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International Poetry Film Festival of Thuringia announces Official Selection

Three weeks before the start of the online festival, the International Poetry Film Festival of Thuringia announces the twenty-four nominated shorts for the Weimar Poetry Film Award.

<https://poetryfilmtage.de>

With the "International Poetry Film Festival Thuringia" a new short film festival is starting this year, dedicated exclusively to the combination of poetry and the moving image. Due to the pandemic, it will take place online from October 22-25. While this may be a pity for die-hard festival-goers, it offers the new festival the opportunity to present itself to a worldwide short film scene at its premiere.

The film festival's highlight will be the presentation of the "Weimar Poetry Film Award" on Saturday, October 24, at the cinema Lichthaus. It will be broadcast as a livestream. For the fifth time, filmmakers from all countries were able to submit up to three short films no longer than 10 minutes, that have been created since 2017. 470 films from over 50 countries were sent in. A three-person jury, consisting of Dutch filmmaker Helmie Stil, the photographer and lecturer Kathrin Tillmanns, and the poet and literary scholar Jan-Volker Röhnert, will be determining the winners in the categories "Best Animation" and "Best Live-Action Film". Both prizes come with a prize money of 1000 Euro.

The festival's live program starts on October 22 at 6 p.m. with a continental focus on Africa. It is intended to contribute to increasing the visibility and perception of African Poetry Film. A particular emphasis will be put on the countries of Mozambique and South Africa.

There are also exciting special programs to watch: The "Women in Resistance" program illustrates how much video poetry is part of global poetic activism. A retrospective is dedicated to the Canadian video pioneer Tom Konyves and his films. Furthermore, international and German-language short films and the Weimar Winners of the years 2016-2019 will be shown. Under the title "The Art of Videohaiku", the festival invites participants to create poetry films in small format themselves and to interpret the haiku audiovisually. The Dutch filmmaker Helmie Stil introduces the distinctiveness of poetry film in a lecture she first gave at the Bauhaus University during the summer semester. What's more, international and German short films, the Weimar winners from 2016 – 2019, and Thuringian film productions will be shown.

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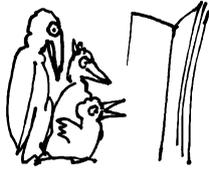
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The four main festival days will come to a close on Sunday, October 25, with a matinee at the cinema MonAmi. The program includes the movie "KENT OZANI", which accompanies the poet José A. Oliver during his stay as writer-in-residence in Istanbul. José A. Oliver will be present for a discussion. But the festival doesn't end there. All movies will remain in the library until November 12, and visitors can watch them without hurry and repeatedly.

Program

The detailed program will be published on the festival website within the coming weeks.

The catalog will be released at the beginning of the festival.

Ticket sales

Tickets can be purchased at the festival shop.

Admission to the protected festival area costs 10 Euro and will be valid for three weeks from October 22 to November 12.

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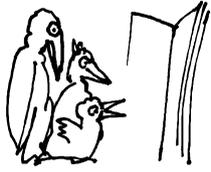
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Background

Thuringia has turned into a center for poetry film in the last few years in several ways: since 2014, new poetry films have been created at the Bauhaus University Weimar. With the poetry film channel (www.poetryfilm.de), a new international magazine has gone online. Since 2016, the backup_festival, the chair of multimedia narration at the Bauhaus University, and the Literary Society Thuringia have been awarding the "Weimar Poetry Film Award". The competition has been part of the university short film festival backup_festival until 2019. Poetry films created in Thuringia have been successful at international short film festivals multiple times.

Supporters

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