



18th London Turkish Film Festival February 21 – March 3

What's it all about?

The 18th London Turkish Film Festival runs from February 21 to March 3, 2013 at The Odeon West End, The Rio Cinema Dalston, The Institute of Contemporary Arts and The Cine Lumiere.

The festival celebrates another year of outstanding achievement that has seen Turkish films honoured at festivals around the world from Sundance to Berlin. Inaugurated by Vedide Kaymak in 1993, the festival has become a vital event in the London cultural scene. Over its 18 year history, the festival has screened over 250 feature and 350 short and documentary films.

What are the highlights?

- The World Premiere of **THE BUTTERFLY'S DREAM**, the new film from writer/director Yilmaz Erdogan starring popular heartthrob Kivanc Tatlitug at a glittering Opening Night Gala at The Odeon West End.
- A Masterclass with internationally renowned Turkish director Reha Erdem.
- Films from veteran names of Turkish cinema as well as the debut features of an exciting new generation of Turkish moviemakers.
- A diverse selection of short films, with many of the filmmakers themselves on hand to meet their audiences.

What are the Golden Wings Awards?

- Five outstanding films will compete for the unique **Golden Wings Digiturk Digital Distribution Award**, worth £30,000. The winning film will be distributed in cinemas throughout the UK and made available via home digital platforms.

This year's competing films are: **NIGHT OF SILENCE** - Reis Çelik's 2012 Berlin Film Festival prize-winner; **JIN** - the latest film from Reha Erdem, direct from Berlin 2013; **CAN** - Raşit Çelikezer's Sundance Jury Award winner; **BEYOND THE HILL** directed by Tepenin Ardi and **SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN** directed by Yeşim Ustaoglu.

- **The Golden Wings Lifetime Achievement Award** This year the festival will honour legendary actor and director Kadir Inanir, who will be the special guest at the Opening Night Gala and will be attending a Q&A screening of his film **KATIRCILAR** (The Muleteers), directed by Serif Goren. In previous years the festival has recognised the life and work of such cinematic greats as Türkan Şoray, Şener Şen and Hülya Koçyiğit.
- **Golden Wings People's Choice Award** Voted for by visitors to the Festival at venues across London. This year more than twenty features will be competing.

The Jury

- **Wendy Mitchell**, Editor of Screen International and ScreenDaily.com.
- **Edward Fletcher**, Joint Managing Director of Soda Pictures.
- **Tony Grisoni**, Writer Tony Grisoni has worked with many of the finest contemporary film makers including Michael Winterbottom, John Boorman, Rankin, Julian Jarrold, James Marsh and Anand Tucker. He is best known for his collaboration with Terry Gilliam on a number of projects including Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and the ill-fated Don Quixote. He has written and directed a number of

award winning short films. His latest screenplay is the four-part series Southcliffe, produced by Warp Films, which will be screened on Channel 4 this year.

The Jury.

- **Sedef Ecer** Turkish actress, journalist and playwright Sedef Ecer's plays have been staged in some of the world's most renowned theatres and have been acclaimed with major awards.. She is currently working with the Oscar-winning director Randa Haines on two feature-length films.

A word from the Festival Director Vedide Kaymak.

'Over the last decade, Turkish filmmakers, not only in Turkey, but also those living in the rest of the world, have found new creative directions, making critically acclaimed films, and winning awards all over the world. The LTFF has always had an inclusive approach towards programming, and I am especially excited by our expanded programme this year.'

FLEW YOU STAYED (Mizgin Mujde Arsian)

The 2013 line up.

Feature Films:

BEYOND THE HILL (Emin Alper)
THE BUTTERFLY'S DREAM (Yilmaz Erdogan)
CAN (Raşit Çelikezer)
CANDLE TO WATER (Nihat Seven)
THE CIRCLE WITHIN (Deniz Cinar)
FAREWELL KATYA (Ahmet Sönmez)
JIN (Reha Erdem)
KING OF COTTON (Omer Can)
LOVE AND REVOLUTION (F. Serkan Acar)
LOVE IN THE SECRET GARDEN (Zeynep Ustunipek)
NIGHT OF SILENCE (Reis Çelik)
OTHER ANGELS (Emre Yalgın)
PRESENT TENSE (Belmin Söylemez)
SAINT AYSE (Elfe Uluç)
SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN (Yeşim Ustaoğlu)
THE STRANGER (Filiz Alpgezmen)
TO BETTER DAYS (Nihat Seven)
THE TRACE (M. Tayfur Aydın)
WHAT REMAINS (Çiğdem Vitriuel)
YOUR BEAUTY IS WORTH NOTHING (Huseyin Tabak)

Documentary Films:

A BREATH WITH PINA BAUSCH (Huseyin Karabey)
I FLEW YOU STAYED (Mizgin Mujde Arslan)
LIFE AS A FABLE A NARRATIVE! (Huseyin Karabey)
SIMURGH (Ruhi Karadağ)
SOUND OF ISTIKLAL (Elif Mermer)
TURKISH A+ (Murat Bayramoglu)

Short Films:

A COOKIE TALE (Ilkyaz Kocatepe)
INADVERTENTLY (Tunc Erenkus)
LANDESCAPES (Damla Kirkali)
MIRROR (Bedirhan Sakci)
RESTING ROOM (Hakan Burcuglu)
SHIFT 12-48 (Fatih Ozdemir)
TURKISH DREAM (Oguzhan Akalin)
VELVET SOCKS (Ahmet Baturay Tavkul)

For further information on the festival please visit: <http://www.ltff.co.uk>

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