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EFP presents directors of “Variety Critics’ Choice: Europe Now!” section at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival (July 3-11, 2009)

European film mix attracts festival audiences in Karlovy Vary

Young European cinema in all its diversity and vitality is again attracting the audiences during the two screening days of the “**Variety Critics’ Choice: Europe now!**” programme at the **Karlovy Vary International Film Festival** (July 3-11, 2009). The 12th edition of this extremely popular sidebar again gathers young film fans in sold-out cinemas and raises the attention of the international media.

Yesterday and today, ten notable films from all genres made by emerging directors from across Europe and chosen by Variety film critics are spotlighted by **European Film Promotion (EFP)**, **Variety** and the **Karlovy Vary International Film Festival**. Three debuts and five second movies are among the selected films, which range from the thriller *The Children* by Tom Shankland, UK, to the musical *Made in Hungaria* by Gergely Fonyó, Hungary. Every film has something special, playing with everyday reality and genres in a unique way.

The event will be highlighted by Monday night's party, hosted by EFP and Variety. This year's programme is also generously supported by the EU's **MEDIA Programme** and **Cinemax**, the movie channel of HBO Czech Republic.

All directors, accompanied in some instances by the films' actors and producers, will be presenting their films in person.



Back row:
Noud Heerkens,
Christos Georgiou,
Darko Lungulov,
Gergely Fonyó,
Maria Procházková,
Ádám Neményi,
Fredrik Edfeldt,
Patxi Amezcua

Front row:
Goran Rušinović,
Pieter Van Hees,
Tom Shankland

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Films selected for the Critics' Choice programme and their presenters

1. **Dirty Mind**
presented by director Pieter Van Hees, Belgium
2. **Small Crime**
presented by director Christos Georgiou and producer Thanassis Karathanos, Germany/Cyprus/Greece
3. **Who Is Afraid of the Wolf**
presented by director Maria Procházková and producer Vratislav Šlajar, Czech Republic
4. **Made in Hungaria**
presented by director Gergely Fonyó, actors Vajk Szente and Lehel Kovács and producer Ádám Neményi, Hungary
5. **The Girl**
presented by director Fredrik Edfeldt, Sweden
6. **Here and There**
presented by director Darko Lungulov and actors Mirjana Karanović and Branislav Trifunovic, Serbia/Germany/USA
7. **25 Carat**
presented by director Patxi Amezcua, Spain
8. **Last Conversation**
presented by director Noud Heerkens, The Netherlands
9. **The Children**
presented by director Tom Shankland, UK
10. **Buick Riviera**
presented by director Goran Rušinović, Croatia/Bosnia-Herzegovina/Germany/USA

The **trailer** featuring the ten films as well as the Variety film reviews, can be found at www.efp-online.com.

Interviews with the directors of the films selected for "Europe Now!", realised in cooperation with the European film and TV online magazine **Cineuropa**, are accessible at www.cineuropa.org

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