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## **Bathory at the AFI's 2008 European Union Film Showcase**

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Over 400 people attended BATHORY's two shows, including some audience members who had flown in to town just for the occasion of BATHORY'S US premiere at the AFI festival. Attendance number puts BATHORY on par with festival stalwarts I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG, GOMORRAH and THE BAADER-MEINHOF COMPLEX at this year's EU Showcase.

The Silver Theatre's enormous main theater was well-filled and palpably abuzz for each of the two screenings, both of which were followed by an expansive and lively Q&A session with director Juraj Jakubisko and his wife, actress-producer Deana Jakubiskova. The international flavor of the AFI event was on display, as many audience members chose to ask their questions in Slovak or served as their own translators, asking the question first in Slovak then in English.

Audience members at both shows enjoyed additional perks following the Q&A sessions, as the festival organizers invited the sizable audience to join the in-progress Closing Night party elsewhere in the building. Sunday night's show was followed by an impromptu autograph session, Mr. Jakubisko graciously adorning a stack of the striking BATHORY posters with his flowing and distinctive signature.

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