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PRESS RELEASE

Wednesday 12 November – Sunday 23 November

19th Ljubljana International Film Festival– LIFFe

Advance sales commence on 21 October!

This year, Ljubljana and Maribor will again for twelve days play host to the foremost world cinema achievements. Festival will open on Wednesday 12 November at 8pm at the Linhart Hall of Cankarjev dom with **VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA** by **Woody Allen**.

108 films will be shown in Ljubljana, and 24 in Maribor. This year we are introducing the best short film award, granted to one of the 11 out of the 17 screened shorts. The other festival sections have not changed. The Focus will spotlight the **contemporary Catalanian cinematography**, while the Retrospective will highlight work by two directors; Indian **Adoor Gopalakrishnan** and British **Terence Davies**. Tribute will pay homage to **Želimir Žilnik** and his *The Kenedi Trilogy*.

Last year, 49,000 viewers saw 108 films at 308 screenings, and Ljubljana was visited by 47 filmmakers.

19th LIFFe sections

Perspectives – the official competitive section of new authors competing for Mobitel's Kingfisher Award

Avant-premieres – films purchased for Slovenian distribution

Kings and Queens – films by recognised and award-winning virtuosos of contemporary film

World Film Panorama – front-runners of five-continent festivals

Extravaganza – so-called late-night cinema of daring idiosyncratic artists addressing sensual topics

Against the Wind – artists entertaining radical visions and sailing against the prevailing currents

Focus – an insight into one or more of the hottest national cinematographies – **Catalonia**

Retrospective – a representative selection of a foremost contemporary filmmaker: **Adoor Gopalakrishnan** and **Terence Davies**

Tribute – a condensed presentation of a festival- and media-exposed filmmaker: **Želimir Žilnik** and **The Kenedi Trilogy**

Short film, a selection of shorts; a competitive section

Awards

Kingfisher– international jury award granted by the general sponsor, Mobitel, d.d., to the best film of the *Perspectives* section

Dragon – audience award to a film that has not yet been secured Slovenian distribution, bestowed by the donor Tobačna Ljubljana

FIPRESCI Prize – presented by the international jury of the World Association of Film Critics and Journalists

Best Short Film Award presented by Apple VAD Slovenia

International JURIES

The Kingfisher Award (the Perspectives section)

Kieron Corless (GB)

Petra Seliškar (Slovenia)

Nuno Sena (Portugal)

Best Short Film Award

Manca Dorrer (Slovenia)

Nerina T. Kocjančič (Slovenia)

Olaf Möller (Germany)

FIPRESCI Prize

Maja Bogojević (Montenegro)

Vladan Petković (Serbia)

Nadir Öperli (Turkey)

Audience Voting

Selecting from the 39 feature films that have not been purchased for Slovenian distribution yet, the spectators will be able to vote for their favourite pic, which will thus receive the Dragon Award, granted by donor Tobačna Ljubljana, d.o.o..

Films competing for the Dragon Award are:

Achilles and the Tortoise, Alexandra, Ballast, Better Things, Wonderful Town, Wellness, Faro, Goddess of Water, Photos ... in the City of Sylvia, Julia, Captain Ahab, Katyn, Kenedi Is Getting Married, Secret of the Grain, Momma's Man, Il Divo, The Best of Times, Restless, Night Owls, The Wild Bull, Of Time and the City, Otto; or, Up with Dead People, Birdsong, Correction, Ain't Scared, Afterschool, Flight of the Red Balloon, The Romance of Astrea and Celadon, Snow, Somers Town, Encounters at the End of the World, Still Walking, Four Nights with Anna, Four Women, Silent Light, The Silence Before Bach, Let the Right One In, Heartbeat Detector, In the City of Sylvia, United Red Army

ITAK filmfest – For the Second Time at LIFFe

Organised by LIFFe and Mobitel, the competition is intended for would-be filmmakers.

Contestants can send a script, a storyboard or a film, shot either by mobile phone or a camera, addressing the subject of “What can *you* do with your Mobitel (mobile phone)?”. The ITAK filmfest will commence a week before the Festival has opened (6 November), entries must be submitted by Wednesday 19 November. The entries will be judged on the basis of originality, convincingness and wittiness. Three finalists will be selected to realise their ideas, scripts or mobile-phone films and shoot them anew at the film workshop conducted by experienced mentor/director Mitja Okorn, who will fly in from Poland, where he works for one of the Polish TV-stations.

Also featuring a short lecture, the film workshop, conducted by young Slovenian director Mitja Okorn, will be organised on Saturday 22 November, a day before the Festival closes. Among the three films, a three-member jury will select the winner. The main prize, admission tickets to LIFFe 2009, will be presented at the LIFFe closing ceremony, whereas the authors of the other two films will receive a Samsung L700 mobile phone.

Further information at www.liffe.si!

LIFFe at Maribor

At the Kolosej Maribor, the 19th LIFFe will open on 12 November at 20.30 in Hall 5 with *Waltz With Bashir* by **Ari Folman**.

Sponsors and partners

Main Festival sponsor: Mobitel, d.d.

Donor: Tobačna Ljubljana, d.o.o.

Media partner: Delo, d.d.

19th LIFFe has been organised in conjunction with the Kolosej Cinemas and Kinodvor city cinema.

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FESTIVAL VENUES

Cankarjev dom: Linhart and Kosovel Halls, 2nd Foyer, Cankarjev dom Club, E1–E4 Halls;
Kinodvor, Kinoklub Vič, Komuna Cinema, Kolosej Maribor Hall 5

The 2nd Foyer of Cankarjev dom will play host to press centre, box office, festival guests chat room and festival meeting point dedicated to relaxation and fun.

ADMISSION

EUR 4.90

Kolosej Maribor **EUR 4.20**

Catalogue EUR 7

Discounts

Advance sales 21 – 11 November inclusively

Secondary and university students: EUR 4

Secondary and university students – Kolosej Maribor EUR 3.30

6 tickets for different films 20 %

9 tickets for different films 25 %

12 tickets for different films 25 % and a present: 30% discount on all purchases for the 11th

International Documentary Film Festival

Regular sales 12 –23 November

Secondary and university students: EUR 4.20

Secondary and university students – Kolosej Maribor EUR 3.50

6 tickets for different films 10 %

9 tickets for different films 15 %

12 tickets for different films 15 % and a present: 30% discount on all purchases for the 11th

International Documentary Film Festival

Discounts can be claimed at all festival venues and are non-combinable.

Points of sale

Advance sales 21 October – 11 November inclusively

- CD Information Centre until 29 October inclusively, during business hours (workdays 11.00 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 20.00, Saturday 11.00–13.00)
- vstopnice@cd-cc.si; receive tickets by post when using IVANKA Card

- Festival Box Office at the 2nd Foyer of CD on 30 October and between 3 November and 11 November, 11.00 –20.00; on 10 October the Box Office will be open exceptionally until 18.00, tickets will be sold at the CD Information Centre until 20.00.
- www.liffe.si (Visa, Visa-Electron, MasterCard, Activa Maestro, Ivanka, Moneta); no discounts apply for online purchases
- (01) 24 17 300 weekdays 9.00 – 18.00
- Kolosej Maribor: advance sales 21 October – 11 November inclusively

Regular sales 12 –23 November

- Festival Box Office on the 2nd Foyer of CD, 12 – 22 November, from 11.00 until the beginning of the last screening; CD Information Centre on 23 November, from 11.00 until the beginning of the last screening
- CD Information Centre until 23 November during business hours (workdays 11.00 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 20.00, Saturday 11.00–13.00)
- vstopnice@cd-cc.si; receive tickets by post when using IVANKA Card
- Komuna Cinema, Kinoklub Vič and Kinodvor Cinema an hour prior to screenings
- www.liffe.si (Visa, Visa-Electron, MasterCard, Activa Maestro, Ivanka, Moneta); no discounts apply for online purchases
- (01) 2417 300 weekdays 9.00 – 18.00
- Kolosej Maribor and other Cankarjev dom official points of sale

Information throughout the festival:

W www.liffe.si **P** (01) 2417 400

CD Information Centre **P** (01) 2417 299 during business hours

Festival Box Office 2nd Foyer of Cankarjev dom by phone (01) 2417 400, from 11.00 until the beginning of the last screening

Komuna Cinema by phone (01) 241 84 00

Kinoklub Vič by phone (01) 241 84 10

Kinodvor by phone (01) 239 22 17

Kolosej Maribor by phone (02) 230 14 40

Online ticket sales **W** vstopnice@cd-cc.si.

LIFFe Tee shirts

Available from the Festival Box Office on the 2 Foyer of CD and online at www.liffe.si; EUR 15

Further information

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Press accreditation

The simplest and fastest way to submit your application is online at www.liffe.si (press / accreditation). **It is strongly recommended!**

Deadline for the submission of accreditations is Tuesday 28 October 2008. You will be notified of its granting by 10 November at the latest, while the press name tags will be collectable as of 12 November beginning at 9am from the Festival Box Office in the 2nd Foyer.

The accredited members of the press will be able to collect tickets a day in advance, an hour before a screening at the latest from the Festival Box Office in the 2nd Foyer of Cankarjev dom for all festival cinemas. Each unused ticket must be returned at least an hour prior to the screening. Admission to a screening will be granted only to a bearer of a nontransferable name tag.