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**Press Release**

**Invitation to the CINEMA JENIN press conference  
on Tuesday, 15 February 2011**



The **CINEMA JENIN** reopened in August 2010 after twenty years, attracting broad international attention. Built in the 1960s, the cinema used to be considered one of the major film theatres in Palestine, until it was closed down in 1987 with the outbreak of the first Intifada. Initiators of the project are the film-maker Marcus Vetter and Jenin resident Ismael Khateeb. The idea to rebuild the old cinema in Jenin / West Bank as a cultural centre developed in the context of the moving documentary *THE HEART OF JENIN* that received *inter alia* the German Film Award 2010 and the Cinema for Peace Award. The documentary tells the story of Ismael Khateeb's 12-year old son Ahmed, who was shot dead in 2005 by Israeli soldiers in the refugee camp of Jenin whilst playing with a toy gun. Khateeb and his wife decided to donate their son's organs to Israeli children so as to save their lives.

The documentary *CINEMA JENIN*, that is currently in the making, portrays how, owing to the dedication of countless of volunteers and generous supporters, a decayed pigeon paradise was turned into a state-of-the-art cinema and cultural centre – with its very own film production, a Guesthouse, an integrated media library run by the Goethe-Institut and an emerging film school.

**SENATOR FILM DISTRIBUTION and Cinema Jenin e.V. are pleased to invite you to a press conference to inform you about the current situation and about upcoming projects.**

**Tuesday, 15 February, 11 am at the Hackesche Höfe, Kino 2,  
Rosenthaler Straße 40-41, 10178 Berlin**

**Attending the press conference are:**

**Cinema Jenin**

**Marcus Vetter  
Ismael Khateeb  
Fakhri Hamad  
Dagmar Quentin  
Franz Macher**

**Senator Entertainment AG**

**Helge Sasse (CEO)**

**Dresdner Sinfoniker**

**Markus Rindt (Director)**

**Team of the film AFTER THE SILENCE**

**Jule Ott / Steffi Bürger (Directors)  
Yaël Armanet / Um Amjad (Protagonists)**

**Following the press conference there will be time for questions and interviews.**

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Please confirm your attendance with the form attached.  
To arrange for an interview please contact Filmpresse Meuser asap  
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