

Press Release, 47<sup>th</sup> EKOFILM International Film Festival, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## **EKOFILM**, a festival of environmental documentaries, starts tomorrow on 20 October 2021

BRNO/CZ – Starting tomorrow, Brno will become the epicentre of environmental documentaries for four days. A delegation of filmmakers will be present at the screening of ten competing films at the 47th EKOFILM International Film Festival with an environmental theme. Filip Remunda, Joep van Dijk from the Netherlands and Jakub Šipoš from Slovakia are among personalities visiting the festival. The meeting with the filmmakers will be accompanied by a screening of two of the four non-competing films.

The main theme of the accompanying programme of EKOFILM is green architecture. The whole festival will start on Wednesday 20 October at 16:00 with an introductory talk Green Architecture: a place for life in the 21st century, followed by the opening ceremony at 18:30 on náměstí Svobody (Svoboda Square) with an opening concert by the band Brass Avenue. The audience can look forward to film screenings on Thursday and Friday. 21 and 22 October, along with lectures, discussions and workshops. Saturday is dedicated to Family Day and screenings of the winning films at the Scala University Cinema.

There will be a separate debate on green architecture in Brno with representatives of the partner festival Open House Brno and representatives of the Fandament studio. It will be moderated by Adéla Elbel on Friday 22 October 2021 at 16:30 in the Chill out zone of Scala. On Saturday, those interested can also go on experiential excursions to DEPO Business Parking and DADA Distrikt, whose architects used the principles of green architecture in their reconstruction.

Jord den Hollander, one of the international jury members, will also give a separate lecture with a screening of his film The Green Cathedral. Those interested can look forward to a talk about the unexpectedly close relationship between the environment, architecture and us on Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 18:00 in the Scala Chill Out Zone. Interpretation is provided.

If you are interested in arranging an interview, please contact the festival spokesperson Vratislav Voznik, phone: 607 258 508, e-mail: press@ekofilm.cz

competing films	name	role	date and time – interpreting	duration
CO2? CO-Nee!	Joep van Dijk	director	21. 10. 2021 19:00 - Scala cinema	47 min
Czech Journal: Hens, Virus and Us	Filip Remunda	director	21. 10. 2021 17:00 - Scala cinema	74 min
The Golden Land	Dominik Jursa	director	21. 10. 2021 15:15 - Scala cinema	64 min
Radio Women From the Rainforest – With Microphone and Recorder Against Exploitation	Natalie Pusch	cameraman	21. 10. 2021 16:30 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	29 min
The Globalisation of Flowers	Kateřina Kořínková	director	21. 10. 2021 17:30 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	25 min
	Tomáš Šťastný	cameraman		

## Film makers present

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Remedy	Jakub Šipoš	director	21. 10. 2021 19:00 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	40 min
Our Hope Remains Green	Ulf Eberle	director	22. 10. 2021 15:00 - Scala	43 min
<u>– Two Families are Fighting</u> for Their Forest	Brigitte Klos	director	cinema	
Bohemian Forest: the Green Lungs of Europe	Karel Svoboda	director	22. 10. 2021 17:00 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	56 min
It's Bean Too Hot	Hedvika Michnová	director	21. 10. 2021 20:30 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno	v bloku krátkých filmů, 55 min
<u>The Tarp</u>	Volker Köster	director	City Centre	
non-competing films	name	role	date and time – interpreting	duration
Dark Side of Slovakia	Tomáš Hulík	director	22. 10. 2021 20:30 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	53 min
<u>PROTOZOON – Czech 3D</u> Printed House	Michal Trpák - Scoolpt Kateřina Nováková - Scoolpt Jiří Vele - Scoolpt Libor Vošický - Buřinka Jan Čermák - 3Deposition	visionaries of PPROTOZOON	23. 10. 2021 14:00 - Hall of the Community Centre of the Brno City Centre	43 min

Jury present (in alphabetical order):

Martin Čech – cameraman, documentary film maker

<u>Jord den Hollander</u> – Dutch filmmaker and architect, co-founder and chief curator of the Rotterdam Film Festival on Architecture

Tomáš Hulík – Slovak director, cinematographer and producer, EKOFILM presents his film Dark Side of Slovakia in the non-competitive section

<u>Blažena Hušková</u> - author, implementer and consultant of projects at the intersection of nature and landscape conservation, education and interpretation of local heritage

Štěpán Chalupa – Chairman of the Chamber of Renewable Energy Sources

Jan E. Svatoš – director, cameraman and photographer

<u>Veronika Khek Kubařová</u> will not be able to attend due to theatre commitments, but we can arrange contact if you are interested.

The 47th IFF EKOFILM is organized by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic. The festival is also held with the financial support of the Statutory City of Brno. The main partner is SAKO Brno a.s. and the main media partner is Czech Television.

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