



That was the Jewish Film Festival Berlin | Brandenburg in 2022

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43 films and 2 series. 6 venues in Berlin and Potsdam. 2 exciting open air venues. That was the Jewish Film Festival Berlin | Brandenburg in 2022.

"This 28th Jewish Film Festival Berlin and Brandenburg was a forward-looking one for us. Not least because of the promise of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, Claudia Roth, to support the JFBB in the future. Many good conversations with and between our filmmakers, which even paved the way for new projects, an open dialogue with the audience, which brought us not only praise, but also impulses for the future, new festival

locations, on which we will continue to rely in the coming years. An all-around successful festival from the opening to the last credits! We leave this festival with a very positive feeling and are looking forward to the 29th edition in June 2023", says JFBB Managing Director Andreas Stein and adds: "On every day our thoughts were with the people in Ukraine who are suffering from the brutal Russian war of aggression. We wish for nothing more than the end of this war, the end of this suffering in the middle of Europe."

For the first time at this edition of the festival, there was a film education program for secondary schools and, with the "Summerschool Jewish Film," an intensive workshop week for master's students and doctoral candidates, in cooperation with the Central Council of Jews in Germany. Both offers will also be available at the next festival in 2023.

At the more than 100 screenings in all venues, there was an opportunity to meet the filmmakers and engage in conversation after almost every film. Among them were two world premieres, six German premieres and one Berlin premiere. Thematically, the films showed the diversity of Jewish life around the world.

"There was laughing, crying, praying and celebrating - all this in 24 frames per second on the screen. But we also celebrated the spectrum of Jewish realities directly on location for six days. Watching films, discussing them, arguing, but only to reconcile again, that's what makes a festival family. The lively discussions with Berlin police students on our theater ship remain very unique for me. And of course the live setting of the silent film **BROKEN BARRIERS** from 1919 open air, in a deck chair in Potsdam, with impressive music by Daniel Kahn and Yeva Lapsker. This was so good!" (Quote Arkadij Khaet, Program Collectiv).

This year, the JFBB was a guest at the New Synagogue at the Jewish Community of Berlin. Also at the Jewish Museum and at Studio 14 - the rbb Dachlounge. Here, too, we are looking forward to further collaborations next

year.

Also special at this festival edition was the tribute to Jeanine Meerapfel. The current president of the Academy of Arts opened the festival week with her latest film EINE FRAU and also won the prize for intercultural dialogue with this film. You can read about all the award winners of the festival [here](#).

Thanks at this point to the Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, the state capital Potsdam and the Hauptstadtkulturfonds for supporting the festival. A big thank you also goes to all supporters, partners, media partners and sponsors.

Mark your calendars now for the festival period in 2023: The 29th Jewish Film Festival Berlin | Brandenburg will take place from June 13 to 18, 2023.