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## Boyhood star Ellar Coltrane HIFF's main guest

The leading actor **Ellar Coltrane** (born 1994) from HIFF's closing film *BOYHOOD* has been confirmed as the festival's main guest. *Boyhood* is a coming-of-age story, which was filmed over a 12-year-period, and all the central characters are played by the same actors throughout the film. *Boyhood* has received great critical acclaim this year: director **Richard Linklater** (*Before Sunrise*, among others) was awarded the Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival last spring and the Federation of Film Critics Fipresci gave *Boyhood* their Grand Prix for Best Film.

*Boyhood* follows the turning points in the life of a boy called Mason for over a decade. At the beginning of the film, Mason and his sister go through big life changes as they move to a new city with their single mother. At the same time, their father unexpectedly returns to their lives. Mason's parents are played by **Patricia Arquette** and **Ethan Hawke**, and his younger sister is played by director **Richard Linklater**'s own daughter **Lorelei Linklater**.

The exceptional production was filmed intermittently, a few days at a time, each year since 2000. When the filming started, Ellar Coltrane was only six years old. According to Linklater, he stood out from the other candidates with his intriguing personality.

Coltrane was home-schooled for most of his childhood, which made it possible for him to learn through experience, arousing his interest in different forms of art. Despite the actor's young age, *Boyhood* is not Coltrane's first film; he has previous experience from commercials and independent films.

### Press screenings of *Boyhood*:

TUESDAY 9.9.2014 at 09:30 Kinopalatsi 2 (running time 165 min)

THURSDAY 25.9.2014 at 09:30 Tennispalatsi 2

The film will premiere in Finland 10 October.

Watch the trailer: <http://youtu.be/UzTwJWF9yhk>

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