

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ZLÍN FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF ITS 59TH YEAR WITH THE THEME EXPLORE & DISCOVER

Zlín – A new year of the International Film Festival for Children and Youth begins, bringing interesting films, travel talks, star guests, and lots of fun to Zlín for nine days. The Zlín Film Festival traditionally includes not only a plethora of film screenings, but also sports, theater, music, scientific and creative activities that flood the entire city center with the aim of attracting both children and adults. The opening ceremony for children will also be the world premiere of the Czech film *TvMiniUni: The Question Thief*, while the evening film for adults will be the Australian movie *Storm Boy*. The popular band Mandrage will perform in the concert zone. The festive evening will be accompanied by a fireworks show with musical accompaniment.

#### THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE FIRST DAY:

##### FOR THE MEDIA:

**Press conference for the launching of the 59th ZFF, Congress Center, 9:00 am**

**Opening Ceremony of the 59th ZFF for Children, Congress Center, 10:00 am**

- Opening ceremony of the festival for children accompanied by the premiere of the Czech Film *TvMiniUni: The Question Thief* by director Jan Jirků. The film is also included in the International Competition of Feature Films for Children.

**Opening ceremony of the 59th ZFF for adults, Congress Center, 8:00 pm**

- Opening ceremony for adults accompanied by a screening of the competition film *Storm Boy* by Australian director Shawn Seet.

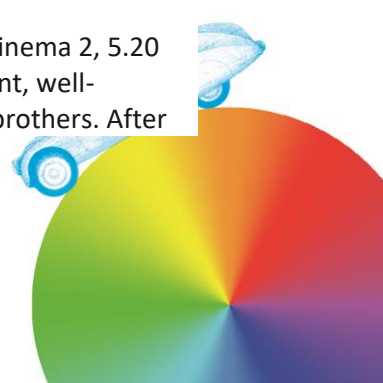
#### FROM THE FILM PROGRAM WE RECOMMEND:

***Kamchatka Bears. Life Begins*** (directed by: Irina Zhuravleva, Vladislav Grishin, Russia, 2018, 55 min.), Golden Apple Cinema 2, 1:00 pm - the South Kamchatka Federal Reserve is often called Bear Paradise. The film's production team spent seven months watching and filming the daily lives of newborn bear cubs. More at: <https://program.zlinfest.cz/cz/detail/?id=11904>

***Wildwitch*** (directed by: Kasper Munk, Denmark, 2018, 100 min.), Golden Apple Cinema 3, 3:30 pm - Twelve-year-old Clara is scratched by a mysterious black cat and the girl soon discovers she has special abilities – not only can she communicate with the cat, but also she's also part of a family of witches with a strong connection to nature and animals.

More at: <https://program.zlinfest.cz/cz/detail/?id=13317>

***Afterlife*** (directed by Willem Bosch, The Netherlands, 2018, 93 min.), Golden Apple Cinema 2, 5.20 pm - Fourteen-year-old Sam is very smart and mature for her age. She's a good student, well-behaved, and always on time. In addition to that, she must take care of her younger brothers. After



the death of her mother, Vera, Sam took up responsibility for caring for her family in order to help out her father. On the way to school, however, she becomes the victim of an accident...

More at <https://program.zlinfest.cz/cz/detail/?id=10567>

**Float Like a Butterfly** (director: Carmel Winters, Ireland, 2018, 101 min.), Golden Apple Cinema 6, 7.30 pm - Fifteen-year-old Frances lost her mother in a match, for which her father spent the last ten years behind bars. Her dream is to be like her idol Muhammad Ali – "The Greatest." When her father gets out of prison, she senses her chance, but her father is far from the hero she once knew.

More at: <https://program.zlinfest.cz/cz/detail/?id=13478>

#### Section Explore & Discover:

**Omyyakon: The Story of the Coldest Inhabited Place**, film screening and discussion with the director and screenwriter Dominik Bari about a place known as the "cold pole" and where the lowest temperature in history reached -71 ° C, TBU Educational Complex – U18, 10:30 am

**Indian Horse**, film, Golden Apple Cinema 3, 8:15 pm

**Earth: One Amazing Day**, film, Golden Apple Cinema 4, 8:45 pm

**Skull Hunters and Other Adventures of Hanzelka and Zikmund**, film, TBU Educational Complex – U18, 6 pm

#### WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE OUTDOOR CINEMA:

**What Men Want**, ENAPO Concert Zone, 10:10 pm - Charismatic cynicist Karel Král gets drunk one night and wishes to become a woman, because "women have it much easier in life and man is miserable because of them". He finds out in the morning that he has become a woman.

More at: <https://program.zlinfest.cz/cz/detail/?id=13502>

#### INTERESTING SUPPORTING EVENTS:

**Ivan Soeldner – Photographer | filmmaker | journalist – opening of an exhibition** featuring over 80 original photographs of popular personalities, of Czech and international film stars, portraits of Oscar winners, and documentary photographs from his travels. Alternativa, Cultural Institute, 4pm. The exhibition will last until June 1.

**22nd Clapperboard Salon - an exhibition** of artistically rendered film clapperboards. Congress center, foyer, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. The exhibition will last until June 25.

**Mandrage - concert** of a popular music group. The opening act will be The Gang, one of the finalists of the "Band of the 59th Zlín Film Festival" competition. ENAPO Concert Zone, 7 pm

**Opening fireworks**, TG Masaryk Square, 10:00 pm

#### WHERE TO MEET STARS:

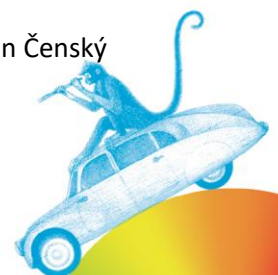
**Festival Café**, Namesti Miru Square, 3 pm - A unique sitting at the festival café, where a talk-show by Vladimir Kroc will take place. **On Friday, his guest will be???**

**Star-filled Apple and Autograph Signing**, Golden Apple Shopping Centre, 4 pm - Opportunity to meet and chat with festival stars.

**Red Carpet**, Congress Center - Courtyard, 5 pm - Moderators Dana Morávková and Jan Čenský welcome Czech and foreign festival guests and delegations to selected films.

#### FESTIVAL ZONE TIPS:

**PFNonwovens Theater Zone:**





- **An adventurer in one day** - an unconventional way to find out what can happen to you on your way to adventure, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- **In the footsteps of Hanzelka and Zikmund** – a fun and educational trail in the footsteps of legendary travelers with the chance to win something, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** – theater performance by the Brod Theater and the Art School Uherský Brod, Big Stage, 7 pm
- **Film Piano** with Harold Lloyd - films from the silent era, The Big Top, 8:00 pm
- Festival Chateau:** Film workshops – Free cinema (cartoon animation, pixilation, flat animation, flipbook workshop), Meopta Magical World of Optics, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Chateau Zone: Czech Television House**, 10 am to 7 pm, *Zeros and Ones* - entertaining mathematical experiments in a new show on Channel Děčko, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, presentation by the club Black Mammoth Lacrosse Zlín, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Playful Chateau Gardens:** sport-relaxation zone - climbing wall, parkour track, trampolines, disc golf, scooter rental, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Náměstí Míru Square: Café POTMĚ** – Světluška, Czech Radio Endowment Fund, serves coffee that is truly black.
- ENAPO Concert Zone:** entertainment in the Festival Party Tent, 4:00 pm to - 2:00 am. The program includes the Airbrush Show, avaroM dnaBseulB, DJ Ondřej Albrecht.
- Festival Street - Dancing in the streets:** Tango Argentino, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- University Center U13:** Come and try **virtual reality**, for example, the realistic **ABB** Formula E simulator, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm New **VR cinema screenings**, e.g. the film *Asteroids!* - A film in which, as an internet bot, you play along with a pair of unpredictable aliens in a totally absorbing story full of humor, excitement and compassion.

More at [www.zlinfest.cz](http://www.zlinfest.cz) and in the Zlinfest mobile application.

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