

SAVE THE DATE

Tibet Film Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary

Dharamsala & Zurich, 19th March 2019

The 10th edition of the Tibet Film Festival will take place this year from 12 to 15 September 2019 in Zurich (Switzerland) and 12 to 13 October 2019 in Dharamsala (India). The new venue for the anniversary edition is the Zurich Culture House KOSMOS.

10 Years of Tibet Film Festival

We are very happy to announce the 10th anniversary of Tibet Film Festival (TFF). This year is all the more special since Tibetan filmmaker Dhondup Wangchen, to whom TFF is dedicated, has finally been reunited with his family.

Since its inception 10 years ago, Tibet Film Festival has facilitated an ongoing discussion around the nuances of Tibetan filmmaking. One of our key objectives has been to not only watch and screen films made by Tibetans but also to provide a platform where we can talk about film. Some of the themes we have explored include: Is there a unique Tibetan style of filmmaking? How do films directed by exiled-Tibetans and Tibetans who live and work in Tibet differ? What role can filmmaking and contemporary art play in the evolution of Tibetan culture?

Empowering Tibetan Talents

One of the unique features of Tibet Film Festival is the short film competition segment, initiated in 2010, that has had a tremendous response from young Tibetan filmmakers across the world. The short film competition has grown to become a platform for young Tibetan filmmaker to show their talent and passion in filmmaking to a greater audience. "We have seen growing enthusiasm and boldness from aspiring Tibetan filmmakers, around the world, who have submitted their films for our Short Film Competition. It has been particularly inspiring to witness young women participate in our festival. We hope we will continue to attract a diverse pool of Tibetan filmmaking talent to the festival," elaborates Tenzin Dhondup, TFF-India festival coordinator.

Short Film Competition 2019 - Carte blanche

Every year, we look forward to the Short Film Competition which is a one-of-its-kind opportunity for aspiring filmmakers from the Tibetan diaspora to showcase their work, and stand a chance to win USD 1,000 to pursue their craft further.

Like 2018, this year too we will have a Carte blanche: filmmakers are free to pick their own topics for their films, the only condition being that they deal with the theme of Tibet in a creative way. The winner will receive USD 1,000 and there will be an audience prize of USD 500 each for Dharamsala and Zurich. The submission deadline is: **21st of July 2019**. Further information available on www.tibetfilmfestival.org.

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Tibet Film Festival

The Tibet Film Festival was founded in 2008, inspired by Dhondup Wangchen, a self-taught Tibetan filmmaker, who was imprisoned for his film 'Leaving Fear Behind'. This 2-day film festival takes place simultaneously in Dharamsala (India) and Zurich (Switzerland), showcasing films made by Tibetans inside Tibet and in exile. The independent non-profit festival is run by an organizing committee comprised entirely of volunteers, spread across India and Switzerland. TFF is a cooperation of the associations Filming for Tibet and the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe.