

REC-Filmfestival 2019

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Foreword to Catalogue 2019

Dear filmmakers and friends of the REC Film Festival,

This year the 28th REC Film Festival will start, the number of submissions was again enormous this year. The screening took a correspondingly long time, nearly 700 films from 35 countries were submitted, that is about 100 hours of film - of which we will show a total of 79 films from 19 countries.

In this year's "REC Internationales junges Filmfestival" competition, the filmmakers seem not to be concerned about the big problems in politics and the environment. But many films show discomfort, often seemingly small things, but it becomes clear that previous experiences and behavioural patterns are no longer useful in a changing world and that familiar places are no longer safe. We get insights into difficult family constellations, problems with our own identity - social crises have seeped into our personal lives. We show the programs "Uncomfortable" and "Relationships". Our documentary film programme "Docu-Zone" also deals with the changes in the world of the protagonists, but the very different documentary forms and approaches are also exciting here.

The programme of "REC for Kids" is quite different: at first glance it looks like a colourful mixture, but the main focuses can be clearly identified: It's about growing up and conflicts with classmates and parents. Many films also deal with environmental pollution and the destruction of the earth. And a third focus with ghosts and aliens complements each other wonderfully, because at least the aliens are usually far ahead of the humans and can therefore offer some solutions for the earthly problems.

A further focus of this year's programme is again the films of young women: In our competition "REC Internationales junges Filmfestival" 22 out of 39 films by young female directors are presented. On Thursday at 9:15 pm we will show the film programme "Women's night" and before that, at 6 pm, a representative of the renowned film production "Ziegler Film" will give a lecture on professional film production: "How can I inspire others for my film idea?"

The other workshops of the festival are also very exciting: Lisa Zielke, who has received many prizes as a young filmmaker, offers two workshops in which it is very practically a matter of how to self-confidently appear and direct as a young filmmaker. For the

youngest participants, we are once again offering the workshop "Jurassic Park 8", where trailers will be shot for fictional films with virtual dinosaurs, animals, elves and gnomes. There will also be a radio studio for professional radio productions.

At the end of the festival the big award ceremony will take place again. The prizes will be awarded by 6 juries in different prize categories:

At "REC for Kids", in addition to the professional jury with two media pedagogically experienced jurors, there will also be a jury of three kids who will be awarded both gold and silver clips.

The jury for "REC International Young Film Festival" consists of experienced filmmakers and film scholars and, as in previous years, will give spontaneous feedback on each individual film immediately after the individual film programmes. And again this year the documentary clip of the "International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film" will be awarded by us. And just like last year, the "Ziegler Film" production will again be showing the best Berlin film as a supporting film in its cinema, Filmkunst 66 in Berlin-Charlottenburg. In addition, an internship at one of the next cinema/TV productions of "Ziegler Film" will again be awarded.

We are particularly pleased that the district office Tempelhof-Schöneberg is once again this year enabling an exchange with young filmmakers from the twin cities. A special program with these films will be shown on Friday at 14:00. At this point we would like to thank the youth welfare office of the district Tempelhof-Schöneberg as well as all other sponsors without whom this festival would not be possible: outreach gGmbH, PUMA e.V., Jugend- und Familienstiftung des Landes Berlin, Geier-Tronic, ufaFABRIK, Nachbarschafts- und Selbsthilfezentrum in der ufaFABRIK e. V. (NUSZ), Ziegler Film GmbH, Leipziger Dok-Filmwochen GmbH, Blumen Osterberg, Jugendnetz - Berlin.de, Senatsverwaltung für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung, Jugend Kultur Service, LAG Medienarbeit e.V., ECC Electronic Cinematography Company, Autofocus Videowerkstatt e.V. and all others who support the festival.

We wish you an exciting and inspiring REC-Filmfestival 2019!