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BLINDED BY THE LIGHT opens the 32nd HIFF – Love & Anarchy

- For the next eleven days Helsinki turns into a cinephile's paradise as the 32nd edition of Helsinki International Film Festival – Love & Anarchy takes over the city's silver screens
- Five films compete for the HIFF Audience Award

The 32nd edition of HIFF begins on Thursday with the Opening Gala screening of **Gurinder Chadha's** **BLINDED BY THE LIGHT**. The Sundance surprise hit tells the story of a British Pakistani youngster who finds meaning in the music of **Bruce Springsteen**. There are still some tickets left to the screening.

Festival's ticket sales has started on a high note. Audience favourites include the Colombian hostage drama **MONOS**, **Quentin Dupieux's** weird leather jacket slasher **DEERSKIN** and **Daniel Scheinert's** (*Swiss Army Man*, HIFF 2016) new film **THE DEATH OF DICK LONG**. Some of the sold-out movies will get additional screenings during the festival's last weekend.

HIFF events include the WE JAZZ X R&A: BLUE NOTES WITH ALEKSI HEINOLA QUINTET concert at Savoy Theatre. Also included are festival clubs ranging from italo disco to vogue ballroom.

The festival welcomes two newly announced guests: director **Mark Jenkin** with his experimental festival hit **BAIT** and Polish director **Katarzyna Trzaska** with her comedic documentary **VILLAGE OF SWIMMING COWS**. Swedish director **Anna Odell** has unfortunately had to cancel her visit.

The guests available for interviews during the first festival weekend include German director **Pia Hellenthal** (**SEARCHING EVA**), British director **Peter Strickland** (**IN FABRIC**) and Danish directors **Laurits Flensted-Jensen** (**NEON HEART**) and **Ulaa Salim** (**SONS OF DENMARK**). Next week's guests include Icelandic actor **Ingvar E. Sigurðsson** (**A WHITE, WHITE DAY**), German veteran director **Veit Helmer** (**THE BRA**) and Swedish director **Victor Lindgren** (**FILMMAKER IN FOCUS: VICTOR LINDGREN, THE UNPROMISED LAND**).

The five films competing for the HIFF Audience Award are **AMANDA**, **GOD EXISTS**, **HER NAME IS PETRUNYA**, **LITTLE JOE**, **PHOTOGRAPH** and **TREMORS**. The audience can vote for their favourite at Kino Regina's website (www.kinoregina.fi/hiffkilpailu). The winning film will be shown as the Film of the Month at National Audiovisual Institute's Kino Regina in November.

Welcome to the festival!

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