

britspotting 08 – 9th British-Irish film festival in Berlin 10th-16th April 2008

Press information for britspotting film festival

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**britspotting, the film festival, doesn't only celebrate films: "Don't Just Sit There, Dance!"**

britspotting 2008 kicks off with the Warm-up Party on 29th March in The Bang Bang Club, Berlin Mitte. Exclusive music videos, from labels Domino and Warp Music, will be shown, and some unexpected guests will be performing as a special live act. The Karrera Klub DJs, well-known to scene enthusiasts, will round off a perfect evening for dancing with their Britpop act.

From 1st April britspotting will be giving a small taster of the films from this year's festival. In Tante Horst, Berlin Kreuzberg, the exhibition "See Britspotting 08", with stills from the short and feature films in the festival, will be taking place. The display will be viewable for the duration of the festival and runs until 20<sup>th</sup> April.

After the festival makes its exciting entrance with opening night film "The Escapist" on 10<sup>th</sup> April, britspotting invites its audience to attend the Opening Night Party in Schokoladen Mitte, Berlin. Three tantalising live acts will be taking us into the night: there is pop singer songwriter Norman Palm (Mex/Bln), whose melancholic interpretation of "Boy's Don't Cry" gives a new dimension to The Cure classic and is currently the toast of radio DJs. The indie band Cats and Cats and Cats (UK) also fascinate through their experimental sounds. The third act is Ladycop (NYC/Brooklyn), who have created a world of their own with their aggressive and creeping mixture of electronica and indie rock. After this magical night of gigs, britspotting's thrilling festival week can continue freshly invigorated.

The festival is also participating in the "Lange Buchnacht" in Kreuzberg's Oranienstrasse. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April britspotting will offer a reading in the festival bar Tante Horst, which will begin at 7.30pm.

After "Club des Femmes" has presented its film line-up "Was She There" on 14<sup>th</sup> April in fsk-Kino, they will be hosting a Woman's After Party - women only, trans-friendly - in Möbel Olfe, Berlin Kreuzberg. Entry is free.

On 16th April, after the closing night film "In Bruges", the awards ceremony announcing the winners of the feature and short film competitions will take place in Filmtheater Hackesche Höfe.

In Filmtheater Hackesche Höfe's bar festival-goers can keep themselves informed about the films, film-makers and all other events for the duration of the festival. The bar will additionally act as a place where members of the film industry, festival organisers and the audience can come together after showings to discuss what they have seen. The second festival bar will be the cafe/bar Tante Horst, in the immediate vicinity of fsk-Kino in Kreuzberg.

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