



Press Release
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A CINEMA PREMIERE FOR GERMANY: THE FIRST DOWN UNDER BERLIN AUSTRALIAN FILM NIGHT PRESENTS DAVID MICHÔD'S 'ANIMAL KINGDOM'

The first Down Under Berlin Australian Film Night celebrates its premiere with David Michôd's debut feature film "Animal Kingdom", the winner of the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance 2010.

28th March 2012
8 pm
Animal Kingdom
David Michôd, Australien, 2010, OV
Kino Movimiento
Kottbusser Damm 22
10967 Berlin

After his mother dies from a heroin overdose, 17-year-old Joshua moves in with his grandmother Janine (Jacki Weaver) who is the matriarch of a Melbourne crime family. Janine's controlling and almost incestuous love for her three criminal sons ensures that their family empire remains strong. Joshua's uncles soon initiate him into their illegal activities, but meanwhile the police investigation of all the brothers threatens to pull the family apart. As the tension between both sides increases, Joshua becomes trapped in a violent clash between his family and the police.

"Animal Kingdom" is a powerful crime story with classic shoot-outs but also subtle and intense performances of all its actors. Jacki Weaver was nominated for both a Golden Globe and an Academy Award for her role in the film.

Before "Animal Kingdom" we will open the Down Under Berlin Film Night with the short film "Hoc Valle" by Stacey Kent, a young Australian film-maker living in Berlin. The modern world is a place of machines and the tools they make. This man-made world which we have created is turning against us, controlling our lives. A man finds himself in the Australian bush, a return to nature, the old ways. But he is confronted with a strange reality in which he cannot find his way.

All press materials for the Down Under Berlin Australian Film Night can be found on our website: www.downunderberlin.de. Tickets cost 6.50€ and are available from the 27th February online at www.movimiento.de.

The Down Under Berlin Australian Film Night is also proud to present the journal "Die Australienreise" which will be available on March 28th at our screening, 2 days prior to the official release of the publication.

Down Under Berlin – Australian Film Festival is the only festival for Australian film and cinema within German-speaking countries. Our second edition of the festival will take place from 14th to 16th September in 2012 in the Movimiento cinema in Berlin-Kreuzberg.

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