

European Film Festival 2016 ... Eight Years of European Cinema in Sudan

Austria

Film: **The Magic of Children**
Director: Ruth Rieser
Synopsis: It's summer and "Circus Dimitri" has arrived in the Realm of Children. But where are the children? "There's nobody here", clown Leon declares sadly, and sets off to find them. Mysterious things happen that day, and in the night, too. The children are summoned from their invisibility. The grown-ups are confined to their own world, in the "frames". Joyfully, the children unfurl their special powers and let their dreams become reality.
Link: <https://vimeo.com/167091502>

Czech Republic

Film: **You kiss like a God**
Director: Robert Sedlacek
Synopsis: Helena Altmanova is a likable high school French and literature teacher, whose healthy, light-hearted attitude has gained her popularity among teachers and students alike. However, her personal life has big surprises in store for her. Funny situations develop when Helena falls in love with an emergency doctor whose spouse, an engineer businesswoman, fights back.
Link: <http://www.cfsd.cz/film/239458-libas-jako-buh/idea/>

Film: **Long live the Family**
Director: Robert Sedlacek
Synopsis: Thirty year old Libor is the father of two children. He is a former teacher, now a senior bank executive whose company went bankrupt once fraud by the managers was uncovered. The investigators offer to plea bargain in exchange for Libor's cooperation, and also suggest what they know about him. Apparently, there is enough evidence for a prison sentence. Libor takes time to reflect and convinces his wife to go away for a few days. Is he fleeing from justice, or does he merely want to delay the moment of truth? Or is there something else going on entirely?
Link: <http://www.cfsd.cz/film/278430-rodina-je-zaklad-statu/idea/>

European Union

Film: **Berlin/ Beirut**
Director: Myrna Maakaron
Synopsis: Berlin and Beirut were occupied, destructed, divided, reconstructed and today people still say "East and West" in both cities. Through the film, Berlin and Beirut become one city. One space. A space where you feel the weight of the past and the lightness of life, sharing with Myrna the stories, adventures and memories.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9tJ-Ut5TUQ>

Film: **We are all Sudan**
Director: Mia Bittar
Synopsis: This film provides a rare insight into the beauty of Sudan and the shared sentiments and hopes of the Sudanese people for a more united future; working together as one.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHvx4f5ww9A>

France

Film: **The Little Prince**
Director: Mark Osborne
Synopsis: From Mark Osborne comes the first ever animated feature film adaptation of Antonie de Saint-Exupery's iconic masterpiece, the little Prince. At the heart of it is a little girl, who is being prepared by her mother for the very grown-up world in which they live – only to be interrupted by her eccentric, kind hearted neighbour, the Aviator. The Aviator introduces his new friend to an extraordinary world where anything is possible. A world that he himself was initiated into long ago by the little prince. It's here that the little girl's magical and emotional journey into her own imagination – and into the universe of the little prince – begins. And it's where the little girl discovers her childhood and learns that ultimately, it's human connections that matter most, and that's what truly essential can only be seen with the heart.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iloGbpCbDQE>

Germany

Film: **My Beautiful Country - Die Brücke am Ibar**
Director: Michaela Kezele
Synopsis: A moving love story in a time of hatred: During the civil war in Kosovo, the young Serbian widow Danica falls in love with Ramiz, a Kosovo-Albanian soldier who, wounded in battle, seeks refuge in her home on the Serbian side of the River Ibar. Ramiz makes friends with Danica's children as well – but not with her spiteful and jealous neighbour...
Link: <http://www.filmportal.de/en/node/1177114/video/1229375>

Hungary

Film: **My Mom and Other Loomies in the Family**
Director: Ibolya Fekete
Synopsis: The movie tells the story of a family during four generations. The mother who is 94 years old, had to change cities 27 times: every time, when she felt, the history is putting in trouble her family. The time-frame of the plot is the 20th Century. The family survived the two world wars, the Hungarian revolution of 1956 and other vicissitudes of history, but the family members always raised their head thank to the strong mother.
Link: <https://vimeo.com/137930047>

Ireland

Film: **The Secret of Kells**
Director: Tomm Moore, Nora Twomey
Synopsis: The secret of Keils is a magical animated classic that tells the story of Brendan, a young monk whose life is changed forever when he is initiated into the secrets of the book of Kells and embarks on an extraordinary adventure, meeting fearsome monsters, Vikings, and a serpent god along the way! The Secret of Kells is a unique and stunning adventure for the whole family.
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWD1zXlvN78>

Italy

Film: **Romanzo Di Una Strage**
Director: Marco Tullio Giordana
Synopsis: December 12^t, 1969, 16:37 a dramatic explosion destroys the offices of National Bank of Agriculture in a central area of Milan, causing 17 victims and several injured. The episode marked the beginning of one of the darkest periods of Italian recent history. The country was divided by political extremists, extra parliamentary left wing movements and extreme right groups promoting contrasting initiatives, in the context of cold war dynamics. The police chief Calabresi

investigates. This dramatic movie by Marco Tullio Giordana is a fascinating chronicle of a past that still divides Italian public opinion.

Link: www.cattleya.it/fim/detail.php?id=83

Netherlands

Film: **Bon Voyage**

Director: Margien Rogaar

Synopsis: When the Verbeek family wants to depart for their holiday to sunny France they discover that grandfather Bob (77) is terminally ill. They decide to stay at home. Hard times for the whole family follow. Mother Tine has difficulties accepting the situation and looks for distraction. Jasmijn (7) is mainly concerned about grandfather and fires questions at him about death. Jochem (12) is the only one who is happy to stay home as he looks forward to a holiday with his best friend.

Link: <http://www.filmtotaal.nl/trailer.php?id=9807>

Norway

Film: **Siblings are forever**

Director: Frode Fimland

Synopsis: The siblings Magnar and Oddny never left their childhood home. They run the family farm as it was run by several generations before them. Time seems to be standing still, while it runs out. Siblings are Forever is a warm and poetic documentary about a brother-and-sister couple, Magnar (73) and Oddny (70) who live like many Norwegians did 50 years ago. Far from wealthy, but close to the nature surrounding them.

Link: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/siblingsareforever/89039734>

Portugal

Film: **Os Gotas Nao Tem Vertigens**

Director: Antonio Pedro Vasconcelos

Synopsis: Rosa lives in gratitude after her husband dies until she finds Joian, a 18 years old young man, asleep on her roof. She learns Jo was kicked out of his house by his alcoholic father and decides to take him under wing.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_gKEOeFzuk

Romania

Film: **I'm an Old Communist Hag**

Director: Stere Gulea

Synopsis: The story takes place in 2010, in post-communist Romania, in which some of those who fully lived in the communist period don't seem to fit anymore. The main character and her husband are about to receive a visit from their daughter, who has been living in the States for the last 10 years, and her American boyfriend. While having dinner with her reunited family, the daughter realizes that she actually liked it in the communist era, that she was better off, and that most of the characteristics of a true communist still gather in her. During the whole movie, the mother has flashbacks from that "golden" period, and somehow tries to recapture what her life once was, while trying to figure out and solve her daughters' money problems. It is a funny movie, especially for those who know something about communism and what happened then in Eastern Europe, though based on weird yet very real situations people were faced with back than (until 1989).

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqeiR56U7Ck>

Slovakia

Film: **Visible World**

Director: Peter Kristúfek

Synopsis: Oliver is a lonely forty something working as an air traffic controller. He appears to be isolated and his personal life is empty. He fills his time by watching TV and observing the family living in the next house across the street. He regards

them as an ideal of happiness. At first, he just observes the family, but gradually he wants to learn about them. He finds that things often look different from a distance, that the borders of one's private life are more fragile than one would expect.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0ub3WijT2U>

Slovenia

Film: Class Enemy (Razredni sovražnik)
Director: Rok Biček
Synopsis: Relations between the students and Robert, the new demanding teacher of German language are increasingly tense. When Sabina, a female student commits suicide, her schoolmates blame the teacher. Instantly, a vengeful youth rebellion stirs among the benches. The awareness that things are not so black and white comes late.

Link: http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x24878t_razredni-sovraznik-class-enemy-official-trailer-2013-hd-english-subtitles_shortfilms

Spain

Film: **Donkey Xote**
Director: José Pozo
Synopsis: Rucio the donkey tells the "true" story of Don Quixote. He holds that Don Quixote was not crazy, but quite the opposite, an intelligent, passionate and enthusiastic man. The strange group is composed of Don Quixote, his "squire" Sancho, as a matter of fact, his best friend and the richest of the town, and the donkey, Rucio, who wants to be a real horse, Rocinante, They begin a journey to duel with "the Knight of the Moon". If Quixote wins, the Knight will reveal Dulcinea's true identity.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLzEi3HRiaw>

Sweden

Film: The Circle
Director: Levan Akin
Synopsis: One night when the moon appears red in the sky, six teenage girls find themselves in an abandoned park, drawn there by a mysterious power. They are 'the chosen ones', a group of witches with magical powers who must learn to work together, despite their differences, to save the world.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysmBIPjlpNE>

Switzerland

Film: **Schellen-Ursli**
Director: Xavier Koller
Synopsis: The fictional story tells us of a poor farm boy that lives high up in the Alps at the end of the 19th century. He is called Ursli and is busy helping his father and having to herd his grazing goats. It's also about cheese and a shopkeeper in a humble and not purely idyllic mountain village in which people struggle to survive. At the end, Ursli will be rewarded for his courage for fetching an enormous cow bell from a remote mountain hut, through meter deep snow, almost inaccessible area to celebrate the end-of-winter holiday of Chalandamarz.

Link: www.schellen-ursli.com

United Kingdom

Film: **Eddie The Eagle**
Director: Dexter Fletcher
Synopsis: The story of Great Britain's first ski jumper to enter the Winter Olympics, (anti)hero Eddie 'the Eagle' Edwards. Following the realization of the childhood dream of Michael Edwards (a.k.a Eddie), and his unflinching determination to become Great Britain's first Olympic ski-jumper (whether he had the requisite

talent or not). Reluctantly aided by former ski-jumper Bronson Peary as his coach, Eddie is unwavering in his quest to reach the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. An uplifting, inspirational story that celebrates human spirit, passion, and one man's refusal to accept defeat.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FWAiXll_jw

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