

CYIFF 2023 -18th Cyprus International Film Festival November 1-5, 2023, Old Nicosia

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Υπό την Αιγίδα του Δήμου Λευκωσίας

ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΗ ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ - FREE ENTRANCE

Screening & Events Program

Note: Please consult the current document daily as the program may have changes without prior notice-

CATEGORIES / KATHΓΟΡΙΕΣ

GA Golden Aphrodite (1st feature film) /1η Μεγάλου Μήκους GT Got Talent (1st short film) / Κλακέτα Πρώτη

DTF Doc Talent Feature / 1η Τεκμηρίωση Μεγάλου Μήκους

DVF Doc Veteran Feature / 1η Τεκμηρίωση Μεγάλου Μήκους

ANI Animation / Κινούμενα Σχέδια

MD Music-Dance Film / Ταινία Μουσικής-Χορού

ML Medium Length / Μεσαίου Μήκους

ART Experimental / Καλλιτεχνική - Πειραματική

WIFT Women in Film & Television /

Οργανισμός Γυναικών στον Κινηματογράφο & στη Τηλεόραση

VF Veterans Feature / Μεγάλου Μήκους VS Veterans Short / Μικρού Μήκους

DTS Doc Talent Short / Τεκμηρίωση Μικρού Μήκους

DVS Doc Veteran Short / Τεκμηρίωση Μεγάλου Μήκους

NI Nostimon Imar / Νόστιμον Ήμαρ MF Mobile Films / Ταινίες με κινητό

COM Comedy / Κωμωδία

F Family films / Ταινία για όλη την οικογένεια **Q+A** Discussion with a film representative / **Q+A** Ερωτοαπαντήσεις με εκπρόσωπο ταινίας

Thursday, October 26, 11:00 - Press Conference at Melina Merkouri Hall, Nicosia

Wednesday, November 1

10:00-13:00

Nicosia Walled City Tours with NICOSIA TOURISM BOARD

The Nicosia Walled City Tour takes you on a journey through the heart of Nicosia's old town, exploring its rich history and culture. You will enter the walled city and explore its narrow streets, ancient structures, and hidden gems. On the tours, you'll visit places of interest like the Famagusta and Pafos gates, the venetian walls, the green line, Eleftheria Square, and liberty monuments, among many other interesting sites.

Where Eleftheria square / Moat

foodcraft

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lower level of the square.

15:30

Venue: **MELINA MERKOURI HALL** - Athinas street, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus (near Famagusta Gate) **WIFTCY + CYIFF Screenings with a representative**

WIFT SH Kharab - Sarah Saleh, Lebanon, 2022, 14'49"

WIFT CGT Coming Together - Bella Rinsky, Cyprus, 3'32"

VD Olivia - Mine Balman, Cyprus, 2023, 36'

CGT **At Last** by Resmiye Emir, Turkey, 2023, 20'CGT ART **Four Seasons – One Day** - Inessa Kraft, Cyprus, 2023, 7'

CGT Orange Shoes - Stylianos Chrysostomou, Cyprus, 2023, 9'

Q+A all

17:00

MD Still In Love With Me - Chara Odyssia, Cyprus, 2023, 3'
ART Despues - Anna Brouver, Switzerland, 2022, 4'37"
ANI Maybel - Stephania Panagiotou, Cyprus, 2023, 3'
ANI Hummings of a Hummingbird - Savvas Constantinou, Cyprus, 2023, 2'07"
VS 12.800 - Andreas Papakyriakou, Cyprus, 2021, 7'
DVS Ghost Town by Kay Pavlou, Australia, 2023, 7'

Q+A all

19:00

Photo Exhibition "20 plus ONE – Unchained silence" in collaboration with the Women in
Film and Television in Cyprus. The lens of Stefanos Kouratzis shows women who
experienced violence in any form and unveils the silent power of those women as they
visually progress towards the reclamation of freedom. Photographed only the back of their
head since all had different hair or hair style and sad stories of different kinds of violence at

- the same time. Each portrait is the way to carry their message to the world. "Break the chain of silence. You are not alone". /
- Έκθεση φωτογραφίας "20 plus ONE Unchained silence" σε συνεργασία με το Women in Film and Television in Cyprus. Ο φακός του Στέφανου Κουρατζή δείχνει γυναίκες που βίωσαν βία σε οποιαδήποτε μορφή και αποκαλύπτει τη σιωπηλή δύναμη αυτών των γυναικών καθώς προχωρούν οπτικά προς την ανάκτηση της ελευθερίας.
 Φωτογραφίζονται μόνο από το πίσω μέρος του κεφαλιού τους αφού όλες είχαν διαφορετικά μαλλιά ή χτένισμα και ταυτόχρονα θλιβερές ιστορίες διαφορετικών ειδών βίας. Κάθε πορτρέτο είναι ο τρόπος να μεταφέρουν το μήνυμά τους στον κόσμο. "Σπάσε την αλυσίδα της σιωπής. Δεν είσαι μόνη".
- Opening with a <u>concert</u> by musicians from <u>The Last Violin</u> (screening on Saturday 4/11), performed on Harry Vatiliotis's last violin (the violin made in the film <u>The Last Violin</u>)

Alexandra (Allie) Osborne: violin

Romano Crivici: piano

	•	Romance	Fritz Kreisler (1875 - 1962)
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• Liebeslied Fritz Kreisler

• Theme from The Last Violin - Let it Go Romano Crivici (1953-)

Meet and Greet with a Cocktail CAMPARI - CYIFF 2023 Event registration

19:30

VF God's Painting - Yannis Kalogeropoulos, Greece, 2023, 93'

Q+A with actor lacovos Mylonas

Synopsis: A touching comedy that shows all the changes that the arrival of a disabled child can bring to a family and how many wonderful moments we can live with them, when love prevails! A penetrating look at the world of the disabled and their families. The film combines comedy, emotions, reflection and the final catharsis. A play which brings forth the truth that the disabled citizens are not people of a lesser God. Dimitris returns to Greece after his mother's death, planning to place his disabled sister in an institution so that he can live out his love affair with his girlfriend and future fiance Stella. But life has a different plan in store for him.

Σύνοψη: Η όμορφη ιστορία ενός όμορφου ανθρώπου, της Θεοδώρας, μίας γυναίκας με αναπηρία και μεγάλη καρδιά. Ο αδερφός της, Δημήτρης, επιστρέφει στην Ελλάδα μετά το θάνατο της μητέρας τους και επιχειρεί να βάλει την αδερφή του σε ίδρυμα. Ωστόσο, φαίνεται πως τα σχέδια του Δημήτρη βγαίνουν εκτός του ελέγχου του, όταν συναντά τη Θεοδώρα, ύστερα από μακροχρόνια απουσία.

21:00

GA Universe Zone - Alexander Sadreddini, Georgia, 2023, 96'35" Q+A

Synopsis: In the post-apocalyptic and restricted Zone, Misha, an idealist naive dreamer, risks his life to collect memories of loved ones from abandoned ruins of the Zone. He believes "Love & Memories" make miracles.

Σύνοψη: Στην μετα-αποκαλυπτική και περιορισμένη Ζώνη, ο Μίσα, αφελής, ονειροπόλος και ιδεαλιστής, διακινδυνεύει τη ζωή του για να συλλέξει αναμνήσεις των αγαπημένων του στα εγκαταλελειμμένα ερείπια της. Πιστεύει ότι η αγάπη και οι αναμνήσεις κάνουν θαύματα.

Thursday, November 2

15:30

Venue: **MELINA MERKOURI HALL -** Athinas street, Nicosia 1016, Cyprus (near Famagusta Gate) CYIFF Screenings with a representative

MD "Freedom from today" Feat. Tugce Beserler - Μάριος Θεοδώρου, Κύπρος, 2023, 4' CGT WF SABBIE MOBILI / BIG NOISE by Andrea Vico & Carlotta Parodi, Italy, 2022, 15' WIFT SH The world of men you'd never meet - Alisa Khairetdinova, Russia, 2022, 10' ART Kosketus: Sense of Touch by Juan Castrillon & Vilja Hapaala, Finland, 2020, 6' MD WF Don't Bring Lulu by Lulu A Keating, Canada, 2022, 4'10" MD WF The Birdcage by Emma Giuliani, Vanessa Morandell, Italy, 2022, 15' MD NI WF Tides - Sophia Williams, USA, 2023, 2'27" CGT ART Pollinator - Kyriakos Kakoullis, Cyprus, 2022, 19' CGT W F Matchstick - Salma Murad, Saudi Arabia, 2022, 14'44" CGT WF See You Soon - Carly Hanna, Lebanon, 2023, 14'3" Q+A all

CGT NI My Dad's Diner - Tommy Savas, USA, 2023, 15'53"
CGT WF The Light by Alisa Erdoglyan, Russian Federation, 2023, 12'4"
CGT ART WF Fragmented - Ioulia Lymperopoulou, Greece, 2023, 1'22"
DTS The Passengers - Canan Çengel, Germany, 2023, 14'36"
DVS WF You jump I will catch you! - Anita Bozsánovics, Hungary, 27'22"
VS WF Mangata by Maja Costa, Germany, 2023, 15'38"
CGT Parabens by Michael Bukovansky, Czech Republic, 2022, 19'30"
Q+A all

19:00

Cocktail hosted by Embassy of Serbia

20:00

GA COM Three Storey Comedy by Sandra Mitrovic, Serbia, 2022, 100' Q+A

Synopsis: The falling apart community, which contains slightly isolated neighbors, and an old damaged building has been converged into one common issue – bad pipes. The only neighbor, an old plumber, tries to warn his neighbors about the problem, which could lead to a flood in the whole house. Thus, the tenants have to combine their efforts to improve the communication between them, and solve a tough issue.

Σύνοψη: Η κοινότητα διαλύεται και οι γείτονες απομονωνονται σε ένα παλιό κατεστραμμένο κτίριο, που παρουσιάζει ένα κοινό πρόβλημα - κακές σωληνώσεις. Ο

μοναδικός γείτονας, ένας παλιός υδραυλικός, προσπαθεί να προειδοποιήσει τους γείτονές του για το πρόβλημα, το οποίο θα μπορούσε να οδηγήσει σε πλημμύρα ολόκληρο το σπίτι. Έτσι, οι ενοικιαστές πρέπει να συνδυάσουν τις προσπάθειές τους για να βελτιώσουν την επικοινωνία μεταξύ τους και να λύσουν ένα δύσκολο ζήτημα.

Friday, November 3

Venue: THE CLASSIC HOTEL: WIFTCY + CYIFF 2023 Event registration

10:00

WIFT DOC MD Where the Dreams are Waiting - Uli Bez, Germany, 2023, 29'20" Synopsis: A film tells the stories of two very different women who both long for a self-determined life without racism and discrimination.

WIFTCY + CYIFF Industry & Pitching Forum

- "Breaking Boundaries: Challenging Stereotypes in the Arts" Guest "Elena Mariposa Kremlidou" - Actor, Presenter, Content Creator
- "Harmonizing the Silver Screen and the Stage: Exploring the Art of Music Composition for Films and Theatrical Plays, and the Key Differences"
 Speaker: <u>Julie Joohee Jeon</u>, music composer, singer and filmmaker (<u>Happen to Happen</u>) from South Korea
- Masterclass: "Scenography in Computer Animation" Dr Alexis Chaviaras, Director, Animator

11:15

Pitches:

- Alexander Sadreddini
- Nikoletta OLASZ-HARTYÁNYI
- Sarah Saleh
- Christos Pantolmos
- Alisa Khairetdinova
- lacovos Mylonas
- Alexis Chaviaras

12:00

Presentation of the "Creative Europe Programme – Media & Culture"

By Nenad Bogdanovic

Planning & Development Coordinator of the Organization for European Programmes and Cultural Relations and Head of Creative Europe Desk Cyprus

Screenings at The Classic Hotel

13:00

Reception Lunch

15:30

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Gate)

CYIFF Screenings with a representative

WIFT DTF <u>F.R.I.E.S.</u> - Ioulia Charalampous & Apostolos Karoulas, Greece, 2023, 60" Trailer: https://youtu.be/IWScKb1dlu8

Synopsis: The documentary unfolds during the covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown, when an open call becomes the occasion for the online meeting of seven female artists that did not know each other. Interaction and co-creation become vital parts of their daily lives and in this way they find a safe digital space in which they can be creative, self-educate and discover their common connections.

Σύνοψη: Ένα ντοκιμαντέρ που εκτυλίσσεται κατά τη διάρκεια της πανδημίας του COVID-19 και της επικείμενης καραντίνας, όταν μία ανοιχτή πρόσκληση ενώνει επτά καλλιτέχνιδες, άγνωστες μεταξύ τους, σε μία διαδικτυακή συνάντηση. Η αλληλεπίδραση και η συνδημιουργία γίνονται ζωτικά μέρη της καθημερινότητάς τους και βρίσκουν, έτσι, έναν ψηφιακό χώρο, όπου μπορούν να είναι δημιουργικές, να μορφώνονται και να ανακαλύπτουν τις κοινές τους συνδέσεις.

16:30

WIFT GA Happen to Happen - Julie Joohee Jeon, Korea, 2023, 49' Q+A

Synopsis: Noori starts her journey as she tries to return her friend, Sena's cat, Tori, in this adventurous and heartwarming tale. She gets to an unfamiliar town by taking the wrong bus. From losing her phone and credit card in a sewer to spending a night in an old van. Along the way, she discovers a newfound appreciation for the cat, Tori, and even opens up her heart to Tori's affectionate nature. We shall see if Noori will get to her destination or not.

Σύνοψη: Η Noori ξεκινά το ταξίδι της καθώς προσπαθεί να επιστρέψει τη φίλη της, τη γάτα της Sena, την Tori, σε αυτή την περιπετειώδη και συγκινητική ιστορία. Φτάνει σε μια άγνωστη πόλη επειδή πήρε το λάθος λεωφορείο. Από την απώλεια του τηλεφώνου και της πιστωτικής της κάρτας σε έναν υπόνομο μέχρι να περάσει μια νύχτα σε ένα παλιό βαν. Στην πορεία, ανακαλύπτει μια νέα εκτίμηση για τη γάτα, την Τόρι, και ανοίγει ακόμη και την καρδιά της στη στοργική φύση της Τόρι. Θα δούμε αν η Noori θα φτάσει στον προορισμό της ή όχι.

17:20

CGT Paranoia - Christos Pantolmos, Greece, 2023, 9'11"

VS WF Uncovered - Thanos Angelis, Greece, 2023, 3'2"

CGT WF The Visit - Katharina Sporrer, Germany, 2022, 9'1"

VS C **Shout** - Mason Greer, United States, 2023, 13'15" (Gloria Jumi)

CGT NI Blends by Ioannis Argiris, United States, 2023, 12'23"

CGT A very small gentleman - George Kleanthous, Greece 2023, 12'50"

Q+A all

18:30

WIFT DTF My People - Anna Rezan, Greece, 2022, 90'

Trailer: https://youtu.be/f97um8p-I64

The documentary extensively focuses and highlights two significant parts of Greek history that were extraordinary and singular among the countries of occupied Europe. The first, is the heroic Greek resistance movement in various regions of Greece that was instrumental to the defeat of the Germans and their allies and the ending of the Second World War. The second is the opposition efforts to the Nazis and their allies of the Greek Orthodox Church, its clergy and Greek Christian civilians across the country that helped save the lives of thousands of Greek Jews. It is the first film to widely underline the Greek Orthodox Church's overall incredible role in the Greek resistance and to widely promote it's values to audiences across the world.

Σύνοψη: Η ανείπωτη ιστορία των Ελλήνων Εβραίων κατά την περίοδο του Ολοκαυτώματος, η Εθνική Αντίσταση, η Κατοχή, ο ρόλος του χριστιανικού κλήρου... Κι ένας ύμνος στην ενότητα, την αγάπη και το θάρρος, όπως αυτά φανερώνονται από μια νεαρή γυναίκα στην προσπάθειά της να ανακαλύψει την ιστορία της Ελληνοεβραϊκής της οικογένειας.

20:30

GA **Goodbye Julia** - Mohamed Kordofani, Sudan/Egypt/Germany/France/Sweden/Saudi Arabia, 2023, 120' - *Prix de la Liberté* (Freedom Award) at 2023 Cannes Film Festival

Saturday, November 4

10:00-13:00

City Museums Tours with NICOSIA TOURISM BOARD

The City Museum Tour will take you through some of the city's most significant museums, including the Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia, the Municipal Museum of Printmaking, and the Cypriot Coinage Museum. This tour will give you an understanding of the city's past and present. Exhibits on the city's architecture, art, culture, and much more.

Where Eleftheria square / Moat foodcraft

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17:00

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CGT WF **Hantush – A Fairytale** - Alexia Tsouni, Greece, 2023, 6'12" (DOP Evangelos Vlachakis)

VSH The Discreet Charm of the Conspiracy - Nikos Kourou, Greece, 2023, 10'19"

17:30

VF F Secrets Of An Old Gun 2 - Ivo Macharacek, Czech Republic, 2022, 98' Q+A with actor and music composer Vaclav Varta

Trailer: https://youtu.be/nz3dqhHMC0E

Synopsis: The imaginary world, the fairy tale of two kingdoms uncover their hidden secrets. The first kingdom is ruled by King Jacob and Queen Anna, where the second is ruled by Queen Julia. The range of conspiracies, diversity in lives, and the whole spectrum of adventures.

Σύνοψη: Ο φανταστικός κόσμος, το παραμύθι δύο βασιλείων που αποκαλύπτουν τα κρυμμένα τους μυστικά. Το πρώτο βασίλειο το κυβερνούν ο βασιλιάς Τζέικομπ και η βασίλισσα Άννα, ενώ το δεύτερο η βασίλισσα Τζούλια. Πλήθος συνομωσιών, ποικιλομορφία ζωής κι ένα ολόκληρο φάσμα περιπετειών.

20:00

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DVF NI The Last Violin - Carla Thackrah, Australia, 2023, 75' Q+A

Trailer: https://youtu.be/dkJhxmhFL74

Synopsis: Australia`s greatest living violin maker – Charalambous Vatiliotis has been offered to make a last violin for his friend of 48 years Romano Crivici. The tender process of hand making instruments, the beauty of strong friendship through the years, and charming music is a key of life not only for the protagonists but for the society. Σύνοψη: Ο καλύτερος, εν ζωή, κατασκευαστής βιολιών της Αυστραλίας, ο Χαράλαμπος Βατυλιώτης, καλείται να δημιουργήσει ένα τελευταίο βιολί για τον φίλο του, των τελευταίων 48 χρόνων, Ρομάνο Κρίβιτσι. Η τρυφερή διαδικασία κατασκευής χειροποίητων μουσικών οργάνων, η ομορφιά της δυνατής φιλίας και η γοητευτική μουσική είναι το κλειδί της ζωής, όχι μόνο για τους πρωταγωνιστές, αλλά και για ολόκληρη την κοινωνία.

Reception sponsored by Embassy of Australia

Sunday, November 5

Venue: Pallas Theatre, Regenis and Arsinoes corner, Nicosia 1010 (near Pafos Gate)

19:00

Meet and Greet with a **Cocktail CAMPARI** - **CYIFF 2023 Event registration 20:00**

Golden Aphrodite Awards Ceremony

Presenters: Marios Sarpetsas and Marios Priamos Ioannides.

Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra participation

Women in Film & TV-Cyprus/ WIFTCY honor with a Life Achievement Award Lygia Konstantinidou and the Rising Star Award Corinna Avraamidou & Kyriakos Tofarides