



"Kinshasa Symphony" premiers at the Berlinale 2010

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On January 18th the decision was taken. The film "Kinshasa Symphony" had won over the Berlinale selection panel. Festival Director Dieter Kosslick voiced his congratulations on this "wonderful documentary about a unique journey to Beethoven's Ninth. The film and its story touched us deeply." The premiere will take place at the Cinema Paris (Berlin).

The directors Claus Wischmann and Martin Baer are delighted their film about Central Africa's only symphony orchestra, the Orchestre Symphonique Kimbanguiste, will premier at such an outstanding international festival as the Berlinale.

"We couldn't have wished for a better springboard", enthused Wischmann, who is certain that the film will have many viewers whether in the cinema or on television (the film is a co-production with the WDR and RBB, two regional German television companies).

In the Orchestra's fifteen-year history, the musicians have survived two coups, several crises and a war. Yet the focus of the documentary is on music and the hope of a better future. "Kinshasa Symphony" is a film about people in one of the world's most chaotic cities who set up one of the most complex systems of human interaction: a symphony orchestra. It portrays the DRC, the people of Kinshasa and, above all, the power of music.

"Kinshasa Symphony" (the patron of which is the German Commission for UNESCO), is expected to be released in cinemas throughout Germany in May or June, 2010. Five musicians from the orchestra have been invited to the world premiere at the Berlinale and will perform a sample of their musical talents at the party after the premiere.



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The musicians' trip is funded by Germany's Foreign Office within the framework of the Aktion Afrika programme.

The film "Kinshasa Symphony" is showing as a Berlinale Special on February 17, 2010.

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