European Film Festival Brežice 28.8.-31.8.2024

**PROGRAM**

**Wednesday 28/8/2024 – Posavski muzej Brežice**

***19:00 FESTIVAL OPENING***

FILM OF SURPRISE (Fatally connected with the town of Brežice)

Winner of the Golden Lion for the best film at the Venice Film Festival.

Socializing with wine and music in the castle courtyard!

**Entry: By invitation only**

**Thursday 29/8/2024 - Posavski muzej Brežice**

***17:00 FILM: A brighter future (Il sol dell'avvenire)***

Nanni Moretti / Italy, France / 2023 / 95 minutes / Italian

Starring Nanni Moretti, Margherita Buy, Silvio Orlando, Barbora Bobulova, Mathieu Amalric, Jerzy Stuhr

Giovanni, a renowned Italian director is preparing to shoot a political film. But everything seems to have conspired against him: his marriage is in crisis, the co-producer is on the verge of bankruptcy, and the world of film is changing irresistibly...

Nomination for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***20:00 FILM I only remember happy days (I only remember happy days)***

Nevio Marasović / Croatia/ 2023 / 72 minutes / Croatian

Cast: Radko Polič, Zlatko Burić-Kićo, Stjepan Perić, Leona Paraminski, Janko Popović Volarić, Nina Violić, Goran Bogdan, Alma Prica, Leon Lučev, Milan Štrljić

The film "I remember only happy days" is considered to be the last film of the late Slovenian actor Rad Polič - Rac. In it, he plays the lead role of a life-weary old man who sits at a restaurant table and observes the guests who turn out to be acting out key scenes from his life. He is forced to face his life choices that have shaped him into the man he has become.

Tribute to Radko Polič.

*A conversation with the creators over a glass of wine!*

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

**Friday 30/8/2024 – Posavski muzej Brežice**

***15:00 FILM Coup de chance***

Woody Allen / France, Great Britain, USA/ 2023/ 96 minutes/ French

Starring: Lou de Laâge, Niels Schneider, Melvil Poupaud, Valérie Lemercier, Elsa Zylberstein

Fanny and Jean are the perfect married couple: they are both successful in their professions, live in a beautiful apartment in an elite Parisian district, and seem to be as in love as when they first met. One autumn day, Fanny runs into Alain, a friend from high school, on the street... Woody Allen pays tribute to Paris and French cinema in his first French-language film, a lively and sparkling crime thriller about love, chance and crime. “The film has more energy and joie de vivre than anything Allen has done recently.” – Screen Daily.

World premiere at the Venice Film Festival.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***17:00 FILM Zero calories (Club Zero)***

Jessica Hausner / Austria, Great Britain, Germany, France, Denmark/ 2023/ 110 minutes/ English

Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Sidse Babett Knudsen, Ksenia Devriendt, Luke Barker, Samuel D Anderson, Florence Baker

When Mrs. Novak joins the team of professors at an elite international boarding school, no one suspects that the course of events could go in the wrong direction. She is supposed to be lecturing students about conscious eating, but her principles are becoming extreme. Convinced that the key to health is to eat as little as possible, he has an almost sectarian influence on his five young students, gradually alienating them even from their own parents.

Nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and winner of the European Film Academy (EFA) Award for Film Music.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***20:00 FILM Varuhi formule (Guardians of the Formula)***

Dragan Bjelogrlić /Serbia / Slovenia / Montenegro / North Macedonia/ 2023, 120 minutes/ Serbian, French

Starring: Alexis Manenti, Radivoje Bukvić, Jérémie Laheurte, Olivier Barthélémy

The year is 1958, the Cold War is at its height. A group of Yugoslav scientists who were exposed to a lethal dose of radiation during the alleged assembly of an atomic bomb in the Vinča nuclear reactor near Belgrade are sent to Paris for treatment. Renowned doctor Georges Mathé proposes a revolutionary experiment: the first bone marrow transplant in history...

Variety magazine critics' prize at the Locarno film festival, audience prize at the Sarajevo festival. The opening film of Liffa in Ljubljana.

*A conversation with the creators over a glass of wine!*

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

**Saturday 31/8/2024 - Posavski muzej Brežice in Mladinski center Brežice**

***11:00 FILM Detective Tabo and the Rhino Case (Thabo and the Rhino Case)***

Mara Eibl-Eibesfeldt / Germany / 2023 / 97 minutes / English

Cast: Litlhohonolofatso Litlhakayane, Ava Skuratowski, Kumkani Pilonti, Andrea Sawatzki

Eleven-year-old Tabo would like to become a private detective like in the movies. If only his small African village Hlatikulu was not the most peaceful paradise in the savannah! But things turn upside down when a rhinoceros is killed in a neighboring safari park for its precious horn. Of all the possible candidates, it is Tab's uncle Vusi who is suspected. Now Tabo and his new German friend Emma must take care of an abandoned baby rhino, as well as investigate the case and catch the culprits.

African summer detective story, suitable for children from 8 years old.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***15:00 FILM The second act (Le deuxième acte)***

Quentin Dupieux / France/ 2024/ 80 minutes/ French

Starring: Léa Seydoux, Vincent Lindon, Louis Garrel, Raphaël Quenard, Manuel Guillot

Florence would like to introduce David, the man she is madly in love with, to Father Guillaume. But David is not attracted to Florence and tries to push her into the arms of his friend Willy. All four characters meet in a restaurant called Act Two... Léa Seydoux and Louis Garrel in the first film directed by an artificial intelligence!

The opening film of this year's Cannes Film Festival.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***17:00 FILM Gepack***

Žiga Kukovič /Slovenia/ 2024/ 90 minutes/ Slovenian

Starring: Maks Dakskobler, Pia Skvarča, Tine Ugrin, Robert Kladnik, Jan Gerl Korenč, Matjaž Javšnik

During the hot summer days, a group of friends goes to a festival in Croatia. But the teasing atmosphere is quickly interrupted by a revelation that turns the completely ordinary adventure upside down.

Winner of 2 Golden Rolls for more than 50,000 viewers in Slovenian cinemas.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***20:00 FILM Stari hrast (The Old Oak)***

Ken Loach / Great Britain, France, Belgium/ 2023/113 minutes/ English

Cast: Dave Turner, Ebla Mari, Claire Rodgerson, Jen Patterson

Ken Loach's latest film tells the story of TJ Ballantyne, the owner of a bar that is threatened with closure due to financial problems. The story begins with the arrival of Syrian refugees in his village. TJ forms an unexpected relationship with Yara, a young Syrian refugee. This budding friendship develops despite the tensions and prejudices that exist in their community. The film revolves around the concept of solidarity, which is exemplified by the phrase "When you eat together, you stick together". Syrian refugees have settled in a village in the north of England devastated by the tragic collapse of a local mine. With the arrival of the refugees, the disastrous economic situation in the village worsens, further increasing tensions between the local residents and the newcomers.

Nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, nominated for the BAFTA Film Award and the Audience Award at the Locarno Film Festival.

**Entry: With Subscription or single ticket**

***22:00 END OF THE FESTIVAL – Mladinski center Brežice***

- Concert with the music group Funk Parker

- Welcome drink

- Audience award for the best film!