Press release from the Haus für Poesie

ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival kicks off in Berlin on Thursday
Poetry Films from Germany and the UK

From 5 to 8 December, Berlin becomes the centre of the poetry film scene! On Thursday the ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival, the biggest international platform for poetry films, opens in the Kino in der KulturBrauerei. Leading film makers and connoisseurs of the genre, and involved poets are anticipated.

FESTIVAL OPENING
THU 5 Dec 2019 | 8 pm | Kino in der KulturBrauerei, Cinema 7
Hosted by: Marie Kaiser

For the opening of this year’s ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival in Berlin, we present a film preview of the highlights and programme focuses. Award-winning artist and film maker Jochen Kuhn will be holding a speech along his film “Immer müder” (“Always tired”). He will give an exclusive master class on his film making practice and about his idea of poetry film. Poet Özlem Ö zgül Dündar, whose poem “Gesichter brennen” (“Faces burn”) was made into a movie, will be reading from her latest poems. The award ceremony is musically accompanied by the British multi-instrumentalist Rowan Coupland, whose “thoroughly beguiling neo folk” (Time Out, London) is strongly influenced by modern poetry.
AWARD CEREMONY
SUN 8 Dec 2019 | 8 pm | Kino in der KulturBrauerei, Cinema 7
Hosted by: Shelly Kupferberg

The international Jury, comprising Jana Cernik (AG Kurzfilm), Charlotte Warsen (poet) and Tim Webb (filmmaker), will be awarding four prizes: 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 Foreign Ministry and the Ritter Sport Film Prize, donated by Alfred Ritter GmbH & Co. KG. Audience prizes will also be awarded in the ZEBRINO and University competitions. The award ceremony will have musical accompaniment from F.S.Blumm, known for his melodic experiments on the acoustic guitar.

FURTHER PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Master Class by Jochen Kuhn
FRI 6 Dec | 2–4 pm | Haus für Poesie

Jochen Kuhn (born 1954) is a multiple award-winning German director. His films are total works of art in which painting, music, text and direction are all done by the same hand and flow into each other. In this master class this artist, writer and multi-prize-winning film maker will be sharing his experience and his knowledge. Kuhn will be talking about his extensive oeuvre, techniques for transferring paintings into animated films and his unique process for combining texts with moving images.
GERMANY-WIDE COMPETITION
Part 1: Yearned-For Places FRI 6 Dec | 7.30 pm | Cinema 5
(Repetition SAT 7 Dec | 2.30 pm | Cinema 8)
Part 2: Common Values SAT 7 Dec | 7.30 pm | Cinema 5
(Repetition SUN 8 Dec | 2.30 pm | Cinema 8)
all in Kino in der KulturBrauerei

20 poetry films compete in the Germany-wide competition.

FOCUS UK
We Are Poets FRI 6 Dec | 5 pm | Cinema 8
Very British FRI 6 Dec | 10 pm | Cinema 8
State of the Art SAT 7 Dec | 5 pm | Cinema 5
Stiff Upper Verse SAT Dec | 10 pm | Cinema 8
all in Kino in der KulturBrauerei

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The country focus this year is on the United Kingdom. The programme ‘State of the Art’ shows the latest British productions, curated by the poets and film makers Chaucer Cameron, Helen Dewbery, Lucy English and Sarah Tremlett. The ‘Very British’ programme is a Best Of from the past few decades of the British poetry film. The documentary ‘We Are Poets’ by Daniel Lucchesi and Alex Ramseyer-Bache celebrates its German première at the festival. In ‘Stiff Upper Verse’ the British poets Simon Barraclough, Lucy English, Ifor ap Glyn and Roseanne Watt will be reading in English, Welsh and the dialect of the Shetland Isles.
10th ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival in Berlin
Thursday 5 December – Sunday 8 December 2019

More information and the complete programme: haus-fuer-poesie.org

The ZEBRA is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Venues
Kino in der KulturBrauerei, Schönhauser Allee 36, 10435 Berlin
Haus für Poesie, Knaackstraße. 97 (Kulturbrauerei), 10435 Berlin

Entrance Fees
Screenings 8/6 € | Tickets: cinestar.de/berlin-kino-in-der-kulturbrauerei
Readings, Colloquium, Master Class 6/4€ | Tickets: haus-fuer-poesie.org

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