



WE HAVE REACHED LONDON

Home & Away. The Romanian Film Festival in London, 5th edition:
10-13 April 2008, Curzon Mayfair, 38 Curzon St, London W1J 7T

Dear Friends,

Our Home & Away is getting really close now.

You will certainly remember that this year we are looking at the flow and exchange between *here* and *there*, homeland and elsewhere. Many films in our programme are about journeys - territorial or identity; actual, planned or imagined.

So, here they come, all of them, documentary subjects and fictional characters: from the two eccentric characters journeying from Transylvania to some mysterious place in Vienna (**Bakhtalo!**), to a whole country of freezing socialist citizens stuck up in tiny kitchens, ears pricked up to Radio Free Europe, at a time when only radio waves could penetrate the Iron Curtain (**Cold Waves**); from the bunch of youths living in the shadow of a colourful, milk-and-honey 'West' (**Occident**), to the worker coming home for Christmas after having seen 'the West' up close (**Home**).

These trains.... They go from East to West, from West to East, day and night, and none of them stops in our village. Why is that? / Why should they? You'd want them to take everybody with them?, goes a conversation in a God-forsaken Moldovan village (**Inspiration**). And when they stop, they get stuck there. Just remember the NATO train stationed in that tiny Romanian village, with those handsome Marines surrounded by sweet provincial girls with broken English and shiny lipstick, looking for a way out!

"I'd be safe & warm / If I was in LA / California dreaming / On such a winter's day", sing The Mamas and the Papas on the rolling credits of **California Dreamin'**.

Right now, we have reached London.

Do join us on Thursday 10 April for our opening film **California Dreamin'**, and stay with us for a whole week-end of amazing films by Romanian film-makers from home and away!

Join us at Curzon Mayfair cinema on 10-13 April for great Romanian cinema from home & away! Full programme available at www.romanianculturalcentre.org.uk/filmfestival/

Yours,

Home & Away Team 2008

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Because you have proved yourselves such good friends, read through all our releases, and already started booking tickets for the films we present, we have a special treat for you. Our Festival's great friend, Romanian artist Dan Perjovschi, sends you one of his wry and witty comments on the state of things. You can read more about Dan at www.perjovschi.ro



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