel to 2019 hit comedy of manners *How About Adolf?* (*GFF19*) - **FAMILY AFFAIRS** (*Der Nachname*), from acclaimed director Sönke Wortmann. It reunites the families from the first film, this time on the stunning Spanish island of Lanzarote where conflicts immediately erupt.

Outstanding dramas include **THE FOX** (*Der Fuchs*), featuring up-and-coming star Simon Morzé, a touching story based on true events. The WWII set drama follows an introverted motorcycle courier for the Austrian Army who finds friendship with a young fox cub.

And in 1989 East Berlin, **IN A LAND THAT NO LONGER EXISTS** (*In einem Land, das es nicht mehr gibt*) is inspired by director Aelrun Goette's experiences as a model in the late 1980s in the German Democratic Republic and tells the story of beauty, fashion and freedom during a pivotal time.

The Goethe-Institut will continue to present the popular sidebar 'Kino for Kids' which will feature a selection of the best new German language films for children and teens.

Christoph Mücher, Director Goethe-Institut Australia said: "The Goethe-Institut is excited to support the 2023 German Film Festival in Australia yet again. Viewing the latest German movies – fresh from Berlinale - is the most relaxing way of diving into the rich language and culture whilst being on the other side of the world. Viel Spaß!"

KINO FOR KIDS SIDEBAR

ALFONS JITTERBIT – CLASS TRIP CHAOS! (*Alfons Zitterbacke – Endlich Klassenfahrt!*)

Flying macaroni with tomato sauce, exciting nights around the campfire and a suitcase mix up turn a class trip to the Baltic Sea into one that Alfons and his friends will never forget.

MY LIFE AS LOTTA – OKEY DOKEY ALPACA! (*Mein Lotta-Leben - Alles Tschaka mit Alpaka!*)

Full of friendship, communal spirit, mysterious puzzles and lots of fun dialogue, this family comedy follows Lotta on her adventures of her first school trip, based on the best-selling book series of the same name.

ONE IN A MILLION

A coming-of-age documentary about success and loneliness in the age of social media, friendship, first love, coming out as queer and having the courage to find your voice.

SCHOOL OF MAGICAL ANIMALS 2 (*Die Schule der magischen Tiere 2*)

The most popular German film of 2022, this live-action-adventure sequel returns us to Winterstein School for its 250th anniversary, where the students and their magical animals are rehearsing a musical to celebrate.

THE ROBBER HOTZENPLOTZ (*Der Räuber Hotzenplotz*)

In this remake of Otfried Preußler's classic children's book, Kasperl and his friend Seppel set out on an adventure to retrieve his grandmother's stolen coffee grinder.

The 2023 German Film Festival will take place from 2 - 24 May.

The full programme will be announced and tickets will be on sale Wednesday 5 April

Listing details:

Sydney: 2 May – 24 May, Palace Norton Street, Chauvel Cinemas, Palace Central

Canberra: 3 May – 24 May, Palace Electric

Brisbane: 3 May – 24 May, Palace James St, Palace Barracks

Adelaide: 3 May – 24 May, Palace Nova Eastend Cinemas, Palace Nova Prospect Cinemas

Melbourne: 4 May – 24 May, Palace Balwyn, Palace Brighton Bay, Palace Cinema Como, The Kino, The Astor Theatre and Pentridge Cinema

Perth: 4 May – 24 May, Luna Leederville, Luna on SX & Palace Raine Square

Byron Bay: 4 May - 24 May, Palace Byron Bay

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