

International Short Film Festival Balchik Bulgaria

Camera – Rolling!

IN THE PALACE between June 19-26 will make real one almost historical meeting. USA and Russia, peacefully, but probably not so quietly will combine their differences and find their similarities in the area of Cinematography Art. Witnesses of this professional meeting, which is happening in the film area, will be the participants in the unique educational programme – REELISM. As part of the program FILMER FORGE, the five-day training will give the opportunity to many young film professionals and students of different cinema areas – Cinematography Art, Directing, Editing to meet closely by practicing the different sides of the filming process. For some of them this will be their first step on filming their original idea. Because not only the place, but also the people attending the festival can make a film happens from just a wish to actual one on filmprint.

Especially for the program REELISM the festival of Balchik will host two names in the Cinematography Art, major as the films, shot by them. Sergey Astakhov and Sandy Sissel will contribute their skills and techniques, experienced and improved after working on “Master and Commander” and “Anna Karenina”. The cinematographers will lead their own Master Classes. Thus, for the first time in Bulgaria, names of such a value will train in the field of Cinematography Art.

The name of Sandy Sissel, born in Paris, Texas in 1949 is so special because of the small number of world famous female cinematographers. Started her career in cinema in 1974 she has filmed 50 projects as cinematographer and 40 as cinematographer of second unit and as cameraman. The production companies she has worked for are Disney, Universal and Polygram, as she also worked for television companies as BBC, Channel 4 and NOVA.

On the huge list of films are: two awards and two nominations of Oscar, 6 EMI Awards, Golden Camera from the Cannes Festival, as also an award and nominations of BAFTA. In 1994 Sandy Sissel becomes a member of the American Society of Cameramen. From 2006 Sandy is a member of AMPAS - Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which adjudge the Oscar Awards. Except all this she is a professor in New York University – Tisch School of The Arts Graduate Program.

The favorite professor of the Russian directors Sergey Selianov, Aleksey Balabonov and Pavel Lungin – Sergey Astakhov will be guest for the second time on the festival **IN THE PALACE** in Balchik. He has filmed around 40 features and television films and his awards pass through BAFTA, Golden Camera nad Golden Ram.



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