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> **COUNTRY GERMANY**

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The Match Factory's films received numerous awards on the most important film festivals. Amongst others, *Grbavica* by Jasmila Zbanic was honoured with the Golden Bear for Best Film at the Berlinale 2006. In 2007, Fatih Akin's The Edge Of Heaven was awarded with the Prix Du Scenario at the Festival de Cannes. Waltz With Bashir by Ari Folman won the Golden Globe® Best Foreign Language Film and was nominated for the Academy Award® Best Foreign Language Film in 2009. In 2010, Ajami by Scandar Copti and Yaron Shani and *The Milk Of Sorrow* by Claudia Llosa have been nominated for the Academy Award Best Foreign Language Film ® (Oscar), Bal - Honey by Semih Kaplanoglu was honoured with the Golden Bear at the Berlinale and Apichatpong Weerasethakul's *Uncle Boonmee* Who Can Recall His Past Lives was awarded with the Palm d'Or at Festival de Cannes.

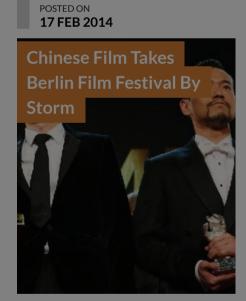
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