



Press release

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17th International Short Film Festival - Applications now possible

Detmold/Germany. A selection of high-quality, creative short films by independent filmmakers from all over the world will be shown again at [17th International Short Film Festival](https://www.fest-der-filme.de) (ISFF) from October 22nd to 24th in the town hall of Detmold. In order to be broadcasted at the renowned film event, filmmakers can apply with their short film for the “Festival of Films” until April 15th via the websites www.fest-der-filme.de and www.filmfreeway.com . The offer is addressed to both, professionals and young directors. The maximum ten minutes long contributions can come from all categories, from documentaries to animation and feature films to experimental and fictional films. Contributions except of German and English must contain English subtitles.

The association **Kultur und Art Initiative** from Detmold as organizer is also open to applications from related artistic fields such as installations and other representations. After the short film festival was held hybrid for the first time last year, in the town hall of Detmold as well as online, the principle is to be continued this year. However, with even more perfected technology, possible among other things through so-called virtual reality headsets. The online transmission of the films and even the supporting program in real time, including a 360-degree stream in even better quality, can make films an impressive experience for everyone. For two years now, many films have been provided with subtitles for the deaf and audio descriptions for the visually impaired. With this accessibility, Levent Arslan as founder and director of the ISFF Detmold, takes into account his conviction that “everyone has the right to participate in cultural life”. Interaction at the festival is also possible, because viewers can also participate digitally from home and ask questions in the audience discussions with the filmmakers.

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The **International Short Film Festival** Detmold takes place once a year and over the years has become a fixture among the cultural events in the region. For the film event, more than 3000 films from around 80 countries are reached every year. The festival brings filmmakers and film fans from all over the world together in the heart of Detmold. Founder and director Levent Arslan created it all by himself over the years from nowhere and the way there is a story in itself. One that is continued every year with the same enthusiasm but constant innovation.

Notes to editors:

- The program will be published on August 1st on the Website www.fest-der-filme.de
- The festival team is available for interviews. We also arrange discussions with the directors of the festival films.