



Febiofest heads for regions

After nine jam-packed days in Prague, the Czech Republic's second biggest film festival sets off at the start of April for 14 cities and towns throughout the country. Febiofest gets underway in the regions on Monday 1 April in České Budějovice and completes its tour with a closing ceremony in Zlín on Thursday 18 April.

In each region the festival offers a different programme shaped by cooperation between the programme department and local cinema operators. The festival's most popular films in the regions are the pictures for children and young people *Mirai*, an animated adventure from Japan that was nominated for an Oscar this year, and *Mia and the White Lion*, which is set in South Africa and is about the unbreakable bond between a young girl and a rare white lion.

Another popular film is the biopic *Becoming Astrid* about **Astrid Lindgren**, the Swedish author of children's classics such as the Bullerby Children and Pippi Longstocking books. The picture depicts the legendary writer as a pioneer of emancipation, a burgeoning artist and later also as a mother. The documentary *Westwood: Punk, Icon, Activist* presents another impressive woman. Famous designer **Vivienne Westwood** helped create the punk movement and has been redefining British fashion for 40 years. The film is an intimate tribute to one of the greatest contemporary fashion icons.

Also very popular is *Free Solo*, the Oscar-winning documentary by US filmmakers **Jimmy Chin and Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi**. The film is about the incredible sportsman Alex Honnold, who became the first person to scale the 900-metre El Capitan in the Yosemite Valley alone and without a rope. Febiofest has built on last year's cooperation with the company Channels, which represents National Geographic CR, and is presenting the documentary free of charge.

Cities and towns where *They Shall Not Grow Old*, by *Lord of the Rings* director **Peter Jackson**, is being screened are in for a rare treat. A unique documentary based on WWI footage that has been adapted using modern technology into a breathtaking mosaic, it is not set for a cinema release in this country.

Many pictures whose makers presented them in the Prague section of the festival are also travelling to the regions. A number of cities and towns can look forward to the comedy drama *A Faithful Man* by the French actor and director **Louis Garrel**, which has been a major hit at the festival. For his part **Marcus H. Rosenmüller** came from Germany to introduce *The Keeper*, his biopic of famous footballer **Bert Trautmann**.

A number of regional venues will also get to enjoy the winning entry in the New Europe competition, *By a Sharp Knife* by director **Teodor Kuhn**, who will be presenting it in person in Mikulov. The Slovak drama



inspired by the real-life murder of a student by neo-Nazis has sparked a lively debate in Slovakia. Meanwhile České Budějovice can savour the Culinary Cinema concept when, following a screening of *Constructing Albert*, guests will be treated to a four-course meal by master chef **David Bartáček**.

In Zlín at University - UPPER director **Jakub Felcman** will introduce his new documentary *Jaroslav Kučera – A Portrait* about one of the greatest ever Czech cinematographers and a close collaborator of director **Věra Chytilová**. Febiofest in Zlín will close with the final screening of *Stan and Ollie*, a biopic about comedy duo **Stan Laurel** and **Oliver Hardy** directed by **Jon S. Baird**.

The festival will take place between 1 April and 18 April in the following cities and towns:

České Budějovice	1. – 3. 4. Malá scéna DK Metropol
Hradec Králové	2. – 4. 4. CineStar
Plzeň	2. – 4. 4. Depo2015
Beroun	3. – 5. 4. Kino Beroun
Jihlava	5. – 7. 4. Kino Dukla
Ostrava	8. – 10. 4. Kino Art
Mikulov	9. 4. – 11. 4. Městské kino Mikulov
Kladno	10. – 12. 4. Kino Hutník
Liberec	11. – 13. 4. Kino Varšava
Děčín	12. – 14. 4. Kino Sněžník
Olomouc	15. – 16. 4. Kino Metropol
Uherské Hradiště	16. – 18. 4. Kino Hvězda
Chomutov	17. – 18. 4. Kino Svět
Zlín	16. – 18. 4. Golden Apple Cinema

The closing ceremony will take place on 18 April at the Golden Apple Cinema in Zlín.

The programme is available in detail on the websites of the festival and individual cinemas.

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