

CASTA DIVA GROUP: THE FEMALE CAST OF "DIVA!", THE FEATURE FILM CO-PRODUCED BY CDG, SELECTED BY THE VENICE FILM FESTIVAL AS OUT-OF-COMPETITION, WINS THE STARLIGHT CINEMA INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The award-giving ceremony will take place on the occasion of the 74th Venice International Film Festival, during which the film will be premiered

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The Casta Diva Group (CDG:IM), a multinational operating in the communications industry and listed on AIM Italia, announces that the female cast of "**DIVA!**", a documentary-fiction directed by Francesco Patierno, taken from the autobiographical book by Valentina Cortese, "*Quanti sono i domani passati*", published by Mondadori, has won the '**Starlight Cinema International Award**'.

The award, which enhances national and international cinema talents, representing the different cultures and methods of narrating stories and characters, will be given to the artistic cast composed by **Barbora Bobulova, Anita Caprioli, Carolina Crescentini, Silvia D'Amico, Isabella Ferrari, Anna Foglietta, Carlotta Natoli, Greta Scarano**, on 2nd September at 4:30 pm at the Lexus Lounge Lido, Terrazza Mediterranea.

The Starlight Cinema International Award, produced by Starlight Movie Production, was born in 2014 with the aim of enhancing national and international cinema talents, actresses and actors, producers, sector critics and journalists. The prize-winners are chosen among the excellences of international cinema, as testimonials of works capable of representing the different cultures and varied methods of narrating stories and characters. Particular attention is also paid to those personages who are engaged in social-related activities. The 2017 awards are bestowed by an Academy of journalists consisting of: Fulvia Caprara, Alessandra De Luca, Titta Fiore, Alessandra Magliaro, Cristiana Paternò, Marta Perego, Angela Prudenzi, Barbara Righini, Marina Sanna.

"DIVA!" is the first feature film produced by Casta Diva Group in co-production with *DO Production*, the production house of the well-known talent agent, **Daniele Orazi**, a company which already co-produced the award-winning "*La ragazza del mondo*" at its debut, in association with Fenix Entertainment and Viva Productions, and in collaboration with Sky Arte and Istituto Luce. Director **Francesco Patierno**, is a candidate for the David di Donatello 2017 for the best adapted screenplay for "*Naples '44*".

Andrea de Micheli, CEO and Luca Oddo, President of CASTA DIVA GROUP: *It's great to receive a prize (and for an out-of-competition Film, what's more) for the female cast of DIVA! The prestigious ensemble of journalists who awards it honours us. The film is a tribute to Valentina Cortese, one of the greatest Italian actresses, but it is also a tribute to the art of being an actress, a woman, an artistic personality. Director Francesco Patierno therefore chose eight beautiful faces to play Valentina, very different from each other, eight artistic personalities, from eight divas of our time. Our co-producer, Daniele Orazi, a well-known talent agent, contributed with his sensitivity to creating a flow of female sympathy and solidarity between our magnificent actresses on the set. Our thanks also go to the only man in the cast, an intense Michele Riordino.*

For further information: [Diva – Il film](#) e [Corriere.it](#)

The press release can be viewed on the websites www.castadivagroup.com and www.emarketstorage.com

Casta Diva Group (CDG:IM) is a multinational company listed on AIM of Milan operating in the field of communication for the production of branded content, viral videos, digital content, films and corporate events. It has a presence on 4 continents with offices in 13 cities: Milan, Rome, London, Manchester, Prague, Beirut, Istanbul, New York, Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Cape Town and Mumbai. The brands of the Group are Casta Diva Pictures, Egg Events, Anteprema Video and Blue Note. It represents the most extensive production network of advertising films and events worldwide, created through an active and continuous interaction between the different locations and the experience of its 62 digital communication and live entertainment professionals. It is a talent hub, equally adept at working with Oscar award-winners and global celebrities as at discovering new creative talent, thereby ensuring the highest standards of excellence. Casta Diva Group and its managers have offered innovative and creative communication strategies to over 100 prominent brands reinterpreting conventional communication rules. Since its foundation in 2005, the Group has grown steadily and has been regularly awarded numerous awards; in 2016 alone it received 52 awards including 2 Lions at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, and 6 EuBEA – European Best Event Awards, including European Best Event Agency, and 4 NC Digital Awards including Best Digital Production Company. It is the owner of Blue Note Milano, a prestigious jazz club and restaurant which opened in 2003 and is part of the international Blue Note network, a focal point on the world jazz scene, which at the site of via Borsieri, at Isola (just one of the venues) it puts on around 300 shows a year, billing approximately 25% (source: SIAE) of the jazz industry's income in Italy.

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