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SOFIA PRIDE FILM FEST 2022

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When the world shakes, we need to get together, exchange ideas, watch amazing films and think about the future of our communities!

Sofia Pride Film Fest is the only LGBTIQ+ film festival in Bulgaria. For 11 years now we independently manage to present outstanding films. In a country which is famous with its widespread homophobia and discrimination against the LGBTIQ+ communities, the existence of the festival is groundbreaking and lifesaving for the members of the community. Even though since 2019 each screening of the film festival has been attacked verbally and sometimes physically, we manage to continue our mission to do community organising through the power of cinema.

Sofia Pride Film Fest 2022 will show 7 outstanding feature films and 10 short films.

Sofia Pride Film Fest is part of the official program of the Sofia Pride calendar. Together with the screenings there are discussions on the topics of LGBTIQ+ rights in Bulgaria, an LGBTIQ+ opening party and the official Sofia Pride month closing party.

Sofia Pride Film Fest was founded by Youth LGBTI organisation Deystvie which focuses on advancing the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community in Bulgaria with strategic litigation and providing pro bono legal support to the communities.

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MY FATHER IS MY MOTHER'S BROTHER

DOCUMENTARY 76' UKRAINE 2018

My Father Is My Mother's Brother is a portrait of one family. It moves between the social bottom and the depths of bohemian life. The artist and singer Tolik, his sister Anya and his niece Katya are struggling through daily life filled with love, soul searching, loneliness and illness.

CAST & CREW

Director: Vadym Ilkov

Starring: Anatoliy Belov

Producers: Iya Myslytska, Maksym Vasyanovych,
Valentyn Vasyanovych

Cinematographer: Vadym Ilkov

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Thessaloniki DFF – Mermaid Award

Camden IFF – Emerging Cinematic Vision Award

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt8400872

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THE DIVIDE

FEATURE 99' FRANCE 2021

In the midst of the Yellow Vests protests, two women on the verge of a breakup find themselves in a saturated hospital emergency department on the brink of chaos.

CAST & CREW

Director: Catherine Corsini

Writers: Catherine Corsini, Agnès Feuvre

Starring: Valeria Bruni Tedeschi, Marina Foïs

Producer: Elisabeth Perez

Cinematographer: Jeanne Lapoirie

Music: Robin Coudert

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

TCannes FF – Queer Palm

César Awards – Best Supporting Actress

EFA

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt13321730

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FIREBIRD

FEATURE 107' UNITED KINGDOM, ESTONIA 2021

Firebird follows a handsome, soulful young soldier who embarks on a clandestine sexual affair with a charismatic fighter pilot on a Soviet Air Force Base at the height of 1970's Communist rule.

CAST & CREW

Director: Peeter Rebane

Writers: Peeter Rebane, Tom Prior

Starring: Tom Prior, Oleg Zagorodnii

Producers: Tom Prior, Peeter Rebane

Cinematographer: Mait Mäekivi

Music: Krzysztof A. Janczak

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Austin Gay Lesbian IFF – Audience Award

Key West FF – Jury Prize

FilmOut – Best Feature

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt4061620

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MIGUEL'S WAR

DOCUMENTARY 128' SPAIN, LEBANON, GERMANY 2021

A gay man confronts the ghosts of his past and explores hidden longings, unrequited love and tormenting feelings of guilt.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Eliane Raheb
Starring: Ruben Cardoso, Miguel Jejelaty,
François Nour
Producer: Eliane Raheb
Cinematographer: Bassem Fayad

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Berlin IFF – Teddy
Thessaloniki DFF
Sunny Bunny FF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt14122234

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AMMONITE

FEATURE 117' UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, USA 2020

1840s England, acclaimed but overlooked fossil hunter Mary Anning and a young woman sent to convalesce by the sea develop an intense relationship, altering both of their lives forever.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Francis Lee

Starring: Kate Winslet, Saoirse Ronan

Producers: Iain Canning, Fodhla Cronin O'Reilly,
Emile Sherman

Cinematographer: Stéphane Fontaine

Music: Volker Bertelmann, Dustin O'Halloran

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

BAFTA Awards

Chicago IFF

EFA

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt7983894

REVIEWS

One of the finest films of the year

– The Daily Telegraph

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JONATHAN AGASSI SAVED MY LIFE

DOCUMENTARY 100' GERMANY, ISRAEL, UNITED KINGDOM 2018

Jonathan Agassi is one of the world's most successful gay porn stars. This is a rare and intimate look at the world of porn & escorting, as well as on a unique relationship between a mother & son.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Tomer Heymann
Starring: Jonathan Agassi, Michael Lucas
Producers: Barak Heymann, Tomer Heymann
Cinematographer: Tomer Heymann
Music: Matan Daskal, Anna Lann, Alberto Shwartz

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Amsterdam IDF
Merlinka IFF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt8725518

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WOMEN DO CRY

FEATURE 107' BULGARIA, FRANCE 2021

A mother stork is shot down from a chimney. A woman suffering from postnatal depression nearly jumps off a balcony. A girl has to deal with the stigma of HIV. A mother looks for magic in the lunar calendar.

CAST & CREW

Directors: Vesela Kazakova, Mina Mileva
Writers: Bilyana Kazakova, Vesela Kazakova
Starring: Maria Bakalova, Vesela Kazakova
Producers: Christophe Bruncher, Mina Mileva
Cinematographer: Dimitar Kostov
Music: Andy Cowton

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Cannes FF
Cork IFF
Sarajevo FF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt11873754

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KOKICHETO

SHORT DOCUMENTARY 10' BULGARIA 1970

In an all-girls class, a student is reprimanded by the teacher for not drawing a snowdrop exactly from the blackboard, but instead letting her own imagination and creativity take over. The film raises the question of respecting and respecting the boundaries of order and discipline.

CAST & CREW

Directors: Nina Yankova

Writers: Yanko Yankov

Starring: Tatyana Lolova

Cinematographer: Yanko Yankov

Production: Bulgarska kinematografia

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Oberhausen ISFF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt35837769

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MARRIAGE

SHORT ANIMATION 6' BULGARIA 1985

A groom-to-be wakes up in the morning of his wedding to strange visions triggered by his impatience. Though the nuptial feast is in full flow, the groom is still daydreaming. On the wedding night, the bride ups and melts away before his eyes exhaling air as a deflated balloon.

CAST & CREW

Directors & Writers: Slav Bakalov, Rumen Petkov
Cinematographer: Feodor Arnaudov
Music: Boris Karadimchev
Production: Boyana Film

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Cannes FF – Palme d'Or

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt0245179



BLACK ON WHITE

SHORT ANIMATION 5' BULGARIA 2005

Nothing in the world is only black and white.

CAST & CREW

Director: Andrey Tzvetkov

Writer: Boyan Biolchev

Cinematographer: Bilyana Ivanova

Music: Andrey Tzvetkov

Producer: Bilyana Ivanova

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

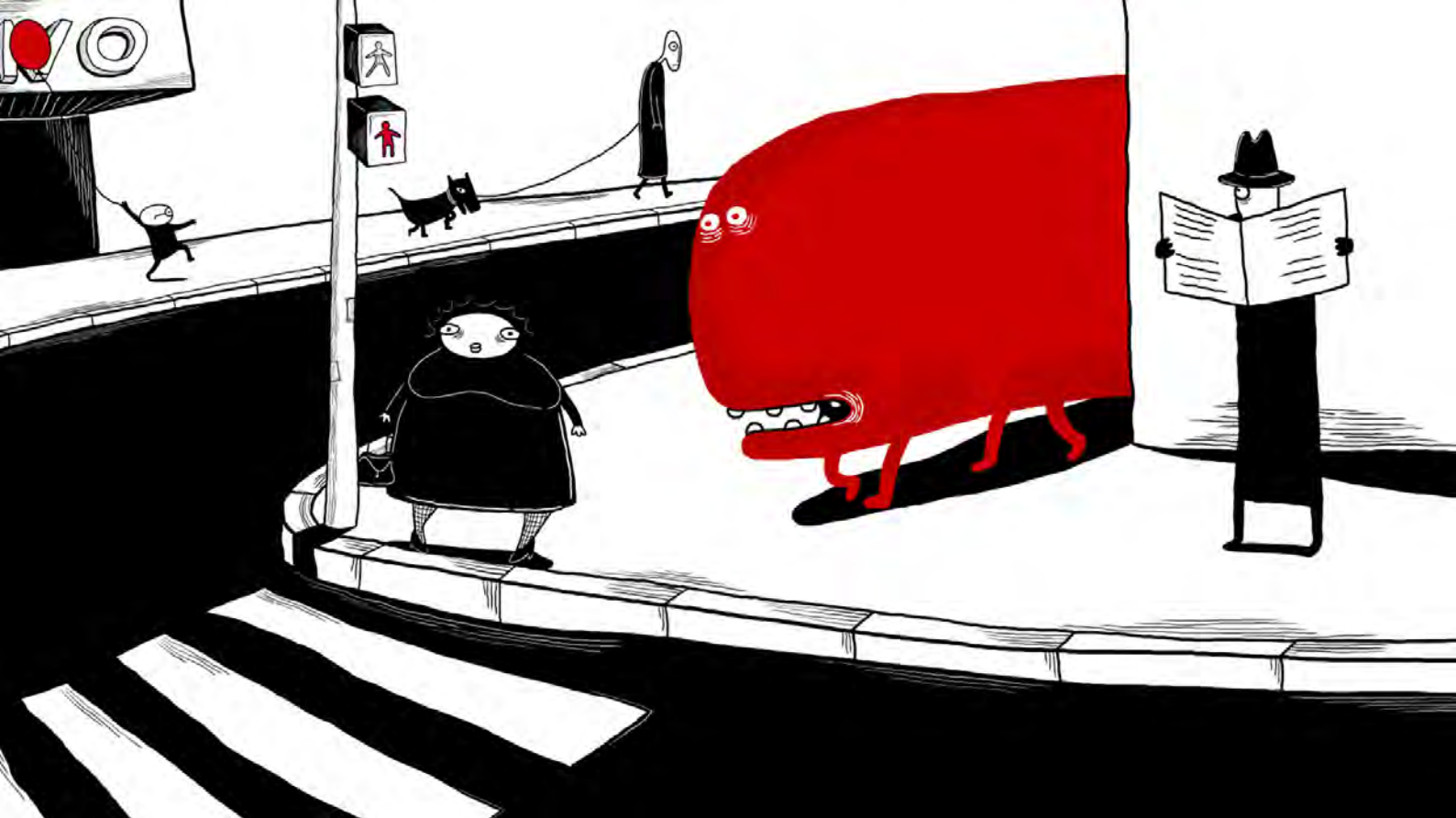
Annecy IAFF – UNICEF Award

Sofia IFF – Jameson Award

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt0490392

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ANNA BLUME

SHORT ANIMATION 10' BULGARIA 2010

A visual poetry about the lust of a man chasing a woman, dictated by the mind of Kurt Schwitters.

CAST & CREW

Director: Vessela Dantcheva
 Writers: Vessela Dantcheva, Ebele Okoye
 Animator: Ebele Okoye
 Music: Petar Dundakov
 Producer: Vessela Dantcheva

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Rotterdam IFF
 Leipzig IDFF – Honorary Mention
 Anim'Est IAFF – Special Jury Award

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt1545009

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WHOLE

SHORT FICTION 21' BULGARIA 2019

A chance encounter at a family wedding will force Yana, a closeted young woman, to face her biggest issue – herself.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Slava Doycheva

Starring: Martina Apostolova, Slava Doycheva,
Venelina Ghyaurova

Cinematographer: Kiril Prodanov

Producer: Ralitza Petrova

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Uppsala ISFF

Sofia IFF

Tel Aviv LGBT FF – Honorable Mention

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt8390008

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

SHORT FICTION 21' BULGARIA 2018

The transfiguration is an act of revelation.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Stephan Ganoff

Starring: Stefan D. Ganoff, Stephan Ganoff,
Ekaterina Voinova

Cinematographer: Stephan Ganoff

Producer: Ekaterina Voinova

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Rome IFF

Sofia IFF – Jameson Award

Queer Lisboa

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt8628706

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FREEDOM IS AN ACTION

SHORT DOCUMENTARY 22' BULGARIA 2022

The story of Denitsa Lyubenova, a lawyer, human rights defender and LGBTQ activist from Bulgaria. The film follows one of the most important legal cases of Youth LGBT organisation Deystvie – Baby Sara.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Anna Stoeva

Starring: Denitsa Lyubenova, Veneta Limberova,
Anna Doneva

Cinematographer: Ivan Nikolov

Music: Da Sien, Guy Copeland

Producer: Anna Stoeva, David Djambazov

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Berlin SFF

Rainbow Umbrella FF

Sofia Pride FF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt35837567

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MUTUAL HEART

SHORT FICTION 15' BULGARIA 2022

An artistic photographer meets a neighborhood bully. There is something "invisible" between the two men that binds them.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Dess Atanasoff

Starring: Boris Atanasov, Simeon Dimov, Kristina Mircheva

Cinematographer: Mladen Minev

Music: Ivan Manov

Producers: Dess Atanasoff, Elizabeth Yordanova

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

BuSho ISFF – Bronze BuSho

Nancy IFF

Triest ISFF

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt21605286

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WAITING FOR COLOUR

SHORT DOCUMENTARY 7' BULGARIA 2018

Waiting For Colour is a documentary dance film revealing the harsh reality of LGBTQ+ persecution in the Chechen region of Russia. The contents of the film were inspired by testimonials of the arrests, torture, and blackmail that gay Chechens were subjected to throughout 2017.

CAST & CREW

Director & Writer: Kosta Karakashyan
Starring: Kosta Karakashyan, Venya Gushchin,
Ksenia Voronkova
Cinematographer: Kevin Chiu
Music: Julien Leitner
Producer: Kosta Karakashyan

FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Wild Dogs FF – Best Student Film
DanceScreen FF – Best Student Film
Cinédanse Ottawa FF – Prix Lumière

LINKS

www.imdb.com/title/tt10010798

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festival

12-17 юни

9
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19:00

10 ГОДИНИ ДЕЙСТВИЕ | ПАРТИ

Premium Co-working space | ул. Гурко 16

ДОМ НА КИНОТО

12
юни

18:30 Ukraine | 2018

MY FATHER IS MY MOTHER'S BROTHER

20:00 France | 2021

THE DIVIDE Официално откриване

14
юни

18:30

БЪЛГАРСКО КЪСОМЕТРАЖНО КИНО

20:30 UK, Estonia | 2021

FIREBIRD

15
юни

18:30 Germany, Spain | 2021

MIGUEL'S WAR

20:45 USA | 2020

AMMONITE

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20:00 France | 2021

THE DIVIDE

16
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20:00 България | 2021

ЖЕНИТЕ НА ИСТИНА ПЛАЧАТ

17
юни

19:00 2022

THINK FREEDOM:
СВОБОДАТА Е ДЕЙСТВИЕ

ПРЕМИЕРА | документален портрет на
Деница Любенова, адвокат от Действие

20:00

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