

Transilvania IFF: 190 films from 53 countries

The 12th edition of **Transilvania International Film Festival** will take place in the city of Cluj, between **May 31 and June 9**. That is, 10 days of special screenings, national and international premieres, workshops and master-classes held by important industry guests, concerts, exhibitions and many more; **190 films** from **53 countries**; over 700 guests.

Transilvania IFF will open with Pedro Almodovar's latest caper, *Los amantes pasajeros*. This "moral, oral, surreal or unreal" comedy, as the director describes it, will premiere in Cluj on May 31, at 8:45 PM, in Ursus Open Air (Unirii Square). The film will screened only once during the festival.

The legendary story of explorer Thor Heyerdahl and of his epic 1947 journey across the Pacific Ocean on a wooden balsa raft sets in motion *Kon-Tiki* (directed by Joachim Rønning, Espen Sandberg), which will close the festival on **June 9**, also in Ursus Open Air. The film was nominated this year for an Oscar and a Golden Globe in the "Best Foreign Picture" category.

Filmmakers Jiří Menzel and Stephen Frears will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award, while actress Luminiţa Gheorghiu will receive the Excellence Award. Pablo Berger, the director of *Blancanieves* (10 Goyas), David Lambert, writer/director of *Hors les murs*, actress Franziska Petri (Betrayal), producer Lynda Myles (*The Commitments, The Snapper, The Van, Killing Me Softly*), director of photography Ed Lachman (Ulrich Seidl's *Paradise* trilogy, *Erin Brockovich, Sweet November*), director Sebastian Lelio (*Gloria, La Sagrada familia*) and Cristi Puiu, member in the official jury and creator of the TIFF 2013 visual campaign, are some of the guests of honor of this edition.

The full program and all the novelties of the 12th edition will be available online, one <u>www.tiff.ro</u>. iPhones and smartphones (Android sau iOS) owners will have access to the most important information (program, locations etc.) through a special free app, **TIFF 2013**.