



## AEGEAN FILM FESTIVAL

### 9<sup>TH</sup> AEGEAN FILM FESTIVAL | Paros, 9-14 July - Patmos, 16-21 July PRESS KIT

The 9<sup>th</sup> AegeanFF establishes last year's expansion of the festival, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, to the island of Paros, thus highlighting the Aegean Sea as the prime summer destination for the international film professionals and enthusiasts.

Held over 12 days between Paros and Patmos, audiences will have the opportunity to watch 90 feature films, documentaries and short films, and participate in a series of workshops, seminars, events and exclusive parties. Our programming team curates 9 film programmes, introducing more than 50 premieres. We draw our selections from films submitted to the festival platforms, and invite award winning directors and producers to attend and present their work. Partnering with international film festivals like LondonShortFF and BarnesFF, we set up programme exchanges and spread the stories beyond the Aegean Sea. The film programmes in titles:

#### AEGEAN FILMS

9 internationally-awarded feature narrative films, selected with the help of our friends, international programmers of major festivals & Greek distributors.

#### AEGEAN DOCS

6 awarded feature creative documentaries, invited to premiere in the open-air cinemas of the Aegean.

#### ECHOES DOCS

5 feature environmental documentaries will premiere under the new programme "Echoes - Voices Of Today", with screenings at both islands.

#### ACCESS DOCS

5 feature documentaries portraying the stories of extraordinary people with disabilities.

The "ACCESS" tribute is implemented through the Operational Program "Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning" and is co-financed by the European Union (European Social Fund) and National Funds. Its co-funded projects deal mostly with the improvement of education and employment in Greece. Its main targets relate to the development and promotion of human resources skills, activities against unemployment, strengthen social cohesion and social inclusion of vulnerable social groups, improvement of the quality of education & lifelong learning, awareness on environmental education, linking education with the labor market.

The "ACCESS" film tribute has free admission and it's accessible to disabled people. *It is implemented as part both of the EU-wide communications*

*campaign called "Europe in My Region", run as a way to encourage citizens to discover and learn more about EU-funded projects near them.*

#### HISTORY FILES

Presenting 19 medium-to-feature length documentaries, produced/co-produced by COSMOTE TV, focusing on themes from Greek tradition, history & society.

#### AEGEAN SHORTS powered by COSMOTE TV

18 short films, by Greek and international filmmakers, competing for the Aegean Short Films Award.

#### LSFF SHORTS

A selection of 8 short films, presented by the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious London Short Film Festival.

#### BARNESFF SHORTS

A selection of the 9 best short films, presented by the young and up-and-coming Barnes Film Festival (UK).

#### POP UP FILMS

A surprise programme of unique features and shorts, to be screened on the walls of Hora, the squares of Skala, the alleys and the beaches of Patmos and on pop-up cinemas in Paros. Look for the exact locations around the islands!

Moreover, this year's edition introduces the first ever Aegean Film Festival Audience Award, in both the Feature Film and Documentary Film categories, as well as the special program "Echoes - Voices Of Today", hosted at the Environmental & Cultural Park of Paros (9 - 13/7 | <https://www.aegeanff.com/echoes-program/>)

Together with our sponsors, supporters and associates, the faithful festival team and our friends from abroad, we will continue our mission to inform, entertain and invite artists from Greece and the rest of the world to this cinema celebration, creating bonds and affiliations with film festivals internationally and hosting thought leaders and up-and-coming filmmakers.

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 **GNTO**.

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

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