

Film Festival Women's Worlds

Honour Award Ceremony for

Elke Jonigkeit, Kim Longinotto, Mohsen Makhmalbaf, Jasmila Zbanic,

introduced by Film Festival Director Irene Jung and Executive Director Christa Stolle

Saturday, 20th of November 2010
Museum Cinema, Tuebingen

Dear guests,

Welcome to the 10th film festival Women's Worlds of TERRE DES FEMMES, to this award ceremony and to the screening of the feature film "The Day I Became a Woman" that will follow. For us it is an exemplary film that represents the films we have shown over the last ten years at the festival.

The presentation of the Women's World Honour Award for „Committed Support in Defence of the Human Rights of Women" shall distinguish a few film makers, who have been companions to us over the last ten years not just with their films.

They came to us again and again, carried out conversations with the audience, participated in round table conversations with other directors, held workshops. Some of them contributed to other projects, such as the production of the book „Human Rights of Women in the Mirror of Film" or the DVD for International Film Schools, that we made about Samira Makhmalbaf together with the Makhmalbaf Film House.

We took part in their projects such as Elke Jonigkeit's women's project and the Makhmalbaf's foundation for children, both in Afghanistan, or Jasmila Zbanic's fight for raped women and their children in Bosnia. We repeatedly had lively exchanges with Kim Longinotto, who directed numerous documentaries in Africa and Iran about TERRE DES FEMMES' core issues: FGM, honour crimes and domestic violence.

We have learned a great deal from all of them and had inspiring exchanges – not just about film and film work, but about their committed activism for women in countries destroyed by war, marked by devastating poverty or misogynistic patriarchal structures. Their indestructable optimism was contagious and confirmed that getting involved is worthwhile, that by going further than their film work, reality can be changed.

Together with the Executive Board Member, Christa Stolle, I would therefore like to call up the first Honour Award laureate Mohsen Makhmalbaf, in the name of the whole Makhmalbaf Family: Marzyieh, Samira, Hana and Maysam.

Laudatio Mohsen Makhmalbaf
Laudatio Elke Jonigkeit
Laudatio Jasmila Zbanic
Laudatio Kim Longinotto