

It's better than Oscar, says Gilliam of film award



Terry Gilliam Volta Award Presentation at the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival

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'Monty Python' star [Terry Gilliam](#) was in an irreverent mood when he picked up a Volta Award for his outstanding contribution to the film industry at the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival last night.

The renowned director, who has worked on iconic films such as 'Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas' and '12 Monkeys', was thrilled to receive the award but expressed some reservation about filming in Ireland.

"A Volta is better than an Oscar because there are less of them," he laughed. "I would like to work here but you don't have so much money any more, so I'll stick to Romania."

Irish actor [Liam Cunningham](#) presented Gilliam with the award at [Dublin's](#) Merrion Hotel.

"I am so honoured to be surrounded by such wonderful people who understand the importance of drinking," he joked to the [Irish Independent](#).

"Which is far, far more important than filmmaking."

Gilliam was promoting his latest film 'The Zero Theorem' starring Oscar winner [Christoph Waltz](#), [Matt Damon](#) and [Tilda Swinton](#).

Asked how he found working with such a talented cast, Gilliam joked: "Well they all found me wonderful. I think they'll be back."

Meanwhile, Smithfield Square was transformed into the set of a **Hollywood** movie. There were shootings, smoke, fire, snow and explosions as special effects and stunt teams demonstrated what it takes to create the action scenes of big budget productions.

The special effects team behind programmes like 'Love/Hate' and 'The Tudors' also staged a shootout, set a man on fire and finished the event by blowing up a car.

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