

# DISSIDENT WOMEN ASYLUMS & GULAGS

## AN EVENING WITH MARIO DAMOLIN



**Mario Damolin** (University of Heidelberg), journalist, reporter, and film director, will introduce the films as well as participate in a post-screening Q&A session.

Eugenia Ginzburg's adopted daughter, **Antonina Axenova**, will also be present.

"Journey into the Whirlwind" and "Within the Whirlwind" are the titles of Eugenia Ginzburg's memoirs about her life in the 1930s, her sham trial and conviction, and her imprisonment in a GULAG camp in the Kolyma region in eastern Siberia until the 1950s. Literature Nobel prize winner Heinrich Böll wrote the primary notes for the German version of her memoirs.

Antonina Axenova, the adopted daughter of Eugenia Ginzburg, is a theatre director in a German-Russian school in Frankfurt/Germany. She was born in the Kolyma Gulag in 1947, and her exact birth date, as well as her genetic mother, are not recorded. 1949 she was adopted by Eugenia Ginzburg in Magadan. For years she has been collecting material about the life of her adoptive mother. Late in the summer of 2014 she started her last journey to Magadan and the Kolyma region to trace her mother's way of grief.

Mario Damolin, a German documentary film director, accompanied Antonina Axenova on this journey from Frankfurt via Moscow to Magadan and back to the Moscow Sovremennik Theatre, where Ginzburg's book "Journey into the Whirlwind" has been staged as a theatre version since 1989.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**7:00 PM**

Browning Cinema  
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REMEMBERING EUGENIA GINZBURG**

and

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