

**11mm**

6. Internationales Fußballfilmfestival 2009

**11mm – The International Fussball Film Festival**

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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **Maradona wins in Berlin**

#### **The 6th International Football Film Festival 11mm closes with spectacular gala**

The audience award "The Golden 11" for the year's best football film was won by the documentary "Maradona par Kusturica" by the Serbian director Emir Kusturica.

Second place went to a documentary about another Argentinean star – „The Perfect Moment – A Film about Mario Kempes" by the Austrian director Andreas Weber. The best-placed feature film 2009 and third overall was "Cass", the story of one of England's most notorious hooligans who has gone on to become the UK's most successful black author.

#### **The audience decides the short film competition 11mm Shortkicks**

The Shortkicks jury, including the actors Andreas Schmidt and Thorsten Merten, the table-football world champion Lilly Andres und the captain of 1. FC Union Berlin Daniel Schulz, could not separate two films. The audience therefore added their vote and via applause ensured that the title of best short football film 2009 went to "Eight" by the English director Stephan Daldry.

#### **Thematic focus on football in the former East Germany**

Over four wonderful festival days the audience enjoyed almost 40 international feature and documentary films featuring football. The thematic focus of this year's festival, 20 years after the fall of the Berlin wall, was on football in the former East Germany. Along with a special series of films, the festival welcomed former stars such as the East German strikers Peter Ducker and Axel Kruse as well as the singer and actor Frank Schoebel.

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