



15th Middle German Short Film Festival KURZSUECHTIG

PROFILE

Founding	2004
Date 2018	10. – 15.04.2018
Program	10.04. Anniversary Opening 11.04. ANIMATION 12.04. DOCUMENTARY 13.04. FICTION 14.04. FILM MUSIC & SOUNDDESIGN, EXPERIMENTAL 15.04. BEST OF KURZSUECHTIG 2018
Supporting Program	GUEST COUNTRY ITALY (short film program with contemporary films from Italy)
(Planned)	2 PANELS about current TOPICS referring to (short) films 2 WORKSHOPS
Target Audience	Film makers, professional & culturally interested visitors from Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt und Thuringia
Event Location	Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig

FACTS & FIGURES 2017

Visitors	circa 1100
Organization	KURZSUECHTIG e.V.
Funded by	Staatsministerium für Wissenschaft und Kunst Sachsen (SMWK), MDM Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung
Sponsors	Allianz/ Bernd Schlayer, DREFA Media Holding GmbH, EWERK, in one media
Supporters	Ludwig Kameraverleih, Saxonia Media, Schaubühne Lindenfels, Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig
Donators of Prizes	Filmverband Sachsen e.V., Motionworks, Saxonia Media GmbH, Saxonia Entertainment, Weltkino



KURZSUECHTIG – Short but Good

KURZSUECHTIG – this is Leipzig's largest and only short film festival for the whole of Middle Germany

With the beginning in 2004, KURZSUECHTIG is now one of the most popular cultural events in Leipzig and its surroundings, with its meanwhile five-branch orientation and its focus on mid-German short film productions. In the year **2018 the festival celebrates its 15th Anniversary** and has steadily expanded its importance in the Middle German film scene. Around 300 film enthusiasts from the 3 federal states are by now coming to every festival evening to experience an exciting **film and contest program** – compiled from over 130 current submissions from the fields of animation, documentary, fiction, experimental and Film Music & Sound Design. Since 2017, the festival has also **expanded to include a framework program**, in which it presents panel discussions on current topics as well as a guest country (2017 – Switzerland) with short film contributions. KURZSUECHTIG continuously builds the **network as well as educational program points** for film makers in the Middle German film industry.

KURZSUECHTIG – The Concept

KURZSUECHTIG is the **film festival especially for short films from the region of Middle Germany**. That explained **aim of KURZSUECHTIG** is to **support and promote young film makers** and thus **to contribute significantly to the development of the cultural landscape in Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia**. Young talents will be offered a platform by the festival to present themselves, to develop through gaining experience and to establish and deepen valuable contacts at the events. The festival offers the participating film makers not only the rare opportunity to present their works (for the first time) to a large cultural and film adept public, but also to get direct contact to other film talents as well as with well-known experts and decision-makers from the German film and media industry. At each festival evening, influential representatives from production and promotion as well as the press and the higher education sector are either jurors or guests on site.

15th Anniversary of KURZSUECHTIG – The Festival 2018

In the upcoming year, it will be the **15th Anniversary** of the festival – **there are special considerations and concept ideas for 2018**. Among others, there is planned an **extra Welcome Evening** for invited guests & friends, sponsors and partners of the festival and the association. This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday at the Kunstkraftwerk in Leipzig, the day before the official start of the screenings and contests. There will also be presented a retrospective with the best short films of the last 14 festival years.

The **contests** will take place on **five evenings** with the categories animation, documentary, fiction, film music and sound design and experimental. In conversations with film makers, artists and experts from the film industry and media art, questions about the films are discussed and presented to the audience after the screening. The festival would like to proceed and extend the **active and vivid exchange between film makers and the local audience**.

Another **focus for 2018** is the **continuation of the in 2017 initially integrated framework program**, which is to present panel discussions on current political topics and a guest country film program in addition to the film contests. The stated aim of the framework program is, among other things, to offer new possibilities of knowledge exchange and education on relevant topics. Priorities will include **"Virtual Reality/ 360 degree film"** in cooperation with various partners in the industry, e.g. with the DREFA/DREHFABRIK, Kaleidoskope and others. The anniversary year also includes the **Guest Country Italy** with a short film series, which is to be constituted in cooperation with the University of Leipzig, the Italian Cultural Institute Berlin, the Italian Chamber of Commerce Leipzig, the Kunstkraftwerk Leipzig and Italian partners from Bologna. The focus will be put on dual citizenship and corruption in state and society.

KURZSUECHTIG is an important component in promoting and supporting regional film makers and artists in their work, development and intermediary assistance in the film industry. With respect to the future development of the film and art scene in the entire region, it is therefore important to further expand KURZSUECHTIG!