

16<sup>th</sup> central and eastern european film festival



5–22.10.2023 luxembourg festival programme

# wednesday



# EXHIBITION VERNISSAGE ADAPTATIONS PHOTO EXHIBITION



The thematic cycle "Adaptations" will explore the profound adjustments required by some of the most significant transformations our societies are facing. Adapting to the consequences of the war in Ukraine, of course, to the massive and multifold challenges posed by climate change, but also to an environment marked by increasing migrations and rapid technological developments.

# 05 october

# thursday



#### OFFICIAL OPENING

### IN THE REARVIEW / SKAD DOKAD

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### THE LAST SEAGULL / ПОСЛЕДНИЯТ ГЛАРУС

(Finland, Bulgaria 2023) by Tonislav Hristov documentary, 79 min, en subtitles

A sunny tale of an ageing playboy who wants to have a family.

# 06 october

friday

FEELING (IN)DIFFERENT



# **BREAD AND SALT / CHLEB I SÓL**

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A young piano prodigy returning home for summer is drawn into acts of local xenophobia.



### **HOUSEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS**

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FRIDAYS FOR THE PLANET



### **GENERATION CHANGE**

### / GENERATION CHANGE - WER RETTET DIE WELT?

(AT, DE, CZ, PL, IT, PT, ES 2021) by Vanessa Böttcher documentary, 80 min, en subtitles

► A climate activist's train odyssey across Europe in search of people with solutions. ② ←
Preceded by the short film Stolen Fish by Małgorzata Juszczak

18.30

### FOREVER-FOREVER / НАЗАВЖДИ-НАЗАВЖДИ

(Ukraine, Netherlands 2023) by Anna Buryachkova drama/coming of age, 107 min, en subtitles

▶ Unsettling portrait of the young and rebellious in a freshly-told late-90s coming-of-age story.



#### **BOSS**

(Romania, Luxembourg, Sweden 2023) by Bogdan Mirică drama/thriller, 126 min, en subtitles

► An ambulance driver involved in a robbery gradually sinks into a spiral of fear and paranoia. ②

# 07 october

# saturday



## SISTERS / MĀSAS

(Latvia, Italy 2022) by Linda Olte drama/coming of age, 104 min, en subtitles

► Vibrantly realistic orphanage story of two sisters soon to be adopted by an American family.

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#### SHORT ANIMATION FILMS MARATHON

► A selection of short animation films from Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, 140 min, en subtitles



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WOMEN'S EVENT



#### SMOKE SAUNA SISTERHOOD

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▶ In the darkness of a smoke sauna, women share their innermost secrets and intimate experiences. ② ( ( )



# LE ROYAUME DE NAYA / MAVKA. THE FOREST SONG / MABKA. JICOBA ПІСНЯ

(Ukraine 2023) by Oleg Malamuzh & Oleksandra Ruban children animation, 99 min, in French

A forest spirit is torn between love and her duty as a guardian of the forest.



## **OPENING EVENT** with **YAGODY** (UA) live & DJ PARTY



▶ Enchanting folk music band from the Ukrainian Carpathians opens this year's CinEast festival as part of our Focus on Ukraine. After the live show the night continues with a DJ set which will fire up the dancefloor with a rumbustious mix of beats and rhythms until 3am.

19.30 Doors & food, 21.00 YAGODY live, 23.00 DJ party

# 08 october

sunday

CINEMA PARADISO



16.30

# COLARGOL, THE SINGING BEAR

# / COLARGOL: L'OURS QUI CHANTE

(Poland, France 1970) by Albert Barillé, Victor Glattauer, Olga Pouchine & Jean-Jacques Thébault children animation, 40 min. in French

► Colargol is a cheerful little bear who would really love to sing like the birds.



### WAKE ME / ZBUDI ME

(Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia 2022) by Marko Šantić drama, 85 min, en subtitles

► Suffering from memory loss, Rok returns to his hometown, where he learns that his brother is on the same wrong path as him.



#### DAD / TATA

(Poland, Ukraine 2022) by Anna Maliszewska drama/comedy, 110 min, en subtitles

► Truck driver Michał has to take his daughter and his nanny's granddaughter on a roadtrip in Ukraine. ②



# ANOTHER LOTTERY TICKET / ÎNCĂ DOUĂ LOZURI

(Romania 2023) by Paul Negoescu comedy, 86 min, en subtitles

▶ Three endearing stooges get into cryptocurrencies. Will they finally get rich?



### **EASTERN FRONT / SHIDNIY FRONT**

(Latvia, Ukraine, Czechia, United States 2023) by Vitaly Mansky & Yevhen Titarenko documentary, 98 min, en subtitles

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**CINEAST @ MUDAM** 



# ART TALENT SHOW / ZKOUŠKA UMĚNÍ

(Czechia 2022) by Adéla Komrzý & Tomáš Bojar documentary, 102 min, en subtitles

► A thought-provoking documentary about the entrance exams at Prague's Academy of Fine Arts providing a glimpse of today's young artistic souls.

# 09 october

# monday



# TAXI DRIVERS / TAXIMETRIŞTI

(Romania 2023) by Bogdan Theodor Olteanu comedy, 97 min, en subtitles

▶ Two friends drive their taxis across Bucharest by night, meeting all sorts of folk. An entertaining vivisection of Romanian society.



### MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH MARRIAGE

(Latvia, United States, Luxembourg 2022) by Signe Baumane animation/comedy, 108 min, en subtitles

► A playful, visually vibrant, smart, and edgy Eastern Bloc comingof-age animated comedy, with a tinge of feminism. **②** 



## WE HAVE NEVER BEEN MODERN / ÚSVIT

(Czechia, Slovakia 2023) by Matěj Chlupáček drama, 117 min, en subtitles

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# DANGEROUS MEN / NIEBEZPIECZNI DŻENTELMENI

(Poland 2022) by Maciej Kawalski comedy/crime, 105 min, en subtitles

➤ Zakopane, 1914. After a boozy party, four gentlemen find a corpse and need to discover what happened. And fast!



# REMEMBER TO BLINK / PER ARTI

(Lithuania 2022) by Austėja Urbaitė drama, 109 min, en subtitles

▶ Walking dangerously on the fine line between love and selfishness, Jacqueline decides to adopt two Lithuanian orphans.



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# tuesday



### MOTHER / MAŬKA

(Bulgaria, Germany, Croatia 2022) by Sophia Zornitsa drama, 117 min, en subtitles

► A childless mother and masses of African kids come together who will save whom? •



### MOTHERLAND

(Sweden, Ukraine, Norway 2023) by Alexander Mihalkovich & Hanna Badziaka documentary, 92 min, en subtitles

▶ Military abuse as the hidden modus operandi of the Belarusian authoritarian regime.

SERBIAN EVENING



### WHERE THE ROAD LEADS / OVUDA ĆE PROĆI PUT

(Serbia 2023) by Nina Ognjanović drama, 82 min, en subtitles

▶ Once upon a time in a secluded village scorched by summer heat, 18-year-old Jana runs to save a foreigner. •



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**BRIGHT FUTURE?** 



# WHITE PLASTIC SKY / MŰANYAG ÉGBOLT

(Hungary, Slovakia 2023) by Tibor Bánóczki & Sarolta Szabó animation/sci-fi, 111 min, en subtitles

▶ An intricately animated eco-dystopia, exploring what the future of humanity might look like if we keep on destroying our planet.



#### NOTES FROM EREMOCENE

### / POZNÁMKY Z EREMOCÉNU

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### SHORT FILMS ON INCLUSION

CinEast's contribution to the cycle organised by Cercle Cité dedicated to inclusion - with short films Tempo Home by Kamil Bembnista and Written/Unwritten by Adrian Silisteanu.



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drama, 73 min, en subtitles

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### SHORT FICTION FILMS MARATHON - NORTH

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# BETWEEN REVOLUTIONS / ÎNTRE REVOLUTII

(Romania, Croatia, Qatar, Iran 2023) by Vlad Petri documentary, 70 min, en subtitles

▶ Iran and Romania in the 1970s. Two women, two countries, two revolutions, and one imperative history lesson.

# thursday



#### **PHOTOPHOBIA**

(Slovakia, Czechia, Ukraine 2023) by Ivan Ostrochovský & Pavol Pekarčík docufiction, 71 min, en subtitles

► Children's games and fantasies play out amidst war refugees taking shelter in the Kharkiv metro station.



# CINÉ-CONCERT by CZERWIE (PL) live



▶ The late 1910s will come to life with an unforgettable experience of image and sound - featuring the silent melodrama 'Mania' accompanied live by the Polish band Czerwie.

#### **MANIA**

(Germany 1918) by Eugen Illés drama, 85 min, en subtitles

▶ A classic silent drama starring the Polish/Hollywood icon Pola Negri in the role of the cigarette factory worker Mania at the center of a love triangle.



### THINGS UNSAID / ПРЕЕКСПОНИРАНО

(North Macedonia, Serbia 2022) by Eleonora Veninova drama, 97 min, en subtitles

▶ A teenager disturbs the fragile balance of a married couple when she moves in with them for a couple of days.



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#### LOST COUNTRY

(Serbia, France, Luxembourg, Croatia 2023) by Vladimir Perišić drama, 98 min, en subtitles

▶ 15-year-old Stefan has to do the hardest choice: his mother or his consciousness. •



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# THE INVISIBLE FIGHT / NÄHTAMATU VÕITLUS

(Estonia, Latvia, Greece, Finland 2023) by Rainer Sarnet comedy, 115 min, en subtitles

► A highly explosive mix of kung fu, early heavy metal, Eastern Orthodoxy and the 1970s' Soviet reality.



### THE 9<sup>TH</sup> STEP / 9-TAS ŽINGSNIS

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# 13 october

# friday



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documentary, 98 min, en subtitles

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### **ESCORT**

(Croatia, North Macedonia, Kosovo 2023) by Lukas Nola erotic thriller, 120 min, en subtitles

► An escort drops into Miro's hotel room and things only get worse. A Hitchcockian thriller that loves to play with the audience, and is a love letter to cinema.



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#### **DUBIOZA KOLEKTIV (BA) live**



► An unforgettable night of mind-blowing rhythms and explosive energy as the best Bosnian musical export product of all times ignites Rockhal!

# 14 october

# saturday



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### **CZECH EVENING**



# ALL ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS / O MALYCH VĚCECH

(Czechia 2023) by Denis Šafařík comedy, 74 min, en subtitles

► Twelve short stories about people and the games they play. Served with a generous portion of dark humour. •

#### LATE NIGHT SHOW



### YOU WON'T BE ALONE

(Australia, United Kingdom, Serbia 2022) by Goran Stolevski horror/fantasy, 108 min, en subtitles

An elegiac folk horror tale about a witch who is able to switch into someone else's body.



### **KIDS SHOW**



cartoons, 70 min, no spoken language

► A selection of cartoons and animations with no spoken language for children of all nationalities aged 2-10.



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#### SHORT FICTION FILMS MARATHON - SOUTH

▶ A selection of short fiction films from Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia, 143 min, en subtitles



### LE ROYAUME DE NAYA / MAVKA. THE FOREST SONG / МАВКА. ЛІСОВА ПІСНЯ

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### DO NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH OF THE END OF THE WORLD

/ NU AȘTEPTA PREA MULT DE LA SFÂRȘITUL LUMII

(Romania, Luxembourg, France, Croatia 2023) by Radu Jude drama/comedy, 163 min, en subtitles

A shamelessly subversive and absurdly hilarious searing social critique - another of Jude's attempts to challenge the status quo. 🕙



# 5 october

# sunday CINEMA PARADISO



# LOTTE IM DORF DER ERFINDER

/ LEIUTAJATEKÜLA LOTTE

(Estonia, Latvia 2006) by Heiki Ernits & Janno Põldma children animation, 81 min, in German

▶ Joyful little girl-dog Lotte joins the competition for the best invention.



## SHORT DOCUMENTARY MARATHON

▶ A selection of short documentary films from Albania, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, North Macedonia, Poland, Serbia and Slovenia, 128 min, en subtitles



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### **OBRADOVIĆ-TIXIER DUO** (HR/FR) live (Pause meets CinEast)



▶ The outstanding Croatian/French jazz musicians showcase a colourful selection of their own compositions.



### **NOT A THING / VESZÉLYES LEHET A FAGYI**

(Hungary 2022) by Fanni Szilágyi comedy/drama, 90 min, en subtitles

▶ When Éva and Adél, two identical twins, fall for the same man, they must face up to their lies. ❷

**CROATIAN EVENING** 



### SEVENTH HEAVEN / SEDMO NEBO

(Croatia 2023) by Jasna Nanut comedy/drama, 88 min, en subtitles

▶ Leaving the wife and starting afresh needs to be properly rehearsed! ❷



### A CUP OF COFFEE AND NEW SHOES ON

### / NJË FILXHAN KAFE DHE KËPUCË TË REJA VESHUR

(Albania, Portugal, Greece, Kosovo 2022) by Gentian Koçi drama, 99 min, en subtitles

▶ Identical deaf-mute twins have to face another serious health challenge, inspired by a true story. ❸



#### **ENCOUNTER WITH MACIEJ STUHR**

Screening of the film MARTA GRALL (Poland 2022) by Maciej Stuhr drama, 70 min, en subtitles

▶ Who was Marta Grall, the journalism student who died in unexplained circumstances?

The film will be followed by a career interview with one of the most renowned Polish actors.

# 16 october

## monday



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drama/coming of age, 93 min, en subtitles

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### **SLOW / TU MAN NIEKO NEPRIMENI**

(Lithuania, Spain, Sweden 2023) by Marija Kavtaradze romance, 108 min, en subtitles

► An offbeat modern urban romance between a dancer and a sign language interpreter. ②





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### ARSENIE, AN AMAZING AFTERLIFE

### / ARSENIE. VIAȚA DE APOI

(Romania, Luxembourg 2023) by Alexandru Solomon documentary, 96 min, en subtitles

▶ A group of pilgrims sets out on a journey to find what lies behind the idolised image of Arsenie Boca, a soon-to-be-canonised Romanian priest. ◆



### **ROLE MODEL / VZORNIK**

(Slovenia, Czechia, Italy, Serbia 2023) by Nejc Gazvoda drama/coming of age, 99 min, en subtitles

 $\blacktriangleright$  A lonely and bullied teenage boy makes friends with a mysterious dangerous man.  $\bigodot$ 



### THE HAMLET SYNDROME / SYNDROM HAMLETA

(Poland, Germany 2022) by Elwira Niewiera & Piotr Rosołowski documentary, 85 min, en subtitles

► A group of five young Ukrainians, scarred by war, is preparing a modern stage version of Hamlet.

# 17 october

# tuesday



### VICTIM / OBEŤ

(Slovakia, Czechia, Germany 2022) by Michal Blaško drama, 91 min, en subtitles

► A Ukrainian immigrant mother facing a moral dilemma in a xenophobic and racist society. **②** ( Followed by a discussion about challenges of living abroad.



# **SKALPEL** (PL) live (Forward meets CinEast)



> Embark on a journey through the extraordinary sound world of Polish nu jazz ensemble Skalpel.



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► Troubled Adam struggles with a stutter until he starts rapping with exploding rage.



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#### SLOVENIAN EVENING



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A woman's journey towards accepting changes to her body and mind after struggling with autoimmune diseases for two decades.



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#### **UKRAINIAN EVENING**



## **UKRAINIAN SHORT FILMS & CINÉ-DEBATE**

(Ukraine 2021-2023)

short films, 80 min, en subtitles

A selection of recent short films made in Ukraine, followed by a discussion about the current situation in the country, with two special guests.



#### DAD / TATA

(Poland, Ukraine 2022) by Anna Maliszewska drama/comedy, 110 min, en subtitles

▶ Truck driver Michał has to take his daughter and his nanny's granddaughter on a roadtrip in Ukraine.



#### **SLOW / TU MAN NIEKO NEPRIMENI**

(Lithuania, Spain, Sweden 2023) by Marija Kavtaradze romance, 108 min, en subtitles

An offbeat modern urban romance between a dancer and a sign language interpreter.



# WHITE PLASTIC SKY / MŰANYAG ÉGBOLT

(Hungary, Slovakia 2023) by Tibor Bánóczki & Sarolta Szabó animation/sci-fi, 111 min, en subtitles

► An intricately animated eco-dystopia, exploring what the future of humanity might look like if we keep on destroying our planet.



### VICTIM / OBEŤ

(Slovakia, Czechia, Germany 2022) by Michal Blaško drama, 91 min, en subtitles

▶ A Ukrainian immigrant mother facing a moral dilemma in a xenophobic and racist society.



### **SEVENTH HEAVEN / SEDMO NEBO**

(Croatia 2023) by Jasna Nanut comedy/drama, 88 min, en subtitles

▶ Leaving the wife and starting afresh needs to be properly rehearsed!

# 20 october

friday



# BETWEEN REVOLUTIONS / ÎNTRE REVOLUȚII

(Romania, Croatia, Qatar, Iran 2023) by Vlad Petri documentary, 70 min, en subtitles

▶ Iran and Romania in the 1970s. Two women, two countries, two revolutions, and one imperative history lesson.

#### LECONTE MINI-RETROSPECTIVE



#### MAIGRET

(France, Belgium 2022) by Patrice Leconte thriller, 89 min, en subtitles

▶ Inspector Maigret uncovering the murder of a mysterious young woman in 1950s Paris.

In the presence of Patrice Leconte.



# THE INVISIBLE FIGHT / NÄHTAMATU VÕITLUS

(Estonia, Latvia, Greece, Finland 2023) by Rainer Sarnet comedy, 115 min, en subtitles

► A highly explosive mix of kung fu, early heavy metal, Eastern Orthodoxy and the 1970s' Soviet reality.



### TAXI DRIVERS / TAXIMETRISTI

(Romania 2023) by Bogdan Theodor Olteanu comedy, 97 min, en subtitles

► Two friends drive their taxis across Bucharest by night, meeting all sorts of folk. An entertaining vivisection of Romanian society.



### ROCK.PAPER.GRENADE / 9 I ФЕЛІКС

(Ukraine 2022) by Iryna Tsilyk

drama/coming of age, 93 min, en subtitles

▶ Young Tymophii's search for a father figure in the shaky 1990s in Ukraine. A vividly immersive ostalgia story. ❷



### CITIZEN SAINT / MOKALAKE TSMINDANI

(Georgia, France, Bulgaria 2023) by Tinatin Kajrishvili drama, 100 min, en subtitles

➤ A gorgeously filmed b/w satirical parable about a saint who descends from the cross to roam among mortals.



#### LARRY

(Hungary 2022) by Szilárd Bernáth drama/coming of age, 108 min, en subtitles

▶ Troubled Adam struggles with a stutter until he starts rapping with exploding rage.



### STEPNE / CTEПHE

(Ukraine, Germany, Poland, Slovakia 2023) by Maryna Vroda drama, 114 min, en subtitles

▲ A beautiful meditation on revisiting one's homeland and attending to people and things in a vanishing world.



## CLOSING EVENT with AL JAWALA (DE) live



► Magical crossover of oriental brass and hypnotic grooves of Äl Jawala, as well as short movies, selection of Ukrainian dishes and DJ party - to close the festival in style!

19.00 Doors & food, 20.00 Shorts, 21.00 Äl Jawala, 22.30 DJ party

# 21 october

### saturday



### ROCK.PAPER.GRENADE / 9 I ФЕЛІКС

(Ukraine 2022) by Iryna Tsilyk drama/coming of age, 93 min, en subtitles

► Young Tymophii's search for a father figure in the shaky 1990s in Ukraine. A vividly immersive ostalgia story.



### **REMEMBER TO BLINK / PER ARTI**

(Lithuania 2022) by Austėja Urbaitė drama, 109 min, en subtitles

▶ Walking dangerously on the fine line between love and selfishness, Jacqueline decides to adopt two Lithuanian orphans.



#### **ESCORT**

(Croatia, North Macedonia, Kosovo 2023) by Lukas Nola erotic thriller, 120 min, en subtitles

An escort drops into Miro's hotel room and things only get worse. A Hitchcockian thriller that loves to play with the audience, and is a love letter to cinema.



#### **FILIP**

(Poland 2022) by Michał Kwieciński

drama, 125 min, en subtitles

► Frankfurt, 1943. Filip, a Polish Jew, pretending to be French, faces the cruel reality of Nazi Germany.



#### THINGS UNSAID / ПРЕЕКСПОНИРАНО

(Norh Macedonia, Serbia 2022) by Eleonora Veninova drama, 97 min, en subtitles

▶ A teenager disturbs the fragile balance of a married couple when she moves in with them for a couple of days.

**AWARDS CEREMONY** 



# **GUARDIANS OF THE FORMULA / ČUVARI FORMULE**

(Serbia, Slovenia, Montenegro, North Macedonia 2023) by Dragan Bjelogrlić

drama, 120 min, en subtitles

▶ The thrilling story of the first bone marrow transplant and a secret Yugoslav nuclear project back in 1958.

**CINEMA PARADISO** 



### L'ÉQUIPE DE SECOURS - EN ROUTE POUR L'AVENTURE

(Latvia 2020) by Jānis Cimermanis children animation, 44 min, no dialogues

▶ Pote, Sily and Bemby are 3 buddies who are always ready to help those in need!



### MASTERCLASS PATRICE LECONTE



In the framework of the Patrice Leconte mini-retrospective, CinEast and Cinémathèque invite you to a public career interview with one of the most renowned and versatile French film directors of the past 50 years.

Conducted by film critic and ALPC president Pablo Chimienti With film extracts, 90 min, in French



#### GRAND PRIX WINNER REPETITION

▶ See www.cineast.lu for details.





# DANGEROUS MEN / NIEBEZPIECZNI DŻENTELMENI

(Poland 2022) by Maciej Kawalski comedy/crime, 105 min, en subtitles

➤ Zakopane, 1914. After a boozy party, four gentlemen find a corpse and need to discover what happened. And fast! Followed by Charity project finale & closing drink.



### SURPRISE SCREENING

► See www.cineast.lu for details



### **BODY/TELO**

(Slovenia, North Macedonia, Croatia 2023) by Petra Seliškar documentary, 92 min, en subtitles

▶ A woman's journey towards accepting changes to her body and mind after struggling with autoimmune diseases for two decades.

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# **Festival pass**

**40** EUR

(10 credits for 10 screenings in cinemas or online)

# Single ticket

9 EUR\* (cinemas)

6.50 EUR\* (online & under 25)

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# **Programme**



### Tickets



O Guest

**KULCZYK** 



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