**SUBTITLE — the European film festival returns to Kilkenny for its fifth edition!**

In association with Spotlight ([www.spotlight.com](http://www.spotlight.com/)), the Subtitle European Film Festival ([www.subtitlefest.com](http://www.subtitlefest.com/)) will host 16 Irish premieres of 32 European films from 17 different countries. The festival will also host over European 30 actors and over 50 casting directors, in what has become the biggest casting event in the world.

The films will be screened in five different venues all of which are no more than a few minutes walk from each other. The nature of the festival together with the intimacy of the locations and the undeniable charm of Kilkenny city, makes for a magical week of European cinema.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights this year include the Irish premiere of GRADUATION with Palme d’Or winner **Cristian Mungiu** in Kilkenny to present the film; **Mijke de Jong**, the Dutch director of LAYLA M will also be in Kilkenny, along with **Aleksander Kott**who will present both of his Russian films TEST and INSIGHT. Other notable films include the 2016 Un Certain Regard winner THE HAPPIEST DAY IN THE LIFE OF OLLI MÄKI (with lead actor **Jarkko Lahti** to present); and PARISIENNE (with a stunning debut performance from the French-Lebanese actress **Manal Issa**).

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The brilliant Czech comedy (and 2016 Oscar-submission) about a racist parrot, LOST IN MUNICH will receive its Irish premiere and the French-Turkish hit MUSTANG will also play the festival. Other Irish premieres include WHEN THE SUN SHINES from Denmark along with Dutch drama OUT OF LOVE, Romanian award-winner ILLEGITIMATE, Serbian drama NEXT TO ME and the astonishing debut picture from Polish director, **Jan P. Matuszynskí**called THE LAST FAMILY. All these films will have their leading actors in Kilkenny, notably Roland Møller who plays the lead in Danish Oscar-submission, LAND OF MINE.

UNIQUE ASPECT OF SUBTITLE | CASTING

One of unique aspects of Subtitle is that it sets up over 600 meetings between world renowned casting directors and the European actors that come to Kilkenny. Casting directors coming this  year include **Sharon Bialy** (BREAKING BAD, THE WALKING DEAD), J**ulie Schubert**(HOUSE OF CARDS), **Deborah Aquila** (TWILIGHT, SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION), **Rich Delia** (DALLAS BUYERS CLUB), **Gail Stevens** (Danny Boyle’s films), **Nathalie Cheron**(Luc Besson’s films) and **Debbie McWilliams** (the James Bond films). In total 57 casting directors will be in Kilkenny from 12 different countries and the — informal — meetings take place in coffee shops, tea-houses, and restaurants over the final 4 days of the festival.

Spotlight and Subtitle also host a series of workshops over the weekend; these look at showreels, self-tapes, headshots and CVs.

THE ANGELA AWARDS

On the final Sunday (27th), Subtitle stages the **Angela Awards** where well known Irish actors and directors present awards to their European counterparts. The tone is serious, but celebratory; this year it will be hosted by Victoria Smurfit with live music with the Camembert Quartet.

If you like your film, then Kilkenny is the place to be: November 21 — 27.

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