

THE COMPETITION PROGRAMS OF THE ODESSA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (July 12 - 20, 2013) HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

11 film directors from USA, UK, Israel, Georgia, Italy, Poland, Germany, Romania, France, India, Russia and Ukraine will compete in International Program for the OIFF Grand Prix – 'The Golden Duke'. Also, this year 4 features, including much-anticipated biopic 'Parajanov', and 12 shorts are nominated for the Ukrainian National Film Award, which is now to be awarded in two categories.

«In the selection process the OIFF program committee reviewed around 1000 films, including 27 at the film festivals, among which – Cannes, Berlin and Venice International Film Festivals as well as film forums in Sofia, Warsaw, Locarno, Moscow, Plzen, Rotterdam and many others. There were 650 film entries received, among which 182 from Ukraine» - told OIFF-2013 President Victoria Tigipko at the second press conference of the 4th Odessa International Film Festival (12-20 July 2013).

OIFF-2013 COMPETITION

11 films were selected for the OIFF International Competition. The majority of the film directors are debutants or emerging filmmakers, nevertheless, they already collaborate with the leading actors of Europe, USA and Asia. In his debut feature 'The Necessary Death of Charlie Countryman' award-winning American commercial director Fredrik Bond gathered international star cast – Shia LaBeouf ('Transformers'), Evan Rachel Wood ('The Wrestler'), Mads Mikkelsen ('Casino Royale') and Til Schweiger ('Rabbit Without Ears'). Chili film director Alicia Scherson starred Rutger Hauer ('Blade Runner') in her picture 'The Future'. Tim Roth and Peter Mullan performed in the second feature of the young British director Craig Viveiros - 'The Liability'. In the debut feature of Indian director Ritesh Batra 'The Lunchbox' the leading role was performed by Bollywood and Hollywood star Irrfan Khan ('Slumdog Millionaire'). In the OIFF International Competition Russia is represented by director Aleksandr Veledinskiy with existential drama 'The Geographer Drank His Globe Away' starring Konstantin Khabenskiy.

Much-anticipated and the most discussed Ukrainian film project of the year – 'Parajanov' by Serge Avedikian & Elena Fetisova, biopic of the legendary Armenian-Ukrainian film director of the 20th century – is represented in two OIFF' competition programs at the same time – International Competition and Ukrainian National Film Award. This year 'Parajanov' will also appear in the competition section East of the West at Karlovy Vary IFF. Among the nominees for the Ukrainian National Film Award in the feature section are visionary film by Ihor Podolchak 'Delirium', social dramedy by Valentyn Vasyanovych 'Credenza' and surrealistic phantasy by Alisa Pavlovskaya 'I

don't wanna die', featuring real Odessa' culture underground characters.

There are 12 films in the shorts section of the Ukrainian National Film Award – award-winning 'Nuclear Waste' by Myroslav Slaboshpytskyy (Silver Leopard at Locarno IFF , Grand-Prix at Kinoshok IFF); 'Nympho' by Oleg Borshchevskyy – Ukrainian probe at erotic movie; documentaries - independent project by Olexandr Techynskyy 'Sirs and Misterys' and 'Junk Edit' by Dmytro Gluhenky; as well as other films, the majority of which are debuts.

OIFF-2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION JURY

The winner of the OIFF Grand Prix – 'The Golden Duke' for the best film of the International Competition will be awarded by tradition by audience. Jury will define the winners in the following categories: 'The Best Film', 'The Best Director' and 'The Best Actor'. This year the Head of the International Competition Jury will become one of the most successful film producers of the former Soviet Union, Europe and USA, the Ukrainian Alexander Rodnyansky (Ukraine / Russia / USA). The Jury also consists of German actress Franziska Petri ('Betrayal'); British producer of Harry Potter franchise Tanya Seghatchian (UK); film director, actress and teacher Nana Jorjadze (Georgia / Germany / Russia); as well as one of the most successful Ukrainian writers, the author of the more than 20 film scripts and member of the European Film Academy - Andrey Kurkov.

OIFF-2013 UKRAINIAN NATIONAL FILM AWARD JURY

The Jury of the Ukrainian National Film Award consists of film director, film critic and curator of the social-cinema projects Mark Cousins (UK); cofounder of the world's leading short film festival at Clermont-Ferrand Georges Bollon (France); Georgian producer Tamara Tatishvili; as well as Ukrainian film score composer Vadim Khrapachyov.

OIFF-2013 GUESTS

The names of the OIFF-2013 expected guests has been also announced. Ulrich Seidl (Austria), one of the most provocative European documentary directors, will visit Odessa to teach master class within OIFF Summer Film School and to present the final part of his 'Paradise' feature trilogy – 'Paradise; Hope'. The star of the European cinema - actress Sylvia Hoeks (Netherlands) will present two films with her participation: 'The Girl and Death' by OIFF' guest Jos Stelling and 'The Best Offer' by Giuseppe Tornatore. One of the most commercially successful Russian directors of the decade Timur Bekmambetov will bring to the OIFF his latest work as producer – film by Viktor Shamirov 'Igra v pravdu (Truth Games)'.

OIFF-2013 GALA-PREMIERES

Several films have been added to the OIFF non-competition section 'Gala-Premiers': 'Mood Indigo' by Michel Gondri with Audrey Tautou in the leading role; 'The Great Beauty' by Paolo Sorrentino (nominated for the Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival); 'Before Midnight' by Richard Linklater – the sequel to the love story of Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy); as well as 'The Look of Love' – the new film of the British director Michael Winterbottom, who will visit OIFF-2013 with his retrospective.

Odessa International Film Festival (OIFF) was founded in 2010 and is supported by the Ukrainian State Film Agency, Odessa Regional State Administration and Odessa Mayor's Office. The Festival is held under the patronage of the Odessa Region Governor Eduard Matviychuk.

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