

Excellence Award Moët & Chandon goes to Mathieu Kassovitz

While the "Pardo d'onore" is awarded to exemplary directors, the "Excellence Award Moët & Chandon" is given to esteemed actors and actresses of international films. This year, Locarno Festival is giving this prestigious award to the French actor, screenwriter and filmmaker Mathieu Kassovitz. Kassovitz is known both worldwide and in the French cinema industry as quite the successful director and actor, having notable contributions in both fields. As far as his acting contribution is concerned, he has been in movies such as *Amélie* by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, *Amen* (2002) and *Wild Life* (2012) for which he was nominated as the best actor in multiple award events. He also had various roles in French TV series and has his own film production company named MNP Enterprise. According to Carlo Chatrian, Artistic Director of the Locarno Festival, "Mathieu Kassovitz is one of the most talented actors of his generation. He is the heir of that great tradition of performers who manages to achieve credibility in the most diverse roles."

Source: Locarno Official Website



Locarno to Honour Adrien Brody

The 70th Locarno Festival will pay tribute to Academy Award-winning actor Adrien Brody. The American star will receive the "Leopard Club Award" for 2017. Adrien Brody is one the most brilliant figures in American film, winning an Academy Award at the age of 29. Since playing the composer Wladyslaw Szpilman in *The Pianist* (2002), he has been appreciated for his talent everywhere. He debuted as an actor when he was just a teenager and has been both popular and critically acclaimed in his career of 30 years. He has worked with great directors from Coppola to Wes Anderson, from Malick to Soderbergh. Locarno's salute to Adrien Brody will include a screening of the film *The Pianist* and a meeting of the actor with the festival public. Brody will receive the tribute of the Piazza Grande audience and the Locarno Festival on Friday 4th August.

Source: Locarno Official Website a



Chester's Wife's Twitter Hacked!

In a shameful act of heartlessness, a hacker infiltrated Talinda Bennington's Twitter, hours after Chester Bennington's death, to post misleading messages regarding the circumstances surrounding Chester's suicide. The account posted tasteless tweets on their marriage, infidelity and at one point mentioning that Talinda

urged Chester to commit suicide. Confusion broke out as many did not realize that the account was hacked and assumed that the widow was responsible for Chester's death. The identity of the culprit is still unknown.

Source: Internet