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## **Allotment gardens, water-battles and threatened Berlin bears**

**The BTA Summer Campus #2 concluded with the nomination of three short-film-projects for the BERLIN TODAY AWARD 2007.**

For the members it was climax and ending at the same time: The BTA Summer Campus #2 finished last Thursday with the presentation of the ten short-film-projects to the jury. Before, the film-ideas with the topic „Berlin today“ had been selected from 104 applications for the BERLIN TODAY AWARD (BTA) 2007.

After the animated and interesting meeting of the jury, the three happy winners were announced. *Shanty Garden Town* by Guillaume Giovanetti, France, and Cagla Zencirci, Turkey, is a film-project about allotment gardens in Berlin from the view of a young Turkish woman. *Wasserschlacht 2006* by Katarzyna Klimkiewicz from Poland and Andrew Friedman from the USA show the annual water-battle between the people of the Berlin districts „Kreuzberg“ and „Friedrichshain“ at the Oberbaumbrücke in Berlin. The animated film *The Woolen Hat* by Rhoda Kawinga from Zambia tells the story of the girl Malita, who hurries to help the Berlin bears which are threatened by a despotic tom-cat.

Members of the jury were, among others, the film-director Aelrun Goette, advisor of the BTA, Dorothee Wenner, project manager Berlinale Talent Campus, Rainer Traube, cultural head manager of the media-partner of the BTA, Deutsche Welle DW-TV, Astrid Kühn, manager of KurzFilmAgentur Hamburg and together with Deutsche Welle responsible for the world-sales of the BTA-films, Daniel Salzwedel as representative of the executing production service zero fiction film, as well as Sven Boeck, manager of KOPPFILM, as representative of the sponsors of the BERLIN TODAY AWARD.

Preceding the meeting of the jury, there was a five-day-assessment in which the candidates were able to find professional consulting concerning their film-projects. Next to these singular meetings, there were seminars about the production conditions in Germany, about legal status and world-marketing as well as a pitching training. In the evening before the meeting of the jury, during a summer party on the platform-roof of the ewerk, the participants were introduced to the embassies and the partners and friends of the BTA and Berlinale Talent Campus and were personally welcomed by Kirsten Niehuus, managing director film funding of Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, and by Dorothee Wenner.

Until the end of this year the three short-films will be produced digitally. The Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg supports each of the three short-film-projects with up to 50.000 Euro, the film-industry of Berlin-Brandenburg donates another 20.000 Euro per project for material. At the next Berlinale Talent Campus 2007 these Berlin-short-films will have their world-première and the winner is honoured with the much requested BERLIN TODAY AWARD.

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