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## INVITATION FOR EFA MEMBERSHIP

Dear Ismet Sijarina,

On behalf of the EFA Board, we take pleasure in sending the **official invitation** for you to become a member of the European Film Academy. If you wish to join, please kindly return the attached registration form to us – it would be a true honour to welcome you among EFA's ranks!

The European Film Academy was founded in 1989 by its first president Ingmar Bergman and his fellow **EFA Founding Members**:

*Pedro Almodóvar \* Lindsay Anderson \* Theo Angelopoulos \* Lord Richard Attenborough \* Ingmar Bergman \* Bernardo Bertolucci \* Henning Carlsen \* Liliana Cavani \* Claude Chabrol \* Silvio Clementelli \* Jörn Donner \* Federico Fellini \* Stephen Frears \* Claude Goretta \* Isabelle Huppert \* Erland Josephson \* Krzysztof Kieslowski \* Sir Ben Kingsley \* Peter Lilienthal \* Dusan Makavejev \* Louis Malle \* Giulietta Masina \* Marcello Mastroianni \* Jiri Menzel \* Nikita Mikhalkov \* Sven Nykvist \* Manoel de Oliveira \* Carlo di Palma \* Lord David Puttnam \* Fernando Rey \* Eric Rohmer \* David Rose \* Hanna Schygulla \* Jorge Semprun \* Max von Sydow \* István Szabó \* Paolo Taviani \* Vittorio Taviani \* Mikis Theodorakis \* Liv Ullmann \* Andrzej Wajda \* Wim Wenders \* Krzysztof Zanussi*

... to advance the interests of the European film industry. Wim Wenders became EFA's first chairman and was elected president in April 1996. At present, EFA embraces a wide spectrum of European film professionals (more than 3,500) whose work is recognised throughout Europe and beyond ([list of EFA members](#)). We want to increase the public awareness of European cinema and its creators and shed a light on the wealth of talent that exists in Europe.

EFA members are invited to take actively part in the voting procedures for the European Film Awards. **Each year in August**, an extraordinary **selection of around 50 European feature and 15 documentary films** is made available to them on the EFA VOD platform for streaming. They then vote for the EFA nominations and winners who are announced during the annual awards ceremony. This year, the 31st European Film Awards will be presented in Seville/Spain on Saturday, 15 December.

EFA members receive an invitation to the awards ceremony and are eligible for the Board of the European Film Academy. The annual **membership fee** (200 EUR; 100 EUR for young professionals under 36) covers part of the costs for the various procedures leading up to the European Film Awards and for the ceremony itself. For more information about EFA's activities, please visit [www.europeanfilmacademy.org](http://www.europeanfilmacademy.org) and [www.europeanfilmawards.eu](http://www.europeanfilmawards.eu).

Being aware of the challenges we face across a continent of splintered artistic identities, languages and cultures, we feel that your presence and contribution could help us to promote and strengthen European cinema, as a whole, as well as its artistic and commercial values.

For registration or any further information, please kindly contact **Ms Viviane Gajewski | EFA Membership Relations** | [vgajewski@europeanfilmacademy.org](mailto:vgajewski@europeanfilmacademy.org).

We'd be very happy to hear from you!

With kind regards,  
Agnieszka Holland  
Chairwoman of the EFA Board

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