

## 2012 Berlin Fest Names First Films; 'Extremely Loud' And 'Flowers Of War' Make List

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The 62nd Berlin International Film Festival has set its first five competition films, and has selected the Stephen Daldry-directed **Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close** and the Zhang Yimou-directed **The Flowers Of War** to screen out of competition. The selected productions and co-productions are from Indonesia, Spain, the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong/China, the Philippines, Great Britain, Germany, the U.S. and France.

Here are the films so far:

**Captive**, France/Philippines/Germany/Great Britain. By Brillante Mendoza (Serbis, Kinatay, Lola.) With Isabelle Huppert, Katherine Mulville, Marc Zanetta. World premiere.

**Dictado** (Childish Games), Spain. By Antonio Chavarrías (Susanna, Volverás, Las vidas de Celia) With Juan Diego Botto, Barbara Lennie, Mágica Pérez. World premiere.

**Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close**, USA By Stephen Daldry (Billy Elliot, The Hours, The Reader) With Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Max von Sydow, Thomas Horn International premiere / Out of Competition.

**Jin líng Shí San Chai (The Flowers Of War),** People's Republic of China. By Zhang Yimou (The Red Lantern, Hero, A Woman, A Gun And A Noodle Shop) With Christian Bale, Ni Ni, Atsuro Watabe International premiere / Out of Competition.

**Kebun binatang (Postcards From The Zoo),** Indonesia/Germany/Hongkong, China. By Edwin (Kara, Anak Sebatang Pohon, The Blind Pig Who Wants To Fly) With Ladya Cheryl, Nicholas Saputra. World premiere.

## Berlinale Special

**Death Row: Documentary series in four parts,** USA. By Werner Herzog (Fitzcarraldo, Cave Of Forgotten Dreams) World premiere.

**Don: The King Is Back,** India/Germany. By Farhan Akhtar (Dil Chahta Hai, Lakshya, Don) With Shah Rukh Khan, Priyanka Chopra, Boman Irani, Om Puri, Florian Lukas. German premiere.

**Keyhole**, Canada. By Guy Maddin (My Winnipeg, The Saddest Music In The World, Brand Upon The Brain) With Jason Patric, Isabella Rossellini, Udo Kier, Brooke Palsson. International premiere.

**La chispa de la vida,** Spain. By Álex de la Iglesia (El día de la bestia, Perdita Durango, The Last Circus) With Salma Hayek, José Mota, Fernando Tejero, Blanca Portillo, Juan Luis Galiardo, International premiere.

**Marley Documentary,** Great Britain/USA. By Kevin Macdonald (The Last King Of Scotland, Life In A Day, Touching The Void,) World premiere.