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BERLIN TODAY AWARD - FILMBOARD TRANSPARENT present the three nominated short films including the winner of the first BERLIN TODAY AWARD: „BerlinBeirut“ by Myrna Maakaron from Lebanon

On 18 March 2004 FILMBOARD TRANSPARENT will present the three short films nominated for the BERLIN TODAY AWARD 2004 to a broader public Kino Arsenal (Potsdamer Strasse 2, 10785 Berlin) at 7pm. The director of the winning film "BerlinBeirut", Myrna Maakaron, will be present.

At this year's 54th Berlin International Film Festival the director from Lebanon was awarded the first BERLIN TODAY AWARD for her poetic and unusual comparison between the two cities.

Her fellow nominees were Stéphanie Chuat and Véronique Reymond from Switzerland whose film "Berlin Backstage" told a modern fairy tale at the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and Grace Lee from the U.S. who pursues the influence of Berlin's currywurst on the formation of identity.

Following the screening the audience is invited to a discussion round with the director of Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, Prof. Keil, the coordinator of the BERLIN TODAY AWARD, Frank Stehling, the winner of the first Award, Myrna Maakaron, jury member Esther Gronenborn, the producer of the short films, Susan Schimk of credofilm GmbH, and Christiane Steiner of boxfish films who has been responsible for the overall organization of the BERLIN TODAY AWARD. Andrea Hohnen, program director of "First Steps", will moderate the discussion.

Ticket prices are 6 Euros / 4 Euros for member.

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