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Watch all films online International Poetry Film Festival of Thuringia starts tomorrow

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 22nd until November 12th. 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.

Live-Streams on YouTube

www.youtube.com/user/poetryfilmkanal

Thursday, October 22nd, 6 pm (CET) – Focus Africa

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 Egypt, Mozambique, and South Africa.

Saturday, October 24th, 6 pm (CET) – Award Ceremony

The film festival's highlight will be the presentation of the "Weimar Poetry Film Award" on Saturday, October 24. 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 awards come with a prize money of 1000 Euro.

Festival Website

<https://poetryfilmtage.de>

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

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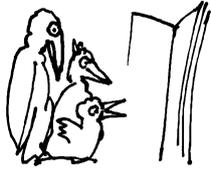
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of Videohaiku”, the festival invites participants to create poetry films in small format themselves and to interpret the haiku audiovisually. The Dutch filmmaker Helmie Stil introduces the distinctiveness of poetry film in a lecture she first gave 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.

All movies will remain in the library **until November 12**, and visitors can watch them without hurry and repeatedly.

Program

Several **ZOOM meetings** will take place during the three weeks of the festival.

Reactions from filmmakers and visitors are documented on the festival's **Instagram account**.

The detailed program is available on

<https://poetryfilmtage.de>

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

Ticket sales

Tickets can now be purchased online for 10 euros in the festival shop.

<https://www.eventbrite.de/e/international-poetry-film-festival-of-thuringia-tickets-122205657411>

Festival visitors from Weimar can buy their tickets until November 12th at the Eckermann bookshop (Marktstr. 2-4).

Social Media

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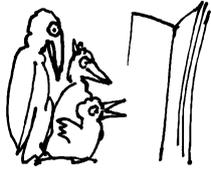
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Background

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.



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