



Abdellatif Kechiche's 'Blue Is the Warmest Color' Opens Helsinki Film Festival



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Helsinki festival to close with 'Frances Ha'

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Abdellatif Kechiche's drama romance "Blue Is the Warmest Color," winner of Cannes' Palme d'Or, is set to kick off the 26th Helsinki Intl. Film Festival – Love & Anarchy.

Fest will close with Noah Baumbach's "[Frances Ha](http://variety.com/t/frances-ha/)," a black-and-white tale of a young dancer trying to break into the New York City scene.

Finland's biggest film fest, HIFF will showcase a record 300 films, including 160 feature-length movies.

Wong Kar Wai's "The Grandmaster" has been selected as HIFF Gala screener. The sprawling martial-arts drama stars Tony Leung as legendary kung fu master Ip Man. The Weinstein Co. will roll out the film in the U.S. on Aug. 23.

"Blue," which stars Lea Seydoux and newcomer [Adele Exarchopoulos](http://variety.com/t/adele-exarchopoulos/), will be released in the U.S. by Sundance Selects.

Both "Adele" and "The Grandmaster," which premiered at Berlin, are repped by Wild Bunch.

Dome Karukoski's intense drama "Heart of a Lion" will play in the Finnish Film Gala section. Pic turns on a Neo-Nazi who falls madly in love with a woman whose son is black.

HIFF's Spotlight Selection will also play Gus Van Sant's "Promised Land," Erik Skjoldbjærg's thriller "Pioneer," Finnish director Pirjo Honkasalo's drama "Concrete Night," based on Pirkko Saisio's novel.

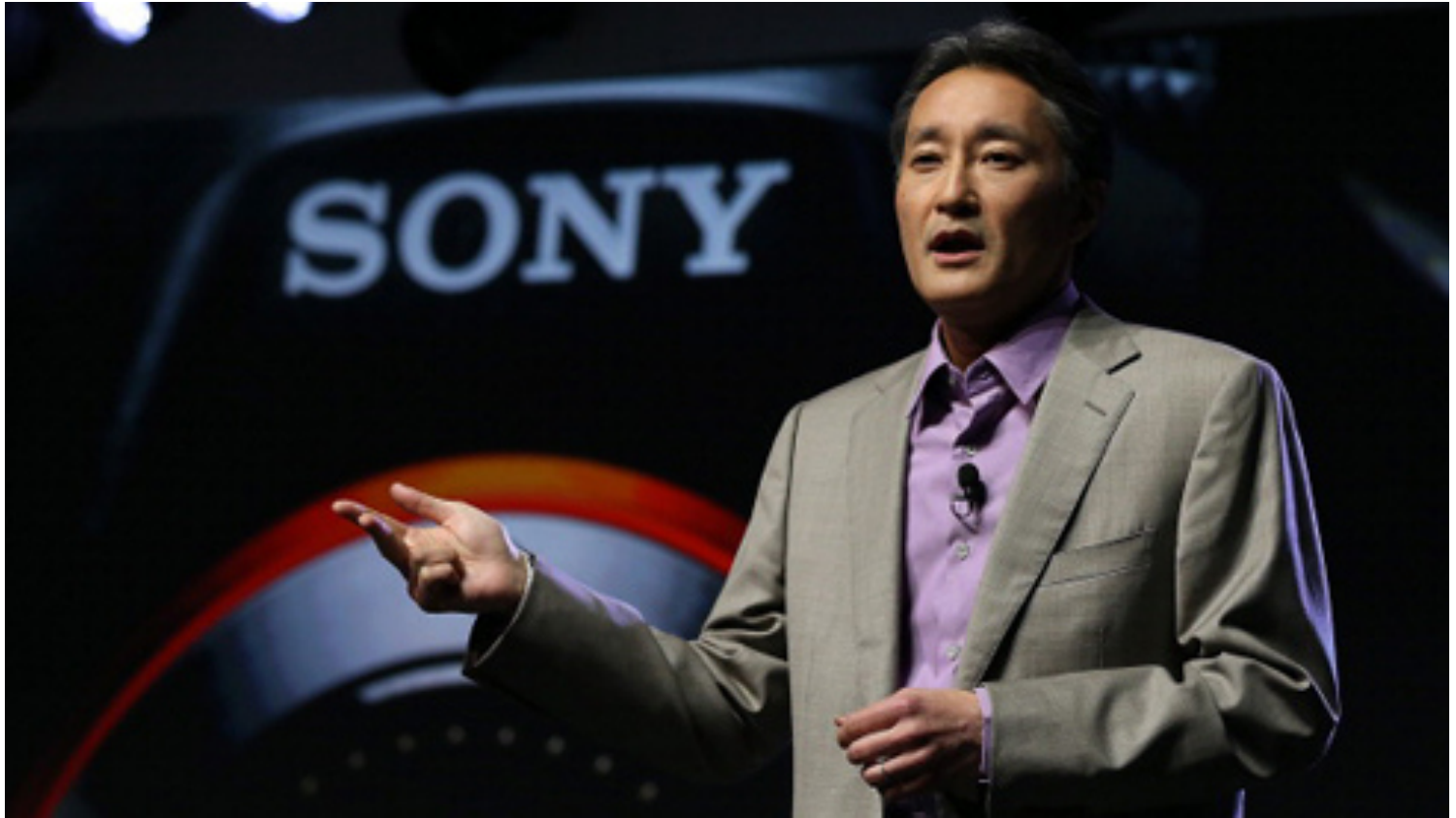
Other titles set to screen at HIFF include Joshua Oppenheimer's chilling docu "The Act of Killing," following members of Indonesia's former death squads as they make a fiction film about the atrocities they have committed ; Srđan Golubovic's "Circles," turning on the consequences of Bosnian War crimes; Hany Abu-Assad's Un Certain Regard-winning "Omar," about three youngsters planning an attack on an Israeli soldier.

The special culinary section will showcase Warwick Ross and David Roach's "Red Obsession," a docu on Chinese wine enthusiasts ; and Willemiek Kluijfhout's Dutch documentary "Mussels in Love."

The Finnish Film Affair, HIFF's three-day industry event, will be back for a second year on Sept. 24-26 to showcase the latest Finnish feature films. It will gather international industry players, including distributors, sales agents, TV buyers and festival programmers.

The professional forum will unveil its line-up of over 20 titles and about 10 works in progress in mid-August.

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Third Point Responds to Sony Rejection

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Chinese film distributor Bona Film Group today announced its film slate for the rest of 2013 and the...



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Sam Rockwell is in early talks to co-star with Rosemarie DeWitt in MGM's "Poltergeist" reboot.

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Film Review: 'Big Words' (<http://variety.com/2013/film/reviews/big-words-review-1200574274/>)

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Neil Drumming makes a skillfully scripted debut with this story of three former members of a '90s hip-hop band.

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Spike Lee Casts Female Lead For Kickstarter Film
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Spike Lee has cast British actress Zaraah Abrahams as the female lead in his Kickstarter-funded film. The filmmaker disclosed he had

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*Ed Harris to Co-Star
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Bigelow will receive the John Schlesinger Award for excellence in directing, while Kingsley will be...

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With the sleeper hit "District 9" behind him and "Elysium" coming up, Neill Blomkamp seems to have...

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Halle Berry's 'The Call' Rings Up...

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'Final Girl' Director Tyler...

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