

Press Release

## **Call for Entry for the 29<sup>th</sup> FILMFEST DRESDEN 2017 starts today**

**Dresden, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – The 29th FILMFEST DRESDEN is being held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Submissions will be accepted from now until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. With prize money totalling around €65,000, FILMFEST DRESDEN is one of the most generously endowed short film festivals in Europe.**

From now on film submissions for the 29<sup>th</sup> FILMFEST DRESDEN 2017 will be accepted via FilmFestivalLife. Eligible for submission for the festival's competition programmes are short fiction and animated films that are not longer than 30 minutes or produced after 31 December 2014. For the special programs experimental und documentary films may also be submitted.

### **The deadlines for submissions are:**

1<sup>st</sup> September until 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for all films produced after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

1<sup>st</sup> September until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 for all films produced since September 2016

### **Submission Platform FilmFestivalLife:**

[www.filmfestivallife.com/FILMFEST-DRESDEN-International-Short-Film-Festival](http://www.filmfestivallife.com/FILMFEST-DRESDEN-International-Short-Film-Festival)

### **Further Information can be found in the regulations for 2017:**

[http://www.filmfest-dresden.de/files/filmfest/PDF\\_Dateien\\_2017/Regulations\\_2017.pdf](http://www.filmfest-dresden.de/files/filmfest/PDF_Dateien_2017/Regulations_2017.pdf)

### **About FILMFEST DRESDEN – International Short Film Festival**

FILMFEST DRESDEN ([www.filmfest-dresden.de](http://www.filmfest-dresden.de)), which was founded in 1989, is counted among the most renowned and best endowed short film festivals in Europe. Each year over the six festival days in mid-April, it brings the latest short film productions from Germany, Europe and the world to the cinema screens in the capital of Saxony, and attracts 20,000 visitors, including more than 500 accredited media professionals. Prize money totalling €66,000 is awarded in the National and International Competitions for animated and fiction films, together with four special prizes. These include the DEFA Promotion Prize Animation, the ARTE Short Fiction Film Prize, the "Golden Horseman" Sound Design, as well as the Saxon State Ministry for Science and the Fine Arts Promotion Prize, which is endowed with €20,000.

Each year, more than 2,000 short films from 100 countries are submitted for selection in the National and International Competition sections.

In addition to the competitions, the festival also has an extensive range of special programmes which focus on specific themes and countries, as well as retrospectives and film programmes for children and adolescents. Since 2012, the festival's "etc. - events.trainings.connections" section has also organised panel discussions, talks, workshops, exhibitions and receptions for media professionals attending the festival as an addition to the film programmes.

FILMFEST DRESDEN is listed as an official reference festival by Germany's main film funding body, the FFA. It is a member of AG Kurzfilm, the federal German short film association, the European Film Academy and the Filmverband Sachsen e.V., the film association in Saxony, as well as being involved in the Netzwerk Kultur Dresden local culture network, the WOD initiative for a cosmopolitan Dresden and the Kulturloge Dresden, which brings culture to low income individuals.

The 29<sup>th</sup> FILMFEST DRESDEN is being held from 4th to 9th April 2016.

**Press contacts:**

Agentur Frische Fische  
Simone Riecke & Annie Schoppe  
Tel.: +49 (0) 351 215 229 712  
Email: sr@frische-fische.com  
as@frische-fische.com

FILMFEST DRESDEN  
Katrin KÜchler & Lena Ludwig-Hartung  
Tel.: +49 (0)351 829 47.12 / 15  
Email: kuechler@filmfest-dresden.de /  
ludwig-hartung@filmfest-dresden.de