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European films and education for democratic citizenship

Strasbourg, 28.10.2005 - Europe, cinema and education for democratic citizenship will all come together at the "Odyssée" cinema in Strasbourg, from 2 to 8 November.

A film festival based on the theme of "Citizenship education through European eyes" will be opened on 2 November at 8.30 pm by Mr Jacques Toubon, President of the Eurimages Fund for the co-production and distribution of creative cinematographic and audiovisual works.

Nine films will be screened and followed by discussions with the films' directors and/or producers:

- Mar Adentro by Alejandro Amenabar
- Le Couperet by Costa-Gavras
- Eleni by Théo Angelopoulos
- Paradise Now by Hany Abu-Assad
- Va, vis et deviens by Radu Mihaileanu
- Le domaine perdu by Raul Ruiz
- Dogville by Lars von Trier
- No Man's Land by Danis Tanovic
- Yazi Tura by Ugur Yücel

Two prizes will be awarded at the end of the week by a European jury with Ambassadors and high officials from the Council of Europe. They will be presented to the winners by Terry Davis, Council of Europe Secretary General. and Robert Grossmann, Delegate Mayor for Culture and President of the Strasbourg Urban Community.

This event is taking place in the framework of the 2005 European Year of Citizenship through Education launched by the Council of Europe.

Further information (programme, jury members, etc ...) can be found at www.coe.int

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