
25–29 NOVEMBER + 4 DECEMBER '26
sound watch
MUSIC FILM FESTIVAL BERLIN

Lichtblick-Kino

Kastanienallee 77
Prenzlauer Berg

Wed, 25.11., 7:00 pm
Opening
Berlin Preview:
Broken English – Marianne Faithfull (OmU)
Documentary, GB 2025, 99 min,
directors: Jane Pollard, Iain Forsyth;
featuring: Marianne Faithfull, Tilda Swinton, George MacKay
Experimental documentary portrait of singer-songwriter-actress Marianne Faithfull, featuring Tilda Swinton as an "archivist" and George MacKay.

Wed, 25.11., 9:00 pm
Berlin Premiere:
The Best Summer (English OV)
Documentary, USA 2026, 90 min,
director: Tamra Davis, featuring: Sonic Youth, Bikini Kill, The Amps, Beastie Boys, Pavement, Beck, Foo Fighters, Rancid a.o.
Previously unreleased recordings of the 1995 Summervault festival tour, with a "Who's Who" of the 1990s indie scene: Sonic Youth, Beastie Boys, Bikini Kill, Pavement, The Amps, Rancid, Beck, Foo Fighters and others.

Thu, 26.11., 7:00 pm
German Premiere:
Modernist: Usmanbaş (OmeU)
Documentary, TR 2026, 40 min,
director: Serdar Kökçeoğlu
The second film in the "Sound Cinema" trilogy by director about Turkish composers of experimental music: a portrait of İlhan Usmanbaş, pioneer of contemporary music and graphic notation.
+ Short Film:
Mimaroğlu Remix Project (excerpts)
Documentary, TR 2018–2024, 15 min,
curators: Serdar Kökçeoğlu, Dilek Aydın

Thu, 26.11., 8:00 pm
Berlin Premiere:
Nova '78 (English OV)
Documentary, GB/PT/USA 2025, 78 min,
directors: Aaron Brookner, Rodrigo Areias;
featuring: William S. Burroughs, John Giorno, Patti Smith, Frank Zappa, Allen Ginsberg, Peter Orlovsky, Laurie Anderson a.o.
Previously unreleased footage of counterculture festival Nova Convention, held in the East Village in 1978.
Online Q&A with co-director Rodrigo Areias

Thu, 26.11., 9:30 pm
German Premiere:
Fugs Film! (English OV)
Documentary, USA 2025, 84 min,
director: Chuck Smith, featuring: Ed Sanders, Ken Weaver, Tuli Kupferberg, Penny Arcade, Lenny Kaye, R. Crumb a.o.
The Fugs, founded in 1964 in New York's bohemian Lower East Side, were poets and musicians who tested the limits of free speech with musical satire and provoked the establishment.

Fri, 27.11., 7:00 pm
Book Presentation:
Popular Music and the Secret Service in Hungary, 1945–1990
Guest: author Tamás Szőnyei.
Event supported by
Collegium Hungaricum Berlin.

Fri, 27.11., 8:30 pm
Book Presentation:
Illustrated Encyclopedia of Hungarian Punk, 1975–1990
Talk with publisher Tamás Rupaszov and Henryk Gericke (author, curator, label maker tapetopia – GDR Underground Tapes 1980–90)
+Live Music: tHE sNOBS (Budapest) – acoustic anarcho-punk

Sat, 28.11., 6:30 pm
Slovenian Punk Double Feature (1)
Outsider (OmeU)
Fiction, SI 1997, 105 min,
director: Andrej Košak
Drama set in the punk scene in 1980, the year Tito died. Outsider was the most successful Slovenian film to date and its country's Oscar candidate.

Sat, 28.11., 8:15 pm
Slovenian Punk Double Feature (2)
Punk Under Communist Regime (OmeU)
Documentary, SI/RS/BG 2025, 105 min,
director: Andrej Košak
Documentary about the Slovenian punk scene between 1977 and 1985.
Online talk with director Andrej Košak and producer Zoran Dževerdanović

Sat, 28.11., 10:30 pm
German Premiere:
Butthole Surfers: The Hole Truth and Nothing Butt (English OV)
Documentary, USA 2025, 106 min,
director: Tom Stern; featuring: Gibby Haynes, Paul Learey, King Coffey, Richard Linklater, Dave Grohl, Ice-T, Henry Rollins, Johnny Depp a.o.
For over 40 years, taboo breaking Texas psych-punk band Butthole Surfers has been redefining what rock could be. Featuring interviews, archival footage and trippy puppet-animation reenactments.

Sun, 29.11., 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm
We Are Making a Film About Mark Fisher (OmeU)
Documentary, GB 2026, 65 min,
directors: Sophie Mellor, Simon Poulter
An exploration in nine chapters of (pop) theorist and cultural scholar Mark Fisher's capitalism critique and ideas of dystopia and utopia.
Online Q&A with directors Sophie Mellor and Simon Poulter (following the first screening).
Event funded by Netzwerk Selbsthilfe e.V.
Free entry. Please reserve a free ticket!

Sun, 29.11., 9:30 pm
Eternity (OmU)
Documentary, CH 2026, 72 min,
director: Susanne Regina Meures,
featuring: Florentina Holzinger, Peaches, Annina Machaz a.o., **FSK: ab 16 Jahren**
Big screen adaptation of Florentina Holzinger's radical performance art.

Kino im Zeiss-Großplanetarium

Prenzlauer Allee 80
Prenzlauer Berg

Fri, 4.12., 7:30 pm / 9:00 pm
Moving Silence Double Feature
The Moving Silence platform brings together contemporary silent films and live music, reviving the poetry of early cinema.
7:30 pm
Lebe schon lange hier
Documentary, D 2015, 57 min,
director: Sobo Swobodnik
Live accompanied by Marco Brosolo, stefanpaul & Godehard Giese
9:00 pm
Nuntius
SciFi-Roadmovie, FI 2014, 60 min,
director: Jimi Tenor
Live accompanied by Jimi Tenor & Jori Hulkkonen
Organized in cooperation with Moving Silence and Sabcat Media.
Funded by Stiftung wissensART.
Tickets are valid for both screenings!

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