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ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival – the programme is online

The **ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival** is presenting the International Competition to find the Best Poetry Films, together with a programme of film and poetry with the country focus on Canada/Québec, from 19 to 22 November in the Filmtheater am Friedrichshain and in the Haus für Poesie. The programme is online from now – and advance tickets go on sale next Monday.

FESTIVAL OPENING

THU 19.11. | 8 pm | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

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**.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

FRI 20.11. | 5 pm Programme I: Precious Souvenirs

FRI 20.11. | 10 pm Programme II: Animated Poetry

SAT 21.11. | 2.30 pm Programme III: The Critical Society

SAT 21.11. | 7.30 pm Programme IV: Dignity of Man

SUN 22.11. | 8 pm Awards Ceremony

| all in the Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

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. 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 together worth € 12,000 at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday. They are the **ZEBRA Award for the Best Poetry Film**, donated by the Haus für Poesie, the **Goethe Film Award**, donated by the Goethe Institute, the **Award for the Best Film for Tolerance**, donated by the Federal Foreign Office and the **Ritter Sport Film Award**, donated by Alfred Ritter GmbH & Co. KG.

FOCUS CANADA / QUÉBEC

FRI 20.11. | 7.30 pm Short Films

SAT 21.11. | 5 pm Feature Film: Plus haut que les flammes / Higher Than Flames Will Go

| all in the Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

The country focus this year is on Canada and Québec – with a programme of short films curated from this year's submissions, the poetic long film **Plus haut que les flammes / Higher Than Flames Will Go** by Monique LeBlanc after a poem by Louise Dupré and an online Master Class with the Canadian pioneer of video poetry, **Tom Konyves**.

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PRISM

FRI 20.11. | 2.30 pm From Romantic to Modern
FRI 20.11. | 2.30 pm Nature Poetry
FRI 20.11. | 5 pm Portraits & Essays
FRI 20.11. | 7.30 pm Self Revelations
FRI 20.11. | 10 pm Uproar!
SAT 21.11. | 12 pm New Talents
SAT 21.11. | 12 pm Ocean Poetry
SAT 21.11. | 2.30 pm Upraising Bodies
SAT 21.11. | 5 pm Feminist Voices
SAT 21.11. | 7.30 pm Pleasure and Pain
SAT 21.11. | 10 pm Mental Cinema
SAT 21.11. | 10 pm Internal and External Conflicts
SUN 22.11. | 2.30 pm Poems about Travel
SUN 22.11. | 5 pm Media and Society
SUN 22.11. | 5 pm Dealing with Poems
| all in the Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

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.

FESTIVAL POEM 2020: LETHE

SUN 22.11. | 2.30 pm | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

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 to Berlin – Thelma Tunyi and Shanley Fermin (USA), Aleksandra Łojowska (Poland) and Emilia Strzałka (Poland). TJ Dema will be taking part in the evening via video.

WORD PICTURES – TWO ZEBRA NIGHTS OF READINGS

FRI 20.11. | 7.30 pm + SAT 21.11. | 7.30 pm | Haus für Poesie

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. Because of corona, the Canadian guests will be taking part via video.

On Friday, the poets reading will be **Janet Rogers**, First Nations Mohawk/Tuscarora writer from the Six Nations Reservation in Ontario; **Louise Dupré**, Grande Dame of contemporary poetry from Montréal; **Dean Ruddock**, slam poet from Weimar; and **Kinga Toth**, poetry performer from Hungary. On Saturday the readers will be **Thunderclaw Robinson**, slam poet and singer from Toronto; **Marie Andrée Gill**, who blends her Aboriginal identity with her Québec identity in her poetry; **Ulrike Draesner**, poet, novelist and essayist; and **Hannah Schraven**, poet from Berlin.

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PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ZEBRINO COMPETITION

WED 18.11. | 10.30 am | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

In the ZEBRINO Competition, the Best Poetry Film for Children and Youth is chosen. The kids meet film makers and can vote for their favourite films. Registration at mitmachen@haus-fuer-poesie.org

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THU 19.11. | 10 am | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

This programme presents films based on poems by children and young people that have been made around the world or by the kids themselves.

SORCERERS' APPRENTICES IN THE MOOR OF HORRORS: PROGRAMME OF BALLADS

THU 19.11. | 10.30 am | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

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. Registration at mitmachen@haus-fuer-poesie.org

OPEN POEMS

THURS 19.11. | 5 pm | Filmtheater am Friedrichshain

open poems are the six-month training workshops in the Haus für Poesie for up-and-coming poets aged 23 to 28. This year's results will be presented in the form of poetry films.

POETRY WORKSHOP WRITING NETFLIX!

FRI 20.11. | 9 am | Haus für Poesie

Under the guidance of Spoken Word artist Bas Böttcher the plots of favourite series or games will be made into rhythmic language. Registration at mitmachen@haus-fuer-poesie.org

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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.

THU 19.11.– SUN 22.11.2020

ZEBRA Poetry Film Festival

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Admission prices Screenings € 9/7 | Readings € 6/4

For more information, the full programme and to buy advance tickets haus-fuer-poesie.org

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