

Die Berlinale

The Berlin International Film Festival

Background information

The Berlin International Film Festival is one of the world's leading film festivals. Founded in 1951, the festival has been celebrated annually in February since 1978. It was established by the Americans after World War II in an attempt to return Berlin to how it was before the war. Alfred Hitchcock's film 'Rebecca' opened the first festival. The awards are called the Golden and Silver Bears.

The Festival is Berlin's largest cultural event and also one of the most important dates on the international film industry's calendar. It is a massive event with more than 200,000 tickets sold and up to 400 films shown each year. Films are shown in glamorous cinemas across the city. For two weeks, art, glamour, parties and business take place at the *Berlinale*. It has become a good rival for the Cannes Film Festival.



Teaching activities

- ◆ Find out as much information as you can about the *Berlinale*. Use the Internet to help you.
- ◆ What would you wear to this famous festival? Design an outfit using the photocopiable sheet on page 23.
- ◆ Make a poster advertising your favourite film. Can you explain why you would choose it to win awards?
- ◆ Design a glamorous cinema that has been commissioned to be built for the next Berlin Film Festival.
- ◆ Design posters and tickets for the Festival.
- ◆ You could incorporate some maths work based on the Euro.
- ◆ Write a newspaper report of the latest festival. Who won? Why? Make up a quotation from them. What did they wear? Describe their film.
- ◆ Record or act out a short television broadcast showing live from the event.
- ◆ Compare statistics from the Cannes Film Festival and the Berlin Film Festival. Which one would you choose to go to? Why?

Schlüsselwörter

ein Film	a film
ein Schauspieler	an actor
eine Schauspielerin	an actress
ein Regisseur	a director
ein Produzent	a producer
ein roter Teppich	a red carpet
ein Musiker	a musician
eine gefeierte Persönlichkeit/ ein Star	a famous person/ a celebrity
Es war wunderbar!	It was amazing!
Es hat mir gefallen!	I loved it!
Fünf Sterne!	Five stars!

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I had fun learning about the Berlin Film Festival.

Imagine you are a famous actor or actress, you are just about to go down the red carpet! Draw a picture of the scene.

Describe in writing what you would see and hear!

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Extension activity

Can you find out some more information about Berlin? Use the Internet and/or information books and write six key points about this city.