Press Release

Action Star Berlin

Filming of "Transporter – the series" gets underway in Berlin

Berlin, 9 June 2011 Berlin, 7 June 2011 Fast cars, wild chases and dangerous stunts – filming of the TV adaptation of the international box office hit "Transporter" starts today in Berlin. Three of the planned twelve episodes of the new action series starring Chris Vance are to be filmed on location in the German capital.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, 9 June 2011, the French production company "Atlantique Productions" will be holding a photo call at the main filming location in Bülowstraße at Nollendorfplatz. Burkhard Kieker, CEO of visitBerlin, will be on set with the producer Klaus Zimmermann and RTL editor Ulrike Leibfried to take questions from the press.

Burkhard Kieker: "The German capital is now also set to be an action star on international TV. It's great publicity for the city: Berlin is the ultimate in adrenaline – not only on screen, but also as a travel destination."

The team under Executive Producer Luc Besson will be filming at various locations across Berlin until 10 June. As in the "Transporter" films, the "Transporter" TV series will also centre on former elite soldier Frank Martin, who in his job as a haulier never asks questions, even when transporting dubious goods. He has just three strict rules when it comes to his work: 1. Never go back on an agreement, 2. Name no names and 3. Never open a package.

Filming of the international RTL, HBO, HBO Canada and M6 co-production is set to take until November 2011, with filming also scheduled to take place in Rome, Paris, Barcelona, Toronto and New York. Private German TV channel RTL has announced that it plans to broadcast the TV series on German TV in 2012. visitBerlin has voiced its support for the filming of the series in the German capital.

The Berlin-Brandenburg region is the number 1 filming location in Germany for TV shows. With 2,200 companies and revenue of around 2.4 billion euro a year, the film and television industry is a key sector of Berlin's economy.

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