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## The DEFA Film Library Newsletter

The Cinema of East Germany and Beyond

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San Francisco and Houston welcome the Museum of Modern Art Film Tour! The curated retrospective, Rebels with a Cause: the Cinema of East Germany, which premiered at The Museum of Modern Art in October 2005, has been touring North America ever since. We are pleased to announce two exciting venues for this fall: the [San Francisco Museum of Modern Art](#) (Sept 1 - Oct 27) and the [Museum of Fine Arts in Houston](#) (Oct 14 - 21).

● **Jurek Becker Film Festival**

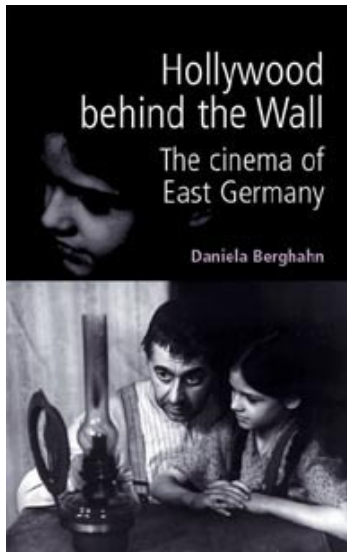
In commemoration of renowned East German writer and concentration camp survivor Jurek Becker's 70th birthday in September, the DEFA Film Library is offering a touring festival of four films based on his novels and stories. Christine Becker, Jurek Becker's widow, will be on hand to answer any questions at screenings of *Jacob the Liar* (1974), *Bronstein's Children* (1991), *Shortcut to Istanbul* (1991) and *When All Germans Sleep* (1994).



**Screenings**

Oct 23 - Nov 6: [University of Scranton](#), PA Nov 15 - 18: A selection of venues in Amherst, MA ([National Yiddish Book Center](#), [Amherst College](#), [Amherst Cinema and Arts Center](#), [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#)) Nov 20: [University of Michigan, Dearborn](#)

If you would like to invite the tour to a venue near you, please contact Hiltrud at [video@german.umass.edu](mailto:video@german.umass.edu)



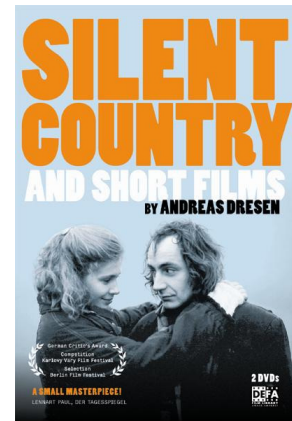
The coming semester is fast approaching and we encourage you to consider our titles for teaching a range of German Studies topics - history and culture, Holocaust, literature and more. If you have any questions about our films or how you could use them in the classroom, please feel free to contact Hiltrud at [video@german.umass.edu](mailto:video@german.umass.edu)

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- **Silent Country by Andreas Dresen - DVD Now Available**

This first feature film by Andreas Dresen (*Changing Skins*) tells a small-town story of the Wende and has been praised as "the most beautiful and precise film there is about this turning-point in East Germany." This prize-winning title is accompanied by an extensive 2007 interview with the director and six of his student films - newly subtitled by the DEFA Film Library - including: *The Rats Sleep at Night*, based on a short story by Wolfgang Borchert, and the internationally-awarded film *Shortcut to Istanbul*, based on a story by Jurek Becker.



We would like to thank our colleagues at the Berlin-based, Filmgalerie 451 - Frieder, Sabine, Gunter and Kolja - for the amazing collaboration, and hope we can work on more joint-releases in the future. Order the 2-DVD set by September 30th and **save 25%!**

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- **Michael Haneke: A Cinema of Provocation**

The [Goethe-Institut Boston](#) and [Boston University](#), are planning a groundbreaking Michael Haneke retrospective this fall, which will also be screened at [The Museum of Modern Art](#) and the [Museum of Fine Arts in Boston](#). The rights have



just been cleared to include two more Haneke titles: his 1976 German-Austrian television production *Three Paths to the Lake*, based on Ingeborg Bachmann's short story, and *Variation* (1983). The DEFA Film Library is proud to be subtitled these, as well as five other films in the retrospective.

- **Two September Conferences Span Our Offerings**

- **Konrad Wolf's Goya to Screen at Feuchtwanger Conference**

A rare screening of Konrad Wolf's



newly restored film *Goya* (1971), which is scheduled for DVD release in 2008, is part of the program of The International Feuchtwanger Society's 3rd conference, on "Feuchtwanger and Film." The conference will take place from September 5-7 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and at the Villa Aurora in Pacific Palisades, the Feuchtwangers' old residence where many famous German émigrés, such as Bertolt Brecht and Thomas Mann, congregated during the 1950s.



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### **· Cuban Films Screening at the 2007 LASA Conference**

The 27th International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, taking place September 5-8 in Montréal, Canada, will host the DEFA Film Library in the exhibit hall and screen two films from the Cuban Masterworks Collection in its film festival: Thurs Sept 6, 8:30 a.m.: *The Adventures of Juan Quin Quin* (Julio Garcia Espinosa) Sat Sept 8, 8:30 a.m.: *The Twelve Chairs* (Tomás Gutiérrez Alea)

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