

Open Letter in support of Carlo Chatrian, Artistic Director of Berlinale

We, a diverse group of filmmakers from all over the world, who have deep respect for Berlin International Film Festival as a place for great cinema of all kinds, protest the harmful, unprofessional, and immoral behavior of state minister Claudia Roth in forcing the esteemed Artistic Director Carlo Chatrian to step down despite promises to prolong his contract.

Carlo Chatrian may not be a showman but in his quiet ways, he and his team have chosen an open and artistically rewarding curatorial path, showing new directions in world cinema, challenging stereotypes, and connecting different strands of filmmaking.

Despite the most difficult circumstances all beyond Chatrian's control—the pandemic, financial restrictions, and a deteriorating festival center around Potsdamer Platz—the past editions under his guiding light were very much alive, full of positive surprises and, despite a smaller number of films shown, very popular, on par with pre-pandemic times.

Also, the films awarded with the main important prizes of the festival in the last four years are confirmed to be important films, as all of them are critically acclaimed and shown all over the world either in commercial circuits or in other important festivals.

Instead of rewarding Carlo Chatrian for his effort, dedication, and patience, the minister has chosen to further increase the difficulties until Carlo Chatrian was forced to announce that he will not continue after the completion of his current contract, as the position of Artistic Director has been dissolved.

Unsurprisingly, no better vision for the festival was presented or discussed, other than the questionable and politically backward demand for a strong hand the Berlinale supposedly needs in the form of an "Intendant".

We strongly demand to prolong Carlo Chatrian's tenure and repair the damage done to this essential film festival.

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9. Christoph Hochhäusler
10. Gastón Solnicki
11. Lina Rodriguez
12. Rolf de Heer
13. Andrei Ujică
14. Veronika Franz
15. Severin Fiala
16. Tom Shoval
17. Ognjen Glavonić
18. Kleber Mendonça Filho
19. Cyril Schäublin
20. Alex Ross Perry
21. Nicolás Pereda
22. Antoine Bourges
23. Alessandro Comodin
24. Simone Rapisarda Casanova
25. Roberto Minervini
26. Dasha Nekrasova
27. C.W. Winter
28. Guy Maddin
29. Matt Johnson
30. Michel Lipkes
31. Yousry Nasrallah
32. Matías Piñeiro
33. Travis Wilkerson
34. Sylvain George
35. Joao Pedro Rodrigues
36. Joao Rui Guerra da Mata
37. Alejo Franzetti
38. Gabriel Abrantes
39. Ben Rivers
40. Jerónimo Atehortúa
41. Ricardo Pretti
42. Gerd Kroske
43. Angela Schanelec
44. Avi Mograbi
45. Beatrice Gibson
46. Mauro Herce
47. Silvan Zürcher
48. Molly Reynolds

49. Luiz Pretti
50. Ben Russell
51. Athina Rachel Tsangari
52. Iván Granovsky
53. Roger Koza
54. Dominga Sotomayor
55. Amat Escalante
56. Matias Meyer
57. Khavn
58. Achinette Villamor
59. Dustin Guy Defa
60. Kaya Behkalam
61. Andreas Fontana
62. Steffen Goldkamp
63. Syllas Tzoumerkas
64. Martin Scorsese
65. Paul Schrader
66. Julio Hernández Córdón
67. Annemarie Jacir
68. Yeo Siew Hua
69. Fran Borgia
70. Dan Koh
71. Maria Speth
72. Mareike Wegener
73. Miguel Gomes
74. Andrea Pallaoro
75. Beniamino Barrese
76. Laura Citarella
77. Camilo Restrepo
78. Soda Jerk
79. Benjamin Heisenberg
80. Ulrich Köhler
81. Max Linz
82. Axel Koenzen
83. Maureen Fazendeiro
84. Florian Koerner von Gustorf
85. Anton Kaiser
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87. Ted Fendt
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89. Anna Sofie Hartmann
90. Kirsten Tan
91. Reinhild Blaschke

92. Verena Paravel
93. Cynthia Beatt
94. Jonathan Perel
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96. Julian Radlmaier
97. Nelson Yeo
98. Lisa Bierwirth
99. Henning Beckhoff
100. Ulrich Seidl
101. KIM Young woo
102. Vitali Mansky
103. Sebastian Brameshuber
104. Athanasios Karanikolas
105. Tobias Madison
106. Abbas Fahdel
107. Kurdwin Ayub
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109. Frédéric Jaeger
110. Stefano Centini
111. Christian Petzold
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114. K.Rajagopal
115. Michael Krummenacher
116. Basma al-Sharif
117. Tulapop Saenjaroen
118. Jow Zhi Wei
119. Chanasorn Chaikittiporn
120. Thomas Arslan
121. Stefan Butzmühlen
122. Jeremy Chua
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124. Timm Kröger
125. Raam Reddy
126. Aline Fischer
127. Burak Cevik
128. Olivier Assayas
129. Danaya Chulphuthiphong
130. Carlo Sironi
131. Ash Mayfair
132. Kiro Russo
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134. Lila Avilés

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138. Azin Feizabadi
139. Ivan Ikić
140. Gustavo Vinagre
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142. Sofia Bohdanowicz
143. Christian Schwochow
144. Payal Kapadia
145. Mladen Kovačević
146. Sorayos Prapapan
147. Thong Kay Wee
148. Una Gunjak
149. Marie Kreutzer
150. Katrin Gebbe
151. Dirk Lütter
152. Claire Denis
153. Maxi Haslberger
154. Srdan Golubović
155. Mehmet Akif Büyükkatalay
156. Asli Özge
157. Ivan Salatic
158. Rui Poças
159. Eduardo Williams
160. Jelena Mitrović
161. Lai Weijie
162. Le Bao
163. Carla Simón
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165. Bertrand Bonello
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168. Lisa Weber
169. Margarethe von Trotta
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172. Daniel Hoesl
173. Gertjan Zuilhof
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175. Viktoria Stolpe
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199. Cristina Diz
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204. Roderick Warich
205. Götz Spielmann
206. Lodge Kerrigan
207. Kamila Andini
208. Benjamin Mirguet
209. Aysun Bademsoy
210. Natalia Marín
211. Nadav Lapid
212. Marko Grba Singh
213. Leandro Koch
214. Juan Soto Taborda
215. Ferran Alberich
216. Vladimir Durán
217. Martin Rejtman
218. Hartmut Bitomsky
219. M Night Shyamalan
220. Milagros Mumenthaler

221. Pilar Palomero
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223. Ronny Trocker
224. Claudio Giovannesi
225. Guillaume Brac
226. Simón Velez
227. Massimo D'Anolfi
228. Martina Parenti
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230. Till Kleinert
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234. Selman Nacar
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- 265. Giorgio Diritti
- 266. Rebecca Baron
- 267. Sebastian Mez
- 268. Montse Triola
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- 270. Azazel Jacobs
- 271. Selma Doborac
- 272. Josef Hader
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- 274. Caroline Kirberg
- 275. Danijel Hočevár
- 276. Apichatpong Weerasethakul
- 277. Nina Menkes
- 278. Francis Vogner dos Reis
- 279. Myroslav Slaboshpytskyi
- 280. Joana Hadjithomas
- 281. Khalil Joreige
- 282. Myriam Sassine
- 283. Myriam El Hajj
- 284. Christelle Younes
- 285. George Peter Barbari
- 286. Rana Eid
- 287. Christian Eid
- 288. Wissam Tanios
- 289. Enzo D'Alò
- 290. Alberto Barbera
- 291. Mounia Akl
- 292. Kirill Krasovski
- 293. Jens Schillmöller
- 294. Judith Fülle
- 295. Vitaly Manski
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