



Dear film makers, dear guests,

a lot of news around our festival. First of all we have a new festival venue, ufaFabrik. There we will show you film in the historic UFA cinema. For decades the screenings for approval of the UFA film laboratory took place here, that is the big dress rehearsals of the UFA films. In adjoining rooms we have good space for our workshops and discussions.

Room we need, as the festival has grown: "REC for Kids" and "REC International Young Film Festival" have a new partner: "Lichtspiele – the Berlin Youth Film Festival". Thereby we also have a new competition in the festival: Lichtspiele organizes the competition for films by Berlin students, in two categories: 'younger than 16 years' and 'older than 16 years'.

For all this year's competition programs together more than 450 films from 30 countries were entered. As there is not enough time to screen them all, many painful decisions had to be taken. We selected 95 films from 24 countries. On top of that we offer a range of workshops like animation film for kids, journalism for youth and workshops about DSLR cameras and sound engineering. We will also have a discussion with the film makers und a roadshow about professions in the film area. More on that later in the catalogue.

Also we are looking forward to an interesting exchange: we thank the district administration Tempelhof-Schöneberg for their initiative to invite film workshops and young film makers from the partner cities in Israel, France and Germany Filmwerkstätten, whose films we will also show.

And now for the three competitions:

REC International Youth Film Festival

"REC International Youth Film Festival" is our competition for films of 16- to 27 year-olds. We show 35 films from 14 countries. Once more we we have a high number of documentary films. So we are very happy, that the "International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film" once more awards the Docu-Clip for best documentary at our festival. Of course there'll be a jury of renowned film makers with a double task: not just defining the award winners, but also give a spontaneous and unmasked feedback to each film maker. Not an easy task, but for the fresh blood film makers certainly a valuable criticism from professionals.

Here we would also like to thank our festival partners in other countries and the European Festival Network YCN, from these we received a lot of fascinating entries this year.

Lichtspiele das Berliner Jugendfilmfestival

The short film festival Lichtspiele offers pupils from Berlin a platform to both present their films and network with other young filmmakers and professionals. Students are encouraged to creatively engage with their surroundings.

Films selected for the competition (23 this year) are between 2 and 10 minutes in length. There are no restrictions on subject or genre. The competition is made up of two categories: 'Under-16' and 'Over-16'. Three prizes are awarded per category. The prizes either contribute to the pupils' film cultural education (e.g. workshops) or support future projects with professional filmmaking equipment (e.g. tripod, video editing software). Our aim is to motivate young filmmakers to keep on making films! The winners are chosen by a jury. The jury is made up of professionals from a wide spectrum within the film and broadcasting industry. We would like to sincerely thank our jury for their time and dedication.

This cooperation with REC Filmfestival Berlin is a first for us and we are looking forward to presenting you the Berlin-part of this festival. We hope you enjoy the programme. Roll it!

REC for Kids

"REC for Kids" is our competition for films of 6- to 15 year-olds. We will show 43 films from 13 countries. The dialogue of foreign films will be live translated to German, so all age groups can understand.

We have refined the recommended age for the audience this year and divided the age groups into 6-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years. Thus the program reflects the level of development of the children and youth a lot better, forms and topics are adequate to the respective age group. The program is accompanied by a presenter with experience in media pedagogy, that is, making and topics of the films will be discussed age-based. Supplementary to the six film programs there'll be the Studio DA's animation workshop, an open workshop for children aged 6-13. And on Saturday we show the family program, selected films from the competition programs. A bit of everything – for everyone!

Also on Saturday – the award ceremony for all competitions. The winners will be awarded and afterwards the best films will be shown.

Last, but not least we want to give a big thank you to all supporters and sponsors – without whom the festival would not have been possible. Even without us all working unpaid, quite some cost is summing up, for technical equipment, printing, like this catalogue, accommodation and not least the prizes!

We wish you an interesting exchange with other film makers, domestic and international, a fascinating film program and most of all to enjoy the festival!

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