



AEGEAN FILM FESTIVAL

1st Announcement

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Athens, May 6th 2019

The 9th Aegean Film Festival is returning in July, with its premiere on the island of Paros from the 9th-14th. The festival will transition to Patmos for its 2nd leg from the 16th-21st of July, thus highlighting the Aegean Sea as the prime destination for the international film connoisseur.

The Aegean FF is a space for professionals in cinema, TV and film to come together, share ideas and collaborate on projects. Numerous events and workshops are planned for the event participants. Screenings of film premieres and award-winning works will be hosted, on an ongoing basis, throughout the 12 days of the festival. Acclaimed professionals from the cinema and TV industry are invited to share their experiences and stories, at a series of different seminars and speeches. The festival offers the ideal setting for new cinematographers to present their work and collaborate with other professionals in the industry.

The Aegean FF will host 50 premieres and a total of more than 90 films (features, shorts & documentaries), as part of 9 different programs across the event, and will introduce the first ever Aegean Film Festival Audience Award in both the feature film and documentary film categories. Various events are planned inside and outside the screening venues, in the island alleys and piazzas and on the beaches of the Aegean Sea.

“It is a great honour to introduce our two newest programs this year, designed to advance the mission and enhance the experience of the Aegean Film Festival. The environmental program “Echoes - Voices of Today” has been a dream for many years and will address one of the most significant and ever-pressing issues of our time. We are bringing together a group of scientists, organizations and cinematographers to suggest environmental solutions for challenges on the islands. We will work to implement them with the contribution of our associates. The second program is designed around gastronomy and cinema. We are inviting international and local chefs to a celebration of taste and the art of filmmaking. Pop up cinemas will be set inside the vineyards of Patmos, and tables will be placed under the stars at the Environmental & Cultural Park of Paros and the “Monastiri” café-restaurant. All ingredients will be sustainably sourced and the menu will be inspired by local flavors and principles of whole nutrition. This is the philosophy that is the tradition of the Greek islands. “

- Aegean FF director, Charalampos Tsoutsas

Confirmed affiliations of the Aegean Film Festival for 2019 are:

London Short Film Festival (renowned as the premiere UK showcase for cutting edge homegrown and international short films, the 16-year old festival is collaborating with Aegean FF for the 1st time, this year. Director, Philip Ilson, will be a member of the Jury and also host the LSFF Filmmaker's Brunch, where he will introduce the festival to Greek cinematographers and invite them to LSFF 2020, on January).

Ivy Film Festival (organized by Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design, with the collaboration of the Ivy League Universities - this will be its 19th edition)

Barnes Film Festival (takes places in Barnes, London - this year will be its 4th edition)

Aegean FF welcomes cinematographers to present their work, at screenings in and out of competition. The program includes feature films, documentaries and shorts. Interested candidates may submit their films through the Film Freeway platform (filmfreeway.com/Aegeanff).

The cinematographers whose films will be selected get 4-day free accommodation, a festival pass, discounts and other privileges. Selected films will claim the following awards:

FEATURE FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

Best Aegean Feature Film Audience Award & Best Aegean Documentary Audience Award

SHORT FILMS

Best Aegean Short Film Jury Award, powered by COSMOTE TV, and a distribution award of 2.200 euros, to cover the exclusive distribution of the film at the COSMOTE TV channels, for 12 months

Best Aegean Short Film Greek Award, powered by COSMOTE TV, and a distribution award of 500 euros, to cover the exclusive distribution of the film at the COSMOTE TV channels, for 12 months Βραβείο Κοινού για Καλύτερη Ταινία Μικρού Μήκους

FILM SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday 31/5

For more information and submission of films:

e: submission@aegeanff.com | www.aegeanff.com/submit-your-film/

The Aegean Film Festival is hosted with the support and co-production of the **MUNICIPALITIES OF PATMOS & PAROS**, the **REGION OF SOUTH AEGEAN** and under the auspices of **UNESCO** and **G.N.T.O.**

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR of the Aegean FF is **COSMOTE TV**, which steadily supports the festival's vision to develop the new generation of Greek cinematographers.

Other press releases will follow soon, with detailed information about the festival's events, Programming & Seminars Schedule, this year's guests etc.



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