



International Short Film Festival of Cyprus

15 – 22 October

(Rialto Theatre, Limassol)

2nd Press Release

Coming up to the final preparations for this year's official International Short Film Festival of Cyprus, which is devoted as a tribute, ***to our compatriot director Michael Kakoyiannis who recently passed away.***

The revamped Festival held in Limassol from 15 to 22 October is organized for the sixth time by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre and is under the auspices of the Mayor of Limassol, mr Andreas Christou.

This year's festival covers a huge range of film genres and topics, with a wide spectrum of important national and international productions of short films, parallel screenings from Rome and Paris along with a special animation program and a Master Class. At the same time the festival hosts both artists and welcomes spectators from all over Cyprus and abroad, supporting and accentuating independent short films as an art form. It hopes to create a proper environment and audience for them.

The two Cypriot award- winning directors Alexia Roider and Ioakim Mylonas, form the Artistic Committee of the Festival with their choices of the international films and parallel programs.

The national and international awards will be awarded by an International Jury consisting of 5 major personalities from the film scene

- Nina Kellgren (Chairman) - BSc Director of Photography, United Kingdom.
- Fabrizio Ferrari - Festival Organizer and Artistic Director of the Roma Independent Film Festival , Italy
- Thodoris Papadoulakis - Award-winning director of short films, director of the T.V series "The Island", Greece
- Kostas Yiallouridis - Director, winner at the Short Film Festival 2009 Cyprus, Cyprus
- Silke Schmickl - Director Lowave, France

The International / National Competition Section is the main core of the festival, with screenings taking place every day from 20:30 to 23:00 at the RIALTO theatre. The Competition section includes 42 international feature films, documentaries,

experimental and animated films and 17 Cypriot films competing in both the national and international competition section.

At the end of the main program of the Festival, the following events will take place at the Dance House Lemesos at 23:00.

RIFF on tour (16/10)

The Roma Independent Film Festival 2011 is a selection of short films of the 2011 Italian production. The Director of the Festival, Fabrizio Ferrari, who is also a member of the jury, will present the program.

International Animation Festival - Aspects of the Fantastic (18/10)

The Festival hosts the International Animation Festival, which celebrates its' 10 years. Artistic Director of the Festival is George Tsagaris, who will present a commemorative program titled, "Aspects of Fiction" moving part of the program from the countryside to Limassol.

Signes de Nuit (20/10)

Signes de Nuit Short Film Festival (Short Film Signs of the Night) from Paris focuses on a "Different Film" with screenings of selected short films, presented by the Festival Director, Dieter Wiczorek

Lowave (21/10)

Lowave company, presents a selection of experimental short films from the Middle East and North Africa entitled Resistances III. The presentation will be made by the Director of the organization, Silke Schmickl, who will discuss issues related to distribution and sale of short films.

The festival presents 2 interesting programs while bringing together the past and future of short films. The *Cyprus Retro Screenings* (22/10, RIALTO theatre), looks for the early short film in Cyprus. The 2nd program is in collaboration with the Cyprus University of Technology, a short film competition for students under the title *Shoot and Run*.

Finally the festival, is accompanied by a workshop on film and television by the famous award-winning director Thodoris Papadoulakis and actor Stelio Maina, on 21/10, 18:00 in Art studio 55.

The festival drops curtain on 22nd October at 20:30 with actor Stelio Maina at the closing ceremony following by a party.

Free Entrance (Ticket reservation at the theatre's box office is necessary)

The detailed and full programme of the Festival will soon be available on the Festival's website at www.isffc.com.cy

All films will be screened in their original language with **Greek** and **English** subtitles.

Information/Reservations: RIALTO Theatre 77 77 77 45

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Trailer of Festival:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=0hGNwgJvRnw

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