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13th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF CYPRUS

Rialto Theatre, 7 - 13 October 2023

The ISFFC announces its National Competition Programme

The 13th International Short Film Festival of Cyprus announces its **National Competition Programme** including **11 short films** made by **Cypriot film directors**: a kaleidoscope of fiction, experimental, animation and documentary shorts making up a must-watch programme for every film aficionado, showcasing the multi-faceted character of the local film community.

The festival is co-organised by the Department of Modern and Contemporary Culture of the **Deputy Ministry of Culture**, and the **Rialto Theatre**. It has evolved into an institutional event that aims at unveiling the directorial voices of the local and international film scene. The international competition programme is curated by the festival's Artistic Directors, Alexia Roider and Ioakim Mylonas.

The **11 national films in competition** selected by the Pre-selection Committee are the following:

1. ***Athalassa***, directed by Argyro Nicolaou
2. ***Acceptance***, directed by Mark Kassinos
3. ***Buffer Zone***, directed by Savvas Stavrou
4. ***Death of a format***, directed by Marios Lizides
5. ***First call***, directed by Frantzeskos Zarou
6. ***I am an alien***, directed by Nicolas Karatzas
7. ***If you need me, I will fly***, directed by Christina Georgiou
8. ***Milk-rose***, directed by Constantinos Patsalides
9. ***Pillars***, directed by Andreas Dimitriou
10. ***Posidonies***, directed by Antis Iakovou, Evie Demetriou
11. ***The tornado outside***, directed by Maria Tomazou

The members of the **Pre-Selection Committee** who selected the Cypriot films participating in the National Competition section are: **Adonis Florides** - director-screenwriter, **Nicolas Khabbaz** - producer and director of Audiovisual Arts at Notre Dame University in Lebanon (NDU), and **Doros Demetriou** - film historian.

The National Films compete both for the **International and National Awards**, as well as for the **European Film Awards' Short Film Candidate nomination**.

The **awards** that will be granted by the international jury in both sections are the following:

International Competition Section

- 1st Prize for Best Short Film
- 2nd Prize for Best Short Film
- Best Director Award
- Best Documentary Award

National Competition Section

- 1st Prize for Best National Film
- 2nd Prize for Best National Film
- Best Cypriot Director Award 'Dinos Katsourides'
- Best Cinematography Award
- Best Performance Award

as well as up to 3 Honorary Distinctions in every section.

The festival also grants the Best Music Video Award, decided by the Student Jury of the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Design of Cyprus University of Technology.

More information about the international jury members and the programme of screenings will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information about the festival, visit www.isffc.com.cy and its social media pages.

Screenings are suitable for 18+.

All films are screened in their original language with English and Greek subtitles.

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