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PRESS RELEASE

10th Balkans Beyond Borders Short Film Festival e-motions

After a nine-year trip in Balkans, the Interbalkan Short Film Festival of Balkans Beyond Borders celebrates its 10th version in Athens from 17 to 20 October, in a movie mood and surprises in the movie theatre "LAIS" – Hellenic Movie Library.

Balkans Beyond Borders Short Film Festival, inspired by movements and emotions, invites you to a 4-day event full of short films, experiential workshops, interactive photographic events and open debates, special features and parallel activities in collaboration with organizations and entities from different fields. We are inviting you to "see" Balkans through our lenses.

The Festival is co-organized by a group of partners guaranteeing its integrity: Biennale of Western Balkans, Youthmakers Hub, civil non-profit company KINITRO, HANDS UP and Europe Direct ELIAMEP and the support of the Culture Network of the Municipality of Athens "Athens Culture Net" and the Delegation of the European Commission in Greece.

Members of the Jury are the following: 1. Ismet Sijarina, Director and Writer, professor in Pristina University, 2. Sunčica Fradelić, member of Cine Club Split and 3. Konstantinos Aivaliotis, Promotion Manager at the Greek Film Centre. The Jury will give the prizes **BBB BEST FILM**, **BBB FIRST ENTRY** and **SPECIAL MENTIONS**.

SCREENING SCHEDULE

COMPETITION PART: 30 Balkan productions and co-productions, inspired by the topic e-motions and Q&A with guest directors. Check out the full schedule of the screenings [here](#).

Opening ceremony: Thursday, 17/10 20:00 – competition programme screening will follow under the title Crossing Borders

Closing Ceremony: Sunday, 20/10 21:30 – Best Film will be screened

NON COMPETITION PART – FEATURES:

* **BBB FOCUS – SCOTLAND** in collaboration with **Edinburgh Short Film Festival**

- Saturday: 19/10 21:30 – 23:00

* **Youth and Work / Women and Work**. This year, for the first time in its history, the Festival hosts a special module under the topic «Youth and Work / Women and Work». This module is implemented in



the framework of the Operational Programme “Human Resources Development, Training and Life-long Learning” and is co-funded by the European Union (European Social Fund) and by national resources. The feature films are free and are accessible to people with disabilities. The screening is accessible to deaf people.

- Saturday, 19/10 18:00 – 19:30 Sunday, 20/10 17:00 – 18:15

* «#EUandME: Short Films» in collaboration with Europe Direct ELIAMEP and with the support of the Delegation of the European Commission in Greece. A discussion with guest speakers will follow.

- Friday, 18/10 16:30 - 18:15

* **BBB&co:**

Featured films Films from **Ankara International Film Festival**

- Friday, 18/10 19.45 -20:30

Featured films Films from **Pristina University** and from **Montenegro Film Center**

- Sunday, 20/10 18:30 19:50

NON COMPETITION PART- INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

- Friday 18/10 18:30 – 19:30

Screenings have a 2€ ticket. Screenings excluded: Youth and Work / Women and Work and "#EUandME: Short Films". General admission is Free for Students and People with Disabilities.

Parallel Activities

The festival will be co-organized by partner organizations:

Capacity building workshops powered by Youthmakers Hub

- Friday 18/10 11: - 13:00 and Saturday, 19/10 13:30 – 15:30, Fabrica event-space

Live Library: The 21st Century Woman

- Saturday, 19/10 16:00 – 18:00 in Lais movie theatre – movie library

Labyrinth of Senses: Experiential workshop of familiarization with disability powered by KINITRO

- 16:00 – 17:00 before the screenings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the public will be able to familiarize themselves with disability through various activities. Fabrica event-space

Musical getaways with: Balkan Familia (17/10) and Noriana (19/10)

Along with the screenings, the audience will be able to enter and interact in a pop-up local network that operates exclusively on the festival's venue. Through their personal mobile devices, viewers will be able to access a digital interactive platform, and chat realtime, download media and their favorite movies,



along with information about the movies. The platform was developed by the Biennale of Western Balkans, within the working group “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Media” of the History of Art Laboratory of the School of Fine Arts, University of Ioannina, Greece and is powered by the open source networking toolkit MAZlzone.

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For further information: www.balkansbeyondborders.eu, [Facebook](#) (Balkans Beyond Borders), [Instagram](#) (Balkansbeyond) and [Twitter](#) (BalkansBB). Contact us: info@balkansbeyondborders.eu

About Balkans Beyond Borders

The twice-awarded by the EU organization “Balkans Beyond Borders” is an Athens-based non-profit organization that seeks to promote intercultural dialogue and non-formal learning, through film art and new media. BBB seeks to empower the new Balkan "Creators" and make their work known in the region and beyond. Believing that the people of art, and especially the new generation of them, can form an important basis for cooperation and development in order to raise the critical issues of our time and to shape a common European space.

Co-Organization





The "Youth and Work / Women and Work" tribute is organized by:



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