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## Film News

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### Helsinki launches Finnish Film Affair

Industry mart to showcase local features, docs

By ED MEZA

BERLIN -- The Helsinki Film Festival is introducing a market event showcasing new and upcoming Finnish productions.

Running Sept. 25-27, the Finnish Film Affair will present new features, documentaries and works in progress, as well as industry panel discussions.

International sales agents, buyers and fest programmers will attend the event, which builds on the success of recent international hits from Finnish filmmakers, such as "Iron Sky," "Le Havre," "Rare Exports," "The Good Son" and "Lapland Odyssey."

Among this year's crop is Antti Jokinen's "Purge," an adaptation of Sofi Oksanen's bestseller that spans 50 years and follows two generations of women in Estonia, and Arto Halonen's "When Heroes Lie," a documentary look at a doping scandal that engulfed Finland's top skiers.

The event will also present 15 works in progress, including "Zarra's Law," by Juha Wuolijoki ("Christmas Story"), starring "Sopranos" actor Tony Sirico, which just wrapped in New York; Pirjo Honkasalo's novel adaptation "The Concrete Night," and Aku Louhimies' crime thriller "Never Forever," from "Iron Sky" producer Blind Spot Prods.

The fest runs Sept. 20-30.

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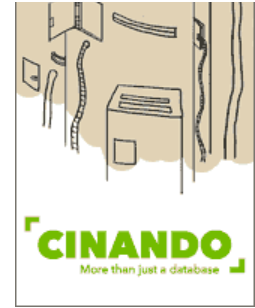
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