

Ekran

9th TORONTO POLISH FILM FESTIVAL

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TORONTO, ON — The producers of **Ekran: Toronto Polish Film Festival** invite the public to the Revue Cinema in Roncesvalles Village from November 6th to the 12th. The ninth annual film festival will be presenting an array of feature films, documentaries, short films and animations. All the material featured focuses on talented directors, producers and actors of Polish descent.

Festival highlights include interactive Q&A sessions with Polish actor Robert Wieckiewicz, following screenings of “Convoy” and “The King of Life”. Some of Ekran’s renowned guests include award winning directors such as Ryszard Bugajski and Jan Kidawa-Blonski. This year’s screenings cover a variety of genres including an Oscar-nominated, fully painted animated feature, “Loving Vincent”. Other genres include crime features such as Agnieszka Holland’s “Spoor”, that has been selected as the Polish entry for Best Foreign Language Film at the 90th Academy Awards. Along with these theatre gems, an eclectic range of documentaries and shorts will be available for viewing during the week long festival.

Wrapping up a jam packed week will be a memorial evening dedicated to Tadeusz and Tamara Jaworski. Oscar nominated documentary, “Selling Out” as well as “Tamara’s Tapestry World” will both be part of the memorial screening, as well as a biographical film about Mr. Jaworski himself entitled “The Eternal Wonderer” by Grzegorz Krolikiewicz.

Ekran is a not-for-profit organization that has been growing rapidly year to year, bringing in many notable guests and the best modern Polish cinema to Toronto. The exclusive screenings allow viewers to step into a one of a kind film experience. This year’s festival will be led by two accomplished individuals from the Polish television industry: actor Tomek Pawlak alongside actress/singer, Anna Cyzon. Ekran also has the pleasure of welcoming Piers Handling, CEO of the Toronto International Film Festival, as one of this year’s jury members, judging in the Feature Film category.

Ticket sales begin on October 16th and will be available at ekran.ca.

FILMS:**14 Features For BEST PICTURE**

The Art Of Loving dir. Maria Sadowska
Afterimage dir. Andrzej Wajda
Amok dir. Kasia Adamik
Beyond Words dir. Urszula Antoniak
Birds Are Singing in Kigali dir. Joanna Kos-Krauze
Blindness dir. Ryszard Bugajski
Bodo dir. Michal Kwiecinski
Convoy dir. Maciek Zak
Cursed dir. Konrad Lecki
Hell dir. Pawel Tarasewicz
King Of Life dir. Jerzy Zielinski
Spoor dir. Agnieszka Holland, Kasia Adamik
Starts dir. Jan Kidawa Blonski
The Reconciliation dir. Maciej Sobieszczanski

7 Animations

Loving Vincent dir. Dorota Kobiela, Hugh Welchman
The Last Room dir. Marta Kyla Janicka
Broken Tale dir. Pawel Kleszczewski
In the Woods dir. Pawel Kleszczewski
Umbra dir. Urszula Nawrot
Wake Up dir. Jakub Wojciechowski
Harcerz dir. Jonas Berny

4 Documentaries

By Stanley For Stanley dir. Monika Milen
Father Andrew dir. Renata Kolacz
To my father dir. Diana Skya
Sister Elizabeth dir. George Rethy

10 Shorts

Close Ties dir. Zofia Kowalewska
Disorder dir. Michal Hudzikowski
Evil Deeds dir. Michal Hudzikowski
General Dream dir. Dave Lojek
Romantik dir. Mateusz Rakowicz
Inquest dir. Ina Kielska
Mice and Rats dir. Kacper Anuszewski
Michael dir. Michal Hudzikowski

More Than This dir. Adrian Wojtas
The Ride dir. Kacper Anuszewski

CONFIRMED GUESTS:

Actors:

Maria Mamona (Blindness)
Robert Wieckiewicz (Convy, Romantik, King Of Life)
Lukasz Simlat (Amok, Convoy)
Robert Wrzosek (Cursed)

Directors:

Jan Kidawa Blonski (Stars)
Ryszard Bugajski (Blindness)
Krystyna Krauze (Vaszek, Kral, Return of Agnieszka Holland)
Diana Skaya (Ojcu)
Liliana Komorowska (Ojcu)
Pawel Tarasewicz (Hell)
Katarzyna Priwiezienczew (Hell)
Monika Melen (Stan For Stan)

MC:

Anna Cyzon
Tomek Pawlak

JURY MEMBERS:

Piers Handling - Feature Film Section Only
Larry Anklewicz
Ottie Lockey
Daria Ellerman - Shorts Section Only
Justin Kelly
Steve Veal

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS

Actors:

Maria Mamona	Nov 4-8
Robert Wieckiewicz	Nov 6-12
Lukasz Simlat	Nov 6-10
Robert Wrzosek	Nov Nov 9-11

Directors:

Jan Kidawa Blonski	Nov 11-12
Ryszard Bugajski	Nov 4-8
Krystyna Krauze	Nov 10-14

The logo for Ekran, featuring the word "Ekran" in white, bold, sans-serif font centered within a solid olive-green rectangular background.

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Diana Skaya	Nov 6-10
Liliana Komorowska	Nov 6-10
Pawel Tarasewicz	Nov 6-10
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Monika Melen	Nov 6-10

For more information, Press kits of each film, interview requests, or media passes for the festival please contact: pr@ekran.ca