

28 February 2010

## Press Release

### Short film workshop: **One Day in the West Bank**

**In March 2010, the Goethe-Institut together with Beleza Film will be holding a 10-day short film workshop for young Palestinian filmmakers in Cinema Jenin.**

Ramallah, February 2010: Over 50 young Palestinians, between 18 and 30 years old, have applied with their own film ideas for the short film workshop: **One Day in the West Bank** which the Goethe-Institute in Ramallah together with the production company Beleza Film is organizing in Jenin. The ten best applicants will realize their film ideas in the workshop with six German filmmakers from 4 to 14 March. In addition to conceptual work, the team from Beleza Film also wants to give practical training for sound and film equipment.

*"Film work with young motivated filmmakers from different cultural groups is an exciting challenge."*  
- workshop leaders and film producers Falk Nagel and Jessica Landt.

*"We want to connect and help form a network of young Palestinian filmmakers with this project and offer them the opportunity to explore their own cultural backgrounds artistically."*  
- Joerg Schumacher, Director of the Goethe-Institut in Ramallah.

The submitted applications cover a wide spectrum of issues such as experiences at checkpoints, daily life at university, circus life, and the role of women in Palestinian society.

*"The workshop offers me the chance to improve my skills and get to know other people with different ideas and backgrounds."*  
- workshop participant.

The ten participants come from Ramallah, Jerusalem, Jenin and Nablus. One applicant from Gaza is currently not sure if he will receive the travel permit needed to take part in the workshop. The workshop will be held in the cinema in Jenin, which is currently being rebuilt by the German-Palestinian association 'Cinema Jenin'. This summer the Goethe-Institut will open a film library, classroom and gallery in the cinema, which will also be used for the workshop. The films will be developed, produced and edited here. In August 2010 the films are to be premiered at the opening ceremony of the cinema in Jenin.

The patron of the project is the Palestinian actor and director Mohammad Bakri ('Jenin, Jenin').

#### **Partners:**

Beleza Film, Hamburg/Berlin

Goethe-Institut, Ramallah

Cinema Jenin, Jenin/Tübingen

#### **The project is supported by:**

Studio Hamburg, Hamburg Media School, Arri Berlin, Chroma TV, Videodata, Filmfest Hamburg.

#### **For more project information:**

##### **Contact Beleza Film:**

Jessica Landt and Falk Nagel  
Produzenten  
Tel. +49 40 66 88 4778  
info@belezafilm.de  
www.belezafilm.de

www.onedayinthewestbank.de

##### **Contact Goethe-Institut Ramallah:**

Ms Filistin Younes  
Programmkoordinatorin  
Goethe-Institut Ramallah  
Tel: +972 22981922-109  
Fax: +972 22981923  
filistin.younes@ramallah.goethe.org  
www.goethe.de/ramallah