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### ***The White Ribbon, a Eurimages film, awarded the Golden Palm at Cannes***

Strasbourg, 25.05.2009 – After a record selection at the 62nd Cannes Film Festival of 12 films supported by the Eurimages Fund of the Council of Europe (see our press release 365a09), the Golden Palm was awarded on Sunday 24 May to the Austrian film director Michael Haneke for *The White Ribbon*, a coproduction supported by Eurimages and involving Austria, France, Germany and Italy. At the age of 67, the director has finally obtained the ultimate world cinema accolade on taking part in the festival for the fifth time: his film *The Piano Teacher*, supported by Eurimages, received the Grand Prix and the Best Actor and Best Actress awards in 2001. For *Hidden*, a coproduction also supported by Eurimages, Haneke was awarded Best Director prize in 2005.

Michael Haneke's *The White Ribbon* is the fifth film supported by Eurimages to have received the Golden Palm, adding to the already long list of cinematographic works that received support from Eurimages before being awarded such prestigious prizes as the Golden Palm, an Oscar, the Golden Lion, the Golden Bear and the Golden Shell, awarded last year to the Turko-Franco-Germano-Belgian coproduction *Pandora's Box*, by Yesim Ustaoglu, at the San Sebastian International Film Festival.

The aim of Eurimages, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, is to promote European cinema by fostering the production and the circulation of films and encouraging co-operation among professionals. Since it was set up in 1989, Eurimages has supported the coproduction of over 1,250 feature films and documentaries.

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### ***Le Ruban Blanc, film Eurimages, Palme d'Or à Cannes***

Strasbourg, 25.05.2009 – Après une sélection record de 12 films soutenus par le Fonds Eurimages du Conseil de l'Europe à la 62e édition du Festival de Cannes (voir notre communiqué 365f09), la Palme d'Or a été attribuée dimanche 24 mai au cinéaste autrichien Michael Haneke pour *Le ruban blanc*, une coproduction soutenue par Eurimages réunissant l'Autriche, l'Allemagne, la France et l'Italie. A 67 ans, le réalisateur touche enfin le Graal du cinéma mondial pour sa cinquième participation en compétition : son film *La Pianiste*, soutenu par Eurimages, avait reçu le Grand Prix et les prix d'interprétations en 2001. En 2005 Haneke recevait le Prix de la Mise en Scène pour *Caché*, coproduction également soutenue par Eurimages.

*Le ruban blanc* de Michael Haneke est le cinquième film soutenu par Eurimages récompensé par la Palme d'Or. Il s'ajoute ainsi à la liste déjà longue des œuvres cinématographiques qui ont bénéficié du soutien d'Eurimages avant de recevoir des prix prestigieux comme la Palme d'Or mais également l'Oscar, le Lion d'Or, l'Ours d'Or ou encore le Coquillage d'Or décerné l'an dernier à la coproduction turco-franco-germano-belge *Pandora's Box* de Yesim Ustaoglu au Festival International du Film de San Sebastian.

L'objectif d'Eurimages, qui fête cette année ses vingt ans d'existence, est de promouvoir le cinéma européen en stimulant la production et la circulation des œuvres et en favorisant la coopération entre professionnels. Depuis sa création en 1989, Eurimages a soutenu la coproduction de plus de 1250 longs-métrages et documentaires.

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