



**Limassol, 3 October 2016**

6th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF CYPRUS

**Film Screenings aboard a ship**

**The 6th International Short Film Festival of Cyprus, taking place at Rialto Theatre from the 15th to the 21st of October 2016, is proud to be presenting a special showcase programme of screenings entitled "Understanding reality", which encompasses short films made by teenage refugees, in the framework of an educational programme on video storytelling, in Lebanon.**

The sea of Limassol will transform itself into a sea of culture during one of the festival nights, when viewers will embark on a ship and have the chance to watch short films with various thematics, made by Syrian refugees and Lebanese teenagers from disadvantaged communities.

The workshops via which these films were created, followed a social therapy process whereby participants explored their personal stories and turned them into short films. The process of conceiving and producing these films enhanced the participants' skills of creativity and self-expression. Sharing these stories through video sheds a different light on the participants' experiences, highlighting their struggles and giving them a better understanding of their own reality.

The screenings take place in collaboration with FIFOG (Festival International Du Film Oriental de Genève) and Sabine Choucair from Lebanon, the social therapist and curator of this programme, who will be attending the Festival. Joining her, Tahar Houchi the artistic director of FIFOG.

The main axis of this midnight screening programme is the sea itself; an immense, liquid arena for communication between people and their cultures, which often becomes either a way out of the conflict zones or a deadly trap for those traversing it.

**The screenings will take place on Thursday 20/10, and the ship will depart at 11p.m. from the Limassol Old Port. The Festival promises to offer a unique cinematic experience to the viewers who will be embarking on this short journey.**

**The screenings are supported by UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.**

**Important Notice:**

There will be buses transferring the viewers from the Rialto Theatre, departing at 22h30. Expression of interest must be made at 77 77 77 45 & 25343903. First-come, first-served basis, due to limited capacity.

## Organisers

The Festival is organised by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre. It is under the auspices of the Mayor of Limassol, Mr Andreas Christou

Please visit [www.isffc.com.cy](http://www.isffc.com.cy) for the full programme of screenings.

## Additional Information

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

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**Free Entrance** (Free tickets must be obtained from the Rialto Box Office)

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

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