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## **Off On Poetic Ramblings – ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival with the country focus on Canada and Québec**

From 19 to 22 November the **ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival** is presenting in the Filmtheater am Friedrichshain and the Haus für Poesie the international competition for the Best Poetry Film as well as a programme of films and poetry with the country focus on Canada and Québec.

Around 2,000 films have been submitted this year from more than 100 countries. From these, the Programme Committee, whose members are **Heinz Hermanns** (interfilm Berlin), **Cia Rinne** (poet), **Heiko Strunk** (lyrikline.org), **Eloisa Suárez** (Goethe-Institut) and **Thomas Zandegiacomo Del Bel** (ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival), has nominated 34 films for the Competition. A jury of experts in the fields of film, poetry and media will then announce the winning films at an awards ceremony on 22 November. The Best Poetry Film for Children will be awarded the ZEBRINO Audience Prize.

As well as the Competition, there will be 20 accompanying programmes of films featuring 250 animations, feature films, experimental films and documentaries providing an insight into the diversity of the poetry film scene. Besides Canada and Québec, thematic focus areas include Human Rights and Eco Poetry. What is more, ZEBRA will show the best film versions of this year's festival poem, "LETHE", by Botswanan Spoken Word artist **TJ Dema**. To round off the programme, there will be readings by poets from Germany, Canada and Québec as well as a programme of workshops and films for children and young people.

Programme and advance ticket sales online from mid-October at [haus-fuer-poesie.org](http://haus-fuer-poesie.org)

The ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival has been running since 2002. At the time it was the first international platform for short films based on poems – poetry films – and is still the biggest of its kind. It offers poets, film makers and festival organisers from all over the world a platform for creative exchange, getting ideas and meeting a wide audience. Featuring a Competition, programmes of films, readings by poets, retrospectives, workshops, colloquia and programme for children, it presents in various different sections the diverse genre of the poetry film.

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