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The ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival moves online

The new partial lockdown in November means that the cinemas will be shut and the ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival – deprived of its natural habitat – will, like so many other festivals as well, be moving on to the Web. It will be presenting the International Competition to find the Best Poetry Films online, as well as a programme of films and poetry with the country focus on Canada/Québec.

Over the Festival weekend (19.–22.11.) the Competition films, the Focus on Canada/Québec, the readings and the Festival Poem will be going online, framed by the Opening and the Awards Ceremony. The film programme for children and young people will be shown in Berlin schools. The Master Class with Tom Konyves will be taking place via Zoom. The other film programmes will be uploaded in stages after the Festival.

The Opening and Awards Ceremonies and the readings will be publicly streamed via Facebook, YouTube and haus-fuer-poesie.org. In addition, for just € 7.99 you can purchase access to all the Festival's film programmes as Video-on-Demand from Vimeo. Each programme will stay online for four weeks.

The programme

FESTIVAL OPENING

THURS 19.11. | 8 pm | Live stream on YouTube, Facebook & #kanalfuerpoesie

The Festival is celebrating its opening with a preview in film of the highlights and programme focus areas. There will be readings by poets Kinga Toth and TJ Dema, with music by Canadian artist Stephen Paul Taylor. Hosted by Gesa Ufer.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

FRI 20.11.–SUN 20.12 | as Video on Demand from Vimeo

Programme I: Precious Memories

Programme II: Animated Poetry

SAT 21.11.–MON 21.12. | as Video on Demand from Vimeo

Programme III: Critical Society

Programme IV: Human Dignity

Some 2,000 films from more than 100 countries have been submitted this year. From these, the Programme Committee have nominated 34 for the Competition.

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FOCUS CANADA / QUÉBEC

Short Films

SAT 21.11.–MON 21.12. | as Video on Demand from Vimeo

The country focus this year is on Canada and Québec – with a programme of short films selected from this year's submissions.

FESTIVAL POEM 2020: LETHE

SUN 22.11. | 2.30 pm | Live stream on YouTube, Facebook & #kanalfuerpoesie

Following the ZEBRA's call for entries, film makers have made film versions of this year's Festival Poem, **Lethe**, by Batswana poet **TJ Dema**. The makers of the three best film versions have been invited – Thelma Tunyi and Shanley Fermin (USA), Aleksandra Łojowska (Poland) and Emilia Strzałka (Poland).

MASTER CLASS WITH TOM KONYVES

SUN 22.11. | 6 pm | Zoom meeting, registration via zebra@haus-fuer-poesie.org

In his Master Class Canadian pioneer of video poetry Tom Konyves will be giving an insight into his artistic process and explaining what makes a video poem.

WORD IMAGES – TWO ZEBRA NIGHTS OF READINGS

FRI 20.11. | 7.30 pm + SAT 21.11. | 7.30 pm

| Live stream on YouTube, Facebook & #kanalfuerpoesie

Eight poets from Germany and Canada/Québec, whose poems are the basis of films in this year's Festival, will on two evenings be reading their work and talking to Daniela Seel about film versions of poems and their own poetic image worlds. On Friday, the poets reading will be Janet Rogers, Louise Dupré; Dean Ruddock and Kinga Toth, and on Saturday Thunderclaw Robinson; Marie Andrée Gill, Ulrike Draesner and Hannah Schraven.

AWARDS CEREMONY

SUN 22.11. | 8 pm | Live stream on YouTube, Facebook & #kanalfuerpoesie

On Sunday the Jury – poet Maren Kames, poet and video producer Tom Konyves and Martina Nix, film editor at Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb) – will be awarding four prizes with a total value of € 12,000: the **ZEBRA Prize for the Best Poetry Film**, donated by the Haus für Poesie, the **Goethe Film Prize**, donated by the Goethe Institute, the **Prize for the Best Film for Tolerance**, donated by the German Federal Foreign Office, and the **Ritter Sport Film Prize**, donated by Alfred Ritter GmbH & Co. KG. Musical accompaniment throughout the evening will be provided by Canadian multi-instrumentalist Miles Perkin. The evening will be hosted by Knut Elstermann

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PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
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ZEBRINO COMPETITION

In the ZEBRINO Competition, the Best Poetry Film for Children and Young People is chosen. The kids can vote for their favourite films.

Sorcerers' Apprentices in the Moor of Horrors – a programme of ballads

Goethe, Heine, Droste-Hülshoff: this programme, tailored to the curriculum for years 5 to 7 in Berlin, shows six poetry films based on ballads from the 18th and 19th Centuries.

PRISM

from 23.11. as Video on Demand from Vimeo | each programme online for 4 weeks

To accompany the Competition, the Festival will be giving an insight into the diversity of the poetry film scene from classical Modernism to current college productions, featuring 20 programmes with 250 animations, feature films and experimental films as well as documentaries. The thematic focus areas include human rights, feminism and eco poetry.

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ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival

vimeo.com/zebrapoetryfilmfestival

**Video on Demand | € 7.99 | each programme will be online for 4 weeks
& in free live streams on YouTube, Facebook & #kanalfuerpoesie**

For more information and the full programme haus-fuer-poesie.org

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