

DOKUFEST XVI ANNOUNCES COMPETITIONS!

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Prizren, 10 July 2017 – DokuFest announced today the full slate of films in competitions for its 16th edition, running from August 4 – 12 in the city of Prizren, Kosovo.

The Festival will showcase 102 films in its six competition sections representing 50 countries - including two world premieres, two international premieres and a number of European and regional premieres. Eight films from the National competition will also see their world premieres at the festival.

An outstanding body of work of non-fiction cinema, as well as a great array of short fictions and experimental cinema is what characterizes the film competition. This year's selections feature a number of returning filmmakers showing their works for the second or third time at the festival while at the same time, a growing number of young and upcoming filmmakers are also appearing across all the competition sections.

In the coming days, the festival will continue to announce other, specially curated strands. These will include its highly popular *View From the World*, and a specially curated strand on *Future* to coincide with the central theme of the festival. Also featured, a retrospective of notable American filmmaker as well as number of other strands.

"DokuFest is committed to bringing the best of cinema to Prizren and Kosovo and I believe the films in competition are just that!" says Veton Nurkollari, Artistic Director of DokuFest. "We are delighted to be able to once again present works of such high quality, both from emerging filmmakers as well as from the masters of the craft, to our growing audience".

COMPETITION PROGRAMME:

BALKAN DOX COMPETITION

- 1. EVERY GOOD STORY IS A LOVE STORY - VSAKA DOBRA ZGODBA JE LJUBEZENSKA ZGODBA**
Rajko Grlić, Matjaž Ivanišin
Slovenia/Croatia, 2017

A film about the theatrical play "Boris, Milena, Radko" and the four publicly well-known people who produced it.

2. **GORA**
Stefan Malešević
Bosnia and Herzegovina/Serbia, 2017
This is the first film that deals with the way Gorani people are, not who they are or who they belong to.
3. **LANDSCAPES OF WAR, LANDSCAPES OF PEACE - PEJZAŽI RATA, PEJZAŽI MIRA**
Aron Sekelj
Serbia/Germany, 2017
A journey through the chronology, aftermath and a potential conclusion of a military conflict.
4. **LORD OF THE HOUSE - ZOTI I SHPIŠË**
Danielle Bremer
Kosovo, 2017
A rebellious Kosovar midwife fights for acknowledgement from her family which has always lived by century-old Albanian traditions based on male-dominance.
5. **MY LIFE WITHOUT AIR**
Bojana Burnać
Croatia, 2017
A view of a man whose most important moments in life take place underwater during one highly controlled breath.
6. **MY OWN PRIVATE WAR**
Lidija Zelović
Netherlands, 2016
In this documentary Lidija Zelovic makes an inner journey through her memories, places and people she loves.
7. **NEWSREEL 63**
Nika Autor, Ciril Oberstar
Slovenia, 2017
Newsreel 63 follows newsreel-related practices and tries to position and understand a particular image.
8. **SPECTRES ARE HAUNTING EUROPE - FANTASMATA PLANIOUNTAI PANO APO TIN EVROPI**
Maria Kourkouta, Niki Giannari
Greece/France, 2016
The daily life of refugees in the camp of Idomeni, next to the Greek-Macedonian border.
9. **STARS OF GAOMEIGU**
Marko Grba Singh
Serbia/China, 2017

Between astronomy and legends, Marko Grba Singh seems to compose a mysterious and polysemous tableau.

10. STEEL MILL CAFÉ - BUFFET ŽELJEZARA

Goran Dević

Croatia, 2017

Erna and Dževad are the owners of a pub in the vicinity of a steel mill, a complex that used to be one of the largest of its kind in Eastern Europe.

11. THE GOOD POSTMAN

Tonislav Hristov

Finland/Bulgaria, 2016

A small Bulgarian village just by the Turkish border has been resisting foreign invaders since the times of the Ottoman Empire.

12. THE ROAD MOVIE

Dmitrii Kalashnikov

Belarus/Russia/Serbia/Bosnia & Herzegovina/Croatia, 2016

In Russia, everything is possible on the road, so everyone is driving around with a dash cam.

13. THEY JUST COME AND GO - ONI SAMO DOLAZE I ODLAZE

Boris Poljak

Croatia, 2016

The film takes place at famous beach in Split in the first moments of sunrise. The entire image seems a bit surreal.

14. THOSE SHOCKING SHAKING DAYS

Selma Doborac

Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 2016

A unique portrait of the impossibility of depicting the atrocities of war through insightful subtitles and meditative footage of abandoned structures.

15. HOMES (OMNIBUS)

Kaori Oda, Sarah Francis, Farah Hasanbegovic, Andre Gil Mata, Daniel

Botos, Kumjana Novakova, Manel Raga Raga

Bosnia & Herzegovina, 2016

Home(s): Imaginary Spaces of Imaginative Love Confront the absent other.

16. TO WANT, TO NEED, TO LOVE - ME DASHT', ME DASHT', ME DASHT'

Ilir Hasanaj

Kosovo, 2016

A freshly split up couple tries to find a way to work and live together in a performance art project with 30 artists that travels through 3 countries.

17. A MILLION DOLLAR LIFE

Robert Tomić Zuber

Croatia, 2017

Parents of a 5-year-old girl, are told by doctors that Croatian medicine cannot help terminal leukemia. The desperate parents embark on a fight to save their daughter.

INTERNATIONAL DOX COMPETITION/FEATURE & SHORT

- 1. 69 MINUTES OF 86 DAYS**
Egil Håskjold Larsen
Norway, 2017
This film tells the story about childhood, family relations, hope and a world that is difficult to understand. All presented to us by 3-year- old Lean.
- 2. ALL THAT PASSES BY THROUGH A WINDOW THAT DOESN'T OPEN**
Martin DiCicco
USA/Qatar, 2017
A journey by rail where workers reflect upon opportunity and regret.
- 3. CITY OF GHOSTS**
Matthew Heineman
USA, 2017
The story of a brave group of citizen journalists as they face the realities of life undercover, on the run, and in exile.
- 4. DEATH IN A TERMINAL**
Tali Shemesh, Asaf Sudry
Israel, 2016
The story of people caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, who experienced panic and fear.
- 5. DONKEYOTE**
Chico Pereira
Spain/Germany/UK, 2017
Manolo decides to plan one last walk in the US, the brutal 2200 mile Trail of Tears. But not without his donkey.
- 6. EL MAR LA MAR**
Joshua Bonnetta, J.P. Sniadecki
USA, 2017
The few people who live between Mexico and the United States, the poorest of undocumented immigrants that try to cross the border.
- 7. MAKALA**
Emmanuel Gras
France, 2017
A young man from a village in the Congo hopes to offer his family a better future.

8. **RAT FILM**
Theo Anthony
USA, 2016
A documentary that uses the rat—as well as the humans that love them, live with them, and kill them-- to explore the history of Baltimore.
9. **TASTE OF CEMENT**
Ziad Kalthoum
Germany/Lebanon/Syria/UAE/Qatar, 2017
Taste of Cement is a portrait of workers in exile.
10. **THE CHALLENGE**
Yuri Ancarani
France/Italy, 2016
Falconry has a history that stretches back over 40 centuries.
11. **THE REAGAN SHOW**
Pacho Velez, Sierra Pettengill
USA, 2017
An all-archival documentary about the original performer- president's role of a lifetime.
12. **MACHINES**
Rahul Jain
India/Germany/Finland, 2016
Director Rahul Jain observes the life of the workers, the suffering and the environment they can hardly escape from in a textile factory in Gujarat, India.
13. **A FAREWELL TO ALL THAT – EL MUNDANAL RUIDO**
David Muñoz López
Spain/Italy, 2016
An old man searches for an ancient music on the mountains with his videocamera.
14. **BALLOONFEST**
Nathan Truesdell
USA, 2016
Cleveland attempts to overcome its nickname, 'The Mistake by the Lake' by launching a bunch of balloons.
15. **BEST OF LUCK WITH THE WALL**
Josh Begley
USA, 2016
An animated voyage across the U.S./Mexico border, stitched together from 200,000 satellite images.
16. **EDITH + EDDIE**
Laura Checkoway

USA, 2017

Edith and Eddie, ages 96 and 95, are America's oldest interracial newlyweds.

17. IF ONLY THERE WERE PEACE

Carmine Grimaldi, Deniz Tortum

USA/Turkey, 2017

In rural Turkey a mismatched film crew guns for international acclaim with a melodrama about the Kurdish-Turkish conflict.

18. NYO VWETA NAFTA

Ico Costa

Portugal/Mozambique, 2017

Inhambane. Mozambique. King-Best. Samsung Galaxy. Versace. Babes. White rooster...

19. POLONAISE – POLONEZ

Agnieszka Elbanowska

Poland, 2016

In the small, central Polish town of Aleksandrow Kujawski, the director of the local culture centre announces a competition.

20. PROJECT X

Laura Poitras, Henrik Moltke

USA, 2016

Project X reveals the inner workings of a windowless skyscraper in downtown Manhattan.

21. THE CATCH - LA PESCA

Pablo Alvarez Mesa, Fernando López Escrivá

Colombia/Canada, 2017

A day in the life of a family of fishermen, los Cantillo, inhabitants of the ancestral Caribbean town of Taganga.

22. THE KODACHROME ELEGIES

Jay Rosenblatt

USA, 2017

A short experimental documentary that evokes the bygone era of Kodachrome's pinnacle.

23. WAVES OF TRANSITION - MA YA CHAN

Jonas Scheu

Switzerland, 2016

An immersion into a unique and disappearing universe.

24. EN LA BOCA

Matteo Gariglio

Switzerland, 2016

In Buenos Aires, the Molina family lives and works in the shadows of the legendary Boca Juniors stadium.

GREEN DOX COMPETITION

- 1. AMA – SAN**
Cláudia Varejão
Portugal, 2016
A dive, the noon sunlight cuts through the water. The air on both lungs will have to be enough to rip the abalone from the rocks in the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.
- 2. DEAD DONKEYS FEAR NO HYENAS**
Joakim Demmer
Sweden/Finland/Germany, 2016
The film investigates foreign land-investments and exposes their impact on people's lives.
- 3. THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN**
Julia Dahr
Norway/UK, 2017
Over the last four years Kisilu has used his camera to capture the impacts of extreme weather on his family and village in Kenya.
- 4. THE MODERN JUNGLE - LA SELVA NEGRA**
Charles Fairbanks, Saul Kak
Mexico/USA, 2016
A portrait of globalization filtered through the fever dream of a Mexican shaman, don Juan, who falls under the spell of a pyramid-scheme-marketed nutritional supplement.
- 5. THE WOMAN AND THE GLACIER - MOTERIS IR LEDYNAS**
Audrius Stonys
Lithuania/Estonia, 2017
A story of the fragile Woman and the eternal Glacier.
- 6. TROPHY**
Shaul Schwarz, Christina Clusiau
USA, 2017
An unpleasant truth that the hardy 'Trophy' reveals a unique journalistic overview.
- 7. DUSK CHORUS - BASED ON FRAGMENTS OF EXTINCTION**
Nika Šaravanja, Alessandro d'Emilia
Italy, 2016
A unique experience of listening to the imprints of the disappearing sonic heritage of millions of years of evolution.

8. CHASING CORAL

Jeff Orlowski

USA, 2017

The film documents the indisputable and tragic transformation occurring below the waves.

HUMAN RIGHTS DOX COMPETITION

1. A FEELING GREATER THAN LOVE - SHU'OUR AKBAR MIN EL HOB

Mary Jirmanus Saba

Lebanon, 2017

The film returns to a forgotten moment in Lebanon where a social revolution might have been - when two worker uprisings were cut short by civil war.

2. A HOLE IN THE HEAD – DIERA V HLAVE

Robert Kirchhoff

Slovakia/Czech Republic, 2016

Little is known about the tragedy of the Roma and Sinti during the Second World War.

3. HELL ON EARTH: THE FALL OF SYRIA AND THE RISE OF ISIS

Sebastian Junger, Nick Quested

USA, 2017

This gripping and insightful work captures the Syrian war's harrowing carnage, political and social consequences.

4. MAMA COLONEL

Dieudo Hamadi

Democratic Republic of the Congo/France, 2017

The film addresses the issue of violence towards women and children in the DRC and the difficulty of overcoming the past war.

5. MISS KIET'S CHILDREN - DE KINDEREN VAN JUF KIET

Peter Lataster, Petra Lataster-Czisch

Netherlands, 2016

Miss Kiet's pupils have only just arrived in the Netherlands. Many of them are refugees.

6. MOGADISHU SOLDIER

Torstein Grude

Norway/Finland/Denmark, 2016

A raw and unfiltered exploration of life in the Somalian war zone as seen by two Burundian soldiers.

7. **NOWHERE TO HIDE**
Zaradasht Ahmed
Norway/Sweden, 2016
The film follows male nurse Nori Sharif through five years of dramatic change.
8. **THE WAR SHOW**
Andreas Dalsgaard, Obaidah Zytoon
Denmark/Finland/Syria, 2016
The film captures the fate of Syria through the lens of a small circle of friends.
9. **WEST OF THE JORDAN RIVER (FIELD DIARY REVISITED)**
Amos Gitai
France/Israel, 2017
Film shows the human ties woven by the military, human rights activists, journalists, mourning mothers and even Jewish settlers.

INTERNATIONAL SHORTS COMPETITION

1. **489 YEARS - 489 ANEES**
Hayoun Kwon
France, 2016
"489 Years" is transcribed according to the testimony of a former soldier in South Korea, Kim.
2. **A GENTLE NIGHT – XIAO CHENG ER YUE**
Qiu Yang
China, 2017
In a nameless Chinese city, a mother with her daughter missing, refuses to go gentle into that good night.
3. **AIRPORT**
Michaela Müller
Switzerland/Croatia, 2017
Airports - the pinnacle of modern society, places where the limits of borders, security and tolerance are constantly tested.
4. **CITY MAYA - CIUDAD MAYA**
Andrés Padilla Domene
Mexico/France, 2017
The film walks on the limits between science fiction and documentary to deconstruct the imaginary around Maya culture and their identity today.
5. **DROWNING MAN**
Mahdi Fleifel
Denmark/UK/Greece, 2017

Alone and far from home, The Kid makes his way through a strange city looking for the means to get through his day.

6. **EVERYTHING**

David O'Reilly

USA/Ireland, 2017

An interactive experience where everything you see is a thing you can be, from animals to planets to galaxies and beyond.

7. **FATIMA MARIE TORRES AND THE INVASION OF SPACE SHUTTLE PINAS 25**

Carlo Francisco Manatad

Philippines, 2016

An ordinary old couple living in the suburbs attempts to go about their life during this strange day.

8. **GAMER GIRL**

Irena Jukić Pranjić

Croatia, 2016

The film is set in a computer game.

9. **GOOD LUCK, ORLO! - SREČNO, ORLO!**

Sara Kern

Slovenia, 2016

After a dramatic event, Orlo, 7, watches his parents being consumed with grief.

10. **GREEN SCREEN GRINGO**

Douwe Dijkstra

Netherlands, 2016

Behind a green screen, a foreigner finds his way in an enchanting - and yet turbulent - Brazil.

11. **HALF A MAN – PO ČOVIKA**

Kristina Kumrić

Croatia, 2016

A village in the outback of Dalmatia, autumn of 1991. The war is raging nearby.

12. **LES MISERABLES**

Ladj Ly

France, 2017

In the modern-day Parisian neighborhood of Victor Hugo's novel, a new transfer cop learns abusive policing practices of two veterans.

13. **LUNCH TIME**

Alireza Ghasemi

Iran, 2017

A 16 year old girl has come to the hospital to identify the body of her mother.

14. **MANIVALD**

Chintis Lundgren

Estonia/Croatia/Canada, 2017

Manivald, a fox, is turning 33. Overeducated, unemployed and generally uninspired...

15. ON THE ROPES

Manon Nammour

Lebanon, 2016

A family where men are unemployed and women are desperate, no one seems to move forward.

16. RAILMENT

Shunsaku Hayashi

Japan, 2017

In a continuous scenery, his physical movement stays in the same position.

17. RED LIGHT - H A Ч E P B E H O

Toma Waszarow

Bulgaria, 2016

A story about the funny side of apathy, selfishness, and loneliness in a world where following the rules is a misunderstanding.

18. RETOUCH

Kaveh Mazaheri

Iran, 2017

Maryam's husband does weightlifting. Suddenly, the weight falls on his throat and puts him between life and death.

19. SAMEDI CINEMA

Mamadou Dia

Senegal/USA, 2016

In a small town in the north of Senegal, two young avid cinephiles Baba and Sembene are desperate to see a movie on the big screen.

20. SMALL TOWN - CIDADE PEQUENA

Diogo Costa Amarante

Portugal, 2016

In September the child Frederico learns from his teacher that if the heart stops, people die.

21. THE BEST FIREWORKS EVER - NAJPIĘKNIEJSZE FAJERWERKI EVER

Aleksandra Terpińska

Poland, 2017

The plot of the film takes place in the contemporary world in one of the European cities.

22. THE BRIEF HISTORY OF PRINCESS X

Gabriel Abrantes

Portugal/France/UK, 2016

A supercharged history of sculptor Constantin Brancusi's infamous 'Princess X'.

23. THE CHIMERICAL MUSEUM OF SHIFTING SHAPES

Damián Alquichire

Colombia, 2017

A tour of the place will prove that sometimes one painting is not enough.

24. THE CIRCLE – HEVËRK

Rûken Tekeş

Turkey, 2016

In Mesopotamia, there are children of different ethnicities, religions and languages.

25. THE COMMITTEE – KOMMITTÉN

Gunhild Enger, Jenni Toivoniemi

Finland/Norway/Sweden, 2016

A Nordic collaboration is taking place. Three delegates from Sweden, Norway and Finland are gathered in Lapland to decide on an art piece.

26. THE DISCO SHINES - LA DISCO RESPLANDECE

Chema García Ibarra

Turkey/Spain, 2016

The evening is ending and the shadow of the mountain falls over the town...

27. THE WINDOW - LA FINESTRA

Silvia Perra

Italy, 2016

Against their will, the last four inhabitants of a small village in Sardinia are forced to move to a house they don't like.

28. WRITTEN/UNWRITTEN

Adrian Silisteanu

Romania, 2016

Outside a maternity ward, a Roma family is announced their underage daughter has just had a baby girl.

29. YOU ARE SEEING THINGS - ESTÁS VENDO COISAS

Bárbara Wagner, Benjamin de Búrca

Brazil, 2017

In the darkness of a nightclub, hairdresser Porck and firefighter Dayana try their luck as Brega singers while plotting their course from studio to stage.

30. FAJR

Lois Patiño

Spain/Morocco, 2017

In the Moroccan desert night dilutes forms and silence slides through sand.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

1. **BON APPÉTIT**
Erenik Beqiri
Albania, 2016
A man wanders in the dark tunnels of an abandoned building until he finds a table waiting for him.
2. **CITY OF WALLS - QYTETI I MUREVE**
Eneos Çarka
Albania, 2016
This documentary gives an insight on the street art & graffiti culture in Tirana, Albania.
3. **DODA – THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF FRANZ BARON NOPCSA**
Visar Vishka
Macedonia, 2016
This documentary is about his life and adventures, together with his partner and secretary, Bayazid Elmas Doda.
4. **ETHNOPHOBIA**
Joan Zhonga
Albania/Greece, 2016
Survival, clash and symbiosis go side by side, all accompanied by bursts of joy and pain.
5. **FATALIST**
Edin Alija
Kosovo, 2016
Four people are sitting on a table and discussing about destiny, until an incognito approaches and proves everything wrong.
6. **HEAVEN HAS BEEN FOOLED**
Odeta Çunaj
Albania, 2016
Vesa, a former singer, meet a fan of her who tries to bring light in her life.
7. **MEETING**
Durim Kryeziu
Kosovo, 2016
Bush as a Director of a cultural institution has an appointment for some investments, he has prepared the agreement, speech and cocktail, but there is only one thing he doesn't have!?
8. **PLASTIC FLOWERS – LULET PLASTIKE**
Ylljet Aliçka
Albania, 2017
An old couple from the Albanian countryside, receives a wedding invitation from a close relative to the capital city.

9. RECOLLECTION

Art Haxhijakupi

Kosovo, 2017

An experimental documentary that explores the author's feelings between individual and collective memory, identity and struggle.

10. SANS LE KOSOVO

Dea Gjinovci

Kosovo/UK, 2017

My father and I take the road to retrace his exile as a 19-year-old refugee from Kosovo in 1968.

11. THE REMIGRANT

Astrit Alihajdaraj

Kosovo, 2017

The Remigrant tells a story about Bashkim (50) and his son Besnik (17). They have a lot in common.

12. THEY – ATA

Emiljo Leka

Albania, 2016

The story of this short movie is about Adi 12 years old and Soni a 9 years old boy.

13. STATION – STACIONI

Leart Rama

Kosovo, 2017

Fierza Lake, high mountains on both of its sides and a small boat breaking the silence of this small part of the world.

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