Poetic strip(e)s: ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival in November with the country focus on France

From 25 to 28 November the ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival is presenting - in the URANIA Berlin - the international competition for the Best Poetry Film as well as a programme of films and poetry with the country focus on France.

Around 1500 films have been submitted this year from more than 90 countries. From these, the Programme Committee, whose members are Carla Cerda (poet), Heinz Hermanns (interfilm Berlin), Sunčica Šido (coordinator of the culture programme of Goethe-Institut Belgrade), Heiko Strunk (lyrikline.org) 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 28 November. The Best Poetry Film for Children will be awarded the ZEBRINO Audience Prize.

As well as the Competition, there will be 15 accompanying programmes of films featuring 180 animations, feature films, experimental films and documentaries providing an insight into the diversity of the poetry film scene. Besides France, thematic focus areas include mental health, nature and city development and reflections on poetry. What is more, ZEBRA will show the best film versions of this year’s festival poem, „going to Pasárgada“ by Odile Kennel. To round off the programme, there will be readings by poets from Germany and France as well as a programme of workshops and films for children and young people.
Programme and advance ticket sales online from the end of October at 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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