

For first time, Iranian TV series 'Actor' goes global with French, German dubbing

Arts & Culture Desk

The French-German network "Arte" has bought the Iranian TV series 'Actor' for broadcasting in Europe and dubbed it. 'Actor,' directed by Nima Javidi, is set to be the first Iranian TV series to be widely broadcast in Europe with French and German dubbing by the Arte platform and channel, marking a milestone in the history of Iranian television series, IRNA wrote. The first season of this series

will premiere on May 9 on the Arte TV channel and platform. According to Arte's website, the broadcast of this series, starring Navid Mohammadzadeh and Ahmad Mehranfar, is scheduled for prime time viewing during the week. Arte is one of the most famous French-German television networks in Europe, known as the European cultural network. 'Actor' has previously won a major award at the Series Mania Festival in France, establishing

itself as one of the most prestigious TV events globally and continuing its journey by winning the Best Screenplay award at the Seoul International Drama Awards in South Korea. 'Actor' has so far received an honorable mention from Seriencamp Festival in Germany earlier this year in June and the grand prize of Series Mania Festival in France in March as well as the Best Screenplay award at the Seoul International Drama Awards in South Korea.



Iran's 'Loteria' wins in US festival, nominated at Belgian event



The Iranian film 'Loteria,' directed by Ali Atshani, won the Best Screenplay Award at the 14th New York International Filmmaker Festival and was nominated for Best Film at the Belgian Art Color Digital Cinema (ACDCIFF). 'Loteria' based on a true story written by Ali Atshani

and Mahmoudreza Sani, has received over 10 awards for best film and best directing at various international festivals since its release in Mexico in late 2021, Mehr News Agency reported. The ACDCIFF will be held from May 3 to January 2. Based on a true story, the

film is about the time when due to the travel ban imposed on Iran in 2017, immigrants were forced to cross the border illegally into the U.S. The cast includes Borzou Arjmand, Amir Hossein Mousavi, Hamed Tavasoli, and Hooman Sepantamehr among others.


Pulitzer Prizes honor Gaza war coverage



The New York Times won a Pulitzer in international reporting for its "wide-ranging and revelatory coverage of Hamas's attack in southern Israel on 7 Oct," as well as reporting on "the Israeli military's sweeping, deadly response." Reuters meanwhile won the award for breaking news photography for its "raw and urgent" coverage of the 7 October attack and Israeli response, while a special citation recognized "journalists and media workers covering the war in Gaza."

"This war has also claimed the lives of poets and writers," the committee said. "As the Pulitzer Prizes honor categories of journalism, arts and letters, we mark the loss of invaluable records of the human experience." The awards, given out at Columbia University, come as the New York college has faced backlash after it called in police to clear out pro-Palestinian protesters. The police largely blocked media from the scene and threatened student journalists covering the events with arrest. Two of Co-

lumbia's student newspaper editors outlined in an article over the weekend the university's "suppression" of its reporting, including arrest threats from police and demands from the university to hand over videos and photos. Other awards honored US journalists' reporting on migrant child labor, racial disparities in the legal system and gun violence. Author Jayne Anne Phillips won the fiction prize for her novel "Night Watch," about a mother and daughter during and after the US Civil War, while the nonfiction prize went to Nathan Thrall's "A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy." The committee praised the "finely reported and intimate account of life under Israeli occupation of the West Bank, told through the portrait of a Palestinian father whose five-year-old son dies in a fiery school bus crash when Israeli and Palestinian rescue teams are delayed by security regulations."

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Iranian official ensures continuous supply of medicines for thalassemia patients

Social Desk

The head of the Food and Drug Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced the continuous supply of medications for special and difficult-to-treat patients, emphasizing the improvement in the provision of drugs for thalassemia patients through local production. Heidar Mohammadi highlighted the collaboration with thalassemia associations and blood specialists in improving drug provision for these patients, mentioning

that all thalassemia drugs in the country are domestically produced, IRNA wrote. He also addressed the increase in imported medications for thalassemia patients in 2023 compared to 2022, expressing hope for continued support from the Central Bank of Iran and currency reserves to meet the needs of these patients this year. Mohammadi emphasized that there are no restrictions on supplying drugs for special patients, mentioning challenges posed by international sanctions hinder-



ing some foreign companies from selling medicines to Iran. He assured that efforts are being made to ensure access to both locally produced

and imported medications for those sensitive to domestic drugs, reflecting the organization's commitment to meeting the needs of patients.