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**The International Short Film Festival of Cyprus
Official Partner in the European Film Academy
Network of Accredited Festivals**

**One European short film from the ISFFC will win a nomination
in the Short Film category
for the European Film Award!**

The International Short Film Festival of Cyprus and its organisers, the Ministry of Education and Culture - Cultural Services, and the Rialto Theatre, proudly announce that the Festival has been selected by the European Film Academy to participate as a partner into the exclusive circle of the Academy's network of accredited festivals, with the right to nominate one short film from its competition as a candidate for the European Film Awards short film category.

Only 20 short film festivals across Europe have been accredited as partners of the European Film Academy, and in 2020, the ISFFC along with three other European Short film festivals will join the circle of EFA accredited Festivals.

The short list of accredited festivals includes the "A" list short film festivals of Europe such as, Berlin International Film Festival (Germany), Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (France), Encounters Festival (UK), Krakow Film Festival (Poland), Locarno Festival (Switzerland), International Film Festival Rotterdam (the Netherlands), Sarajevo Film Festival (Bosnia & Herzegovina), Tampere Film Festival (Finland), and others.

The EFA accreditation is a unique honour for the Festival as well as for Cyprus, as it places the ISFFC on the map of the top European short film festivals. As a result, it is particularly important that due to this accreditation, it is now possible that the nomination, and potentially the European Film Award in the Short Film category, could be awarded to a Cypriot short film, following its pre-selection by an independent jury, in the framework of the Festival, which takes place every October at the Rialto Theatre. In 2019, the ISFFC will give its first nomination to a European film, and it will be the first festival to nominate a film in the EFA Awards' cycle of festivals for the year.

The artistic directors of the ISFFC - Alexia Roider and Ioakim Mylonas - have stated: *"For us, the inclusion of the ISFFC in the EFA Network is the biggest recognition. It is a huge honor for the Festival to be EFA accredited and to be listed among the top short film festivals of Europe. We are confident that it will not only help the evolution and networking of the festival on an international level but also the promotion of the Cypriot short film abroad."*

The European Film Academy Awards take place yearly since 1988, in a ceremony as glamorous as the American Oscars but with a European ambience. Its goal is to award the cinematic masterpieces of the year in European cinema. The ceremony takes place in Berlin (where the European Film Academy is based) every second year. In the other years, the Awards travel in major European cities.

Organisers: The Festival is organised by the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Rialto Theatre.

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