

## The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of CinEast kicked off yesterday

The **14th edition of CinEast** (Central and Eastern European Film Festival in Luxembourg, 7-24 October 2021) was inaugurated last night at the Opening Ceremony held at the Neimënster cultural centre in Luxembourg, in the presence of numerous guests. The Opening speeches were pronounced by the festival director **Radek Lipka**, director of Neimënster **Ainhoa Achutegui**, elderman of the City of Luxembourg **Maurice Bauer**, and the Ambassador of Slovenia in Brussels **Rado Genorio** ([photos](#)).

During the ceremony, the trailer of the festival directed by Polish artist Jerzy Gnatowski ([lien](#)) was presented and the official part was followed by the screening of the Opening film *Hive* ([trailer](#), [photos](#), [poster](#)) by Blerta Basholli. The photographic exhibition *Dreams of Escape* ([photos](#), [catalogue](#)) was also inaugurated yesterday and will be freely accessible to public in the Cloître of Neimënster until 26 October.

The festival will be held in hybrid format and will present over **110 physical screenings** of **55 features** and **35 short films**. The **7 films in competition** are: *Celts* by Milica Tomović, *Forest - I See You Everywhere* by Bence Fliegauf, *Inventory* by Darko Sinko, *Miracle* by Bogdan George Apetri, *Murina* by Antoneta Alamat Kusijanović, *Never Gonna Snow Again* by Małgorzata Szumowska & Michał Englert and *Saving One Who Was Dead* by Václav Kadrnka ([more info](#)).

The **International Jury** is presided over by Radu Jude and includes Czech director Michaela Pavlátová, Luxembourgish producer and director Nicolas Steil, Luxembourgish actress and director Larisa Faber and Belgian co-director of the Brussels IFF Céline Masset ([photos](#)). The **Press Jury** is composed of journalists Teresa Vena (*Cineuropa*), Tobias Kessler (*Saarbrücker Zeitung*) and Gabrielle Seil (*Revue*) and the newly introduced **Young Talents Jury** is composed of students of the BTS Cinema film studies at Lycée des Arts et Métiers (Luxembourg).

The **main thematic cycle** of the 14th edition "*Dreams of Escape*" provides a reflection on various forms of our hopes for a change, distraction or getaway. The festival features a [Focus on Slovenia](#) with 10 films, two guests and the Slovenian band **Vasko & The Uncles from the Dark** performing as headliners at the [Opening concert](#) held on 8/10 at Melusina. CinEast will welcome **around 30 guests**, including Radu Jude, Blerta Basholli, Dénes Nagy, Ioana Bugarin, Izabela Kuna, Michaela Pavlátová, Stefan Arsenijević and others.

The **festival highlights** include [Women's Event](#) with the film *Hive* followed by the ciné-debate on "Quiet Female Rebellion" (9/10), [The Living Witnesses](#) by Karolina Markiewicz & Pascal Piron (10/10) followed by the ciné-debate "[Thou Shalt not be Indifferent](#)" with numerous guests, [Short film marathons](#), Jazz [ciné-concert by Kuba Więcek Trio](#) (17/10), ciné-debate "[Dreams of Escape from the System](#)" after the international premiere of the documentary [The Last Generation](#) (15/10) programmes for [children and teenagers](#), ciné-debate "[Faces of Love](#)" after the film [A Marriage](#) (17/10), Luxembourgish avant-premiere of [As Far As I Can Walk](#) by Stefan Arsenijević (co-produced by Luxembourg's Les Films Fauves, 16/10), special screening of [Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn](#) with an extended Q&A with Radu Jude (21/10)...For more details about the festival programme go to our website [www.cineast.lu](#) or consult our [presentation](#).

Pres- only site with all details, film stills and graphic elements: [link](#)

Complete presspack ([link](#)), programme in PDF ([link](#)), poster ([link](#)), festival presentation ([lien](#)), film stills ([link](#)), logo ([link](#))

Details about films and events are available on the official website [www.cineast.lu](#)

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