



**Limassol, 2 October 2018**

**8th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF CYPRUS**

**13 – 19 October 2018**

**Rialto Theatre, Limassol**

**The ISFFC announces its PARALLEL PROGRAMME OF SCREENINGS & EVENTS**

The International Short Film Festival of Cyprus has established, through the years, an innovative and diverse programme of tributes and other cinema events, which run parallel to the main competition.

Thematic workshops for professionals, and open air short film screenings make up a dynamic programme. Looking to explore the relation of poetry and film? Do you want to get industry insides or wonder how films are selected in some of the world's major festivals? Then, look for the ISFFC's parallel programme of events! It's all there.

**«Meet the Programmers!» - Sunday 14/10, 18:00-20:00, Rialto Theatre on Stage**

The ISFFC offers filmmakers and all interested individuals a rare opportunity to meet and interact with festival programmers and directors. This parallel event brings together film professionals from top international short film festivals, such as NDU IFF, Berlinale Shorts, Tampere FF, Winterthur ISFF, VIS Vienna Shorts. At this discussion panel, featuring screenings of short films, the participants will have the opportunity to better understand the selection procedure at some of the world's most important festivals and, consequently, to apply this knowledge to their future productions.

The aim is to stimulate an interesting discussion and a fruitful dialogue between filmmakers and programmers, to explain how short films are selected and which factors are taken into consideration when putting together an international short film competition programme.

**Guest speakers:**

**Sam Lahoud**, Director of NDU Int'l Film Festival & Beirut International Women Film Festival

**Simone Spani**, Member of the Selection Committee of Berlinale Shorts

**Jukka Pekka Laakso**, Festival Director of Tampere Film Festival

**Killian Lilienfeld**, Member of the Selection Committee of Winterthur Int'l Short Film Festival

**Daniel Ebner**, Artistic Director of the International and Oscar-accredited Short Film Festival VIS Vienna Shorts

## **Experimental Short Film Screenings from the Eye Film Institute Netherlands - Monday 15/10, 23:00, Heroes' Square**

A selection of experimental short films from the Netherlands in an open air screening on Heroes' Square. The audience will have the chance to get to know the activity of Eye Film Institute, an institution for the international marketing and promotion of Dutch films. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010, Eye unites Holland Film, the Filmbank, the Dutch Institute for Film Education and the Film Museum in one organisation, under one name.

## **Words on Film - Wednesday 17/10, 17:30-19:30, Old vinegar house, Limassol**

This year's edition takes the audience on a literary journey traversing the art of cinema: the parallel programme "*Words on Film*" reveals the inherent connection between literature and the moving image.

Literature and Cinema are two forms of art, intrinsically connected since the early history of Cinema and up until contemporary times. The world film archive includes innumerable short and feature films based on or inspired by literary works. Hence, this year's edition explores and focuses on the multi-dimensional relation between Cinema and Literature, with the invaluable contribution of acclaimed Greek writer and director, Achilleas Kyriakides.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Part:**

Discussion about the relation between literature and cinema with this year's Jury President, Greek writer and director Achilleas Kyriakides.

Coordinated by: Yiorgos Trillidis

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Part: Words on film by 4 writers**

Words, image and sound. In the second part of this event, four talented Cypriot writers will recite their own literary work, inspired by four experimental short films without dialogue. A live recitation session will accompany the screening of each of the following short films:

Maria Ioannou - ***Black Mountain*** by Marianna Christophides, 12', Cyprus

Constantina Soteriou - ***Proof of Memory*** by Yosuke Kawata, 10', Japan

Stephanos Stavrides – ***8<sup>th</sup> Continent*** by George Zois, 11', Greece

Costas Mannouris - ***The art of flying*** by Jan Van Ijken, 7', Austria

The event will take place in Greek. With the collaboration of **Vivliotropio**

## **Short films from Batroun Mediterranean Film Festival, Lebanon - Thursday, 18/10, 23:00, Heroes' Square**

This year, the ISFFC hosts Batroun Mediterranean Film Festival (BMFF), the first and only Mediterranean Film Festival in Lebanon sprouting in the most relevant location; the old Phoenician city of Batroun. The festival offers its audience an authentic cinematic experience in a historical open-air venue, where fresh cinema connects with the old city through a selection of awarded shorts reflecting the basin's culture, life and landscape.

## **Amaze Me - Music Videos - Friday, 19/10, 22:00, Heroes' Square**

For the sixth year running, a competition programme with top notch music videos from around the world is presented, judged by a student jury from the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts of Cyprus University of Technology. This selection will also be screened at the Festival's closing party.

**Free entrance to all screenings and events. The full programme is available on the Festival website [www.isffc.com.cy](http://www.isffc.com.cy)**

### **Organisers**

The Festival is organised by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre.

### **Additional Info:**

**Subtitles:** All films are screened in their original dialogues with Greek and English subtitles.

**Facebook:** [@Int'l Short Film Festival of Cyprus](https://www.facebook.com/Int'l-Short-Film-Festival-of-Cyprus) **Twitter:** #RialtoTheatreCy /#isffc18

**Free Entrance** (Free tickets must be obtained from the Rialto Box Office, online and through the Rialto Theatre App)

**Suitable for 18+ years of age.**

**Information:** Rialto Theatre 77 77 77 45

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