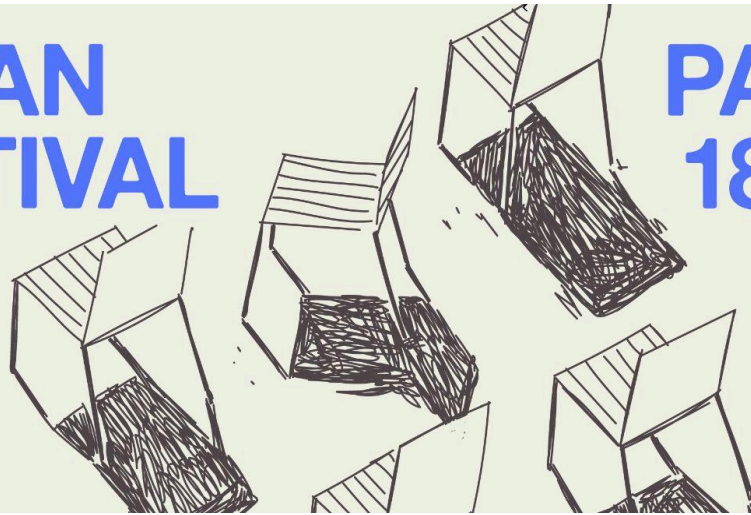


13th AEGEAN FILM FESTIVAL

PATMOS 18-26.07



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13TH AEGEAN FILM FESTIVAL | PATMOS, 18-26 JULY 2024 PRESS RELEASE - PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

The 13th Aegean Film Festival announces the programme of feature and short fiction and documentary films, as well as the parallel events that will take place on the island of Patmos from July 18 to 26. Filmmakers and audiences will have the opportunity to watch 8 screening programmes with 69 films, including 43 premieres.

The festival is delighted to announce that 418 films have been submitted this year in addition to the films that were invited by the festival's programming team. In this year's edition, 6 awards will be granted - Best Aegean Short Film Award, Jury's Special Mention Award, Documentary Audience Award, Fiction Audience Award, Sustainability Award και Best Greek Short Award - Powered by ERT.

For this year's 13th edition, the programming team, with the valuable support of the Advisory Board, carefully curates programmes consisting of 10 feature fiction films, 9 documentaries and 45 short films. An important addition is the Future programme, which combines Immersive, VR, AI, and Sci-Fi short films, and aims to expand the ways of watching and experiencing movies. The film screenings will be accompanying 4 events, courtesy of Campari Greece.

On July 18, the festival begins with the **exhibition of Patmian artists** at the Cultural Center of Patmion, where on Friday 19 July at 12.00, the audience can also catch the **Kids Shorts** programme. The **Opening Ceremony** of the 13th Aegean Film Festival will take place on the same day at 20.30, at Marianna Cinema, with the screening of the Bright Horizons award-winning film, **Banel & Adama**, as well as the Best Directing award-winning documentary at IDFA, **Life is Beautiful**, at Patmion Starfish Cinema. The **Opening Party** will follow the screenings at Ginger Bar.

On the next two days, July 20th and 21st, the conference **Location Greece: Sustainability Standard** will be held. On Saturday 20th of July at 20.30, the award-winning film **There's Still Tomorrow** will be screened at Marianna Cinema, and the Greek premiere of the documentary **Balomania** will take place at Patmion Starfish Cinema, followed by a Q&A session with the producer of the film. At 23.00, the film **Maxxxine** will be screened in parallel to the documentary **Sugarcane**. On Sunday 21 July, there is a double screening of **Parthenope**, followed by a **Full Moon Party** at Patmos Marine Club. On the same day, the Greek premiere of the documentary **Once Upon A Time: Michel LeGrand** will also take place in addition to the screenings of the **PopUp Shorts**, at Patmion Starfish Cinema.

On Monday 22 July, at 8.30, the award-winning fiction film **More Than Strangers** will be screened at Marianna Cinema, followed by an open discussion with the director, while the Human Rights award-winning documentary **Black Box Diaries** will premiere at Patmion Starfish Cinema. The fiction film **Lee** will be screened later that evening at Marianna Cinema. On Tuesday, July 23 at 9.00, as part of the Echoes programme, a **Boat and Diving Ride** is organised in the neighboring waters of Arki and Leipsi for a dive-in experience in the areas of Poseidonia. At 20.30, two premieres are screened with the presence of the directors, the film **The Queen of My Dreams** and

the environmental documentary **Blue Carbon**. On the same day at 23.00, the first part of the competition section of **Aegean Shorts** is taking place at Patmion Starfish Cinema.

On Wednesday, July 24th, the world premiere of the film **Hakki** follows, along with a Q&A session with the director, parallel to the Greek premiere of the environmental documentary **Once Upon a Time in a Forest**. On the same day at 20.30 and 23.00, the B' and C' parts of the **Aegean Shorts** competition are screened respectively. On Thursday 25 July, the Cinema And Arts award-winning **Making Of** will be screened, alongside the environmental documentary **Wilding**, with the presence of the producer. At 22.30, the **Nomads Shorts** follow, with the presence of the directors. On July 24th and 25th, the **Echoes Panel** will take place. A breath before the end, our famous **Closing Party** and the presentation of the **Short Film Awards** will be held.

On Friday 26 July at 12.00, the **Echoes Shorts** will be screened. On the last day of the 13th Aegean Film Festival, the award-winning film with the Audience Award (U.S. Dramatic) and Special Jury Award for Best Ensemble at the Sundance Film Festival, **Didi**, premieres at Marianna Cinema, followed by the **Closing Ceremony** of the festival and the presentation of the **Audience Awards**. At the same time, Patmion Starfish Cinema will screen the premiere of the multi-award-winning documentary **Kix**, followed by the screening of the **4 winning short films**.

Alongside the above screenings and events, the audience has the opportunity to watch from July 20 to 26 at the Patmion Theater the **Future Programme**, which includes 3 **Future PopUp Shorts** and 5 **Virtual Reality** films.

The film programmes in titles:

AEGEAN FILMS

10 feature fiction films, including 6 premieres.

AEGEAN DOCS

9 documentary premieres.

ECHOES

3 feature-length documentaries and 6 short environmental films will be screened as part of the specially designed environmental programme, Echoes.

AEGEAN SHORTS

18 short films from around the world take part in the festival's competition programme for the Best Short Film Award, Sustainability Award, and Best Greek Short Award - Powered by ERT.

KIDS SHORTS

A collection of 6 entertaining and educational short films made specifically for the youngest film lovers.

POPUK SHORTS

An opportunity for our audience to enjoy 6 short films, often characterized by their experimental nature and ability to convey powerful stories or messages in a concise form.

NOMADS SHORTS

6 short films from friends of the festival to celebrate the spirit of the Aegean Film Festival. A selection that highlights the creativity and talent of the filmmakers who are part of our extended festival family.

IMMERSIVE PROGRAMME

8 Immersive, VR, AI and Sci-Fi short films.

LOCATION GREECE

With great pleasure, the festival presents **Location Greece: Sustainability Standard**, a two-day conference that will be held as part of the **Echoes programme**, under the auspices and support of **EKOME** (National Centre of Audiovisual Media and Communication). The conference, through discussions, panels and workshops that include environmentalists, producers and location managers, aims to identify the practices, needs, challenges and opportunities, to create a roadmap for the establishment of a Greek standard towards sustainable filming.

The 13th Aegean Film Festival is co-organized with the Municipality of Patmos, held with the major support of WaterBear, the National Centre of Audiovisual Media and Communication and the South Aegean Region, and is under the auspices and support of the Greek National Tourism Organisation, the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Greece, and the Hellenic Film Center. Media sponsors of the festival are ERT, Elculture and Patmos Times.

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We can't wait to meet again on the islands!