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COME TO CELEBRATE WITH US – 30th OULU INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL 21 – 27 November, 2011

Oulu International Children's and Youth Film Festival will be here again in November, celebrating its 30th anniversary! This year's focus will be on Danish films for children and young people, including unforgettable classics as well as new favourites. A Danish Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 22nd of November.

The history of the festival will be presented to the public in a special 30th anniversary exhibition. There will also be a photo exhibition of pictures taken by children and young people. It will be arranged in co-operation with the Northern Photographic Centre.

In the centre of the festival, as always, will be Finnish and foreign films that are suitable for absolutely all ages, starting from children as young as 3 years old. In total over 100 movies will be screened at the festival.

ECFA AWARD FOR THE FIRST TIME

Five awards will be given out this year: the ECFA, Kaleva, CIFEJ, Little Bear and Church Media Foundation prizes. The ECFA (European Children's Film Association) award, which was founded last year, will be given to the best European children's film. The winner will be selected by a jury consisting of international film professionals. The public can also vote for their favourite.

MEDIA EDUCATION SEMINAR

A two-day seminar on media education will take place 23 – 24 November. One of the themes is the Danish model of media education. Cinema consultant **Jacob Breuning** from the Danish Film Institute will be lecturing on "Experience, understand and create – the Danish model of film and media literacy."

NOSTALGIC 16 mm FILMS

The festival will offer screenings of nostalgic 16mm prints of the Danish children's classics *Buster's World*, *Otto is a Rhino*, *Samson & Sally* and *Twist and Shout*.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Eddie and Snooper Finland 2011, director **Kari Häkkinen**

Fuchsia the Mini Witch The Netherlands 2010, director **Johan Nijenhuis**

Iris Finland 2011, director **Ulrika Bengts**

Lilly the Witch: The Journey to Mandolan Germany 2011, director **Harald Sicheritz**

The Liverpool Goalie Norway 2010, director **Arild Andresen**

Lost in Africa Denmark 2010, director **Vibeke Muasya**

Nicostratos France 2011, director **Olivier Horlait**

On the Sly Belgium 2010, director **Olivier Ringer**

The Star and the Sea China 2010, directors **Li Qiankuan** and **Xiao Guiyun**

Twigson Norway 2009, director **Åsleik Engmark**

Vespa Hungary 2010, director **Diana Groó**

FINNISH COMPETITION

Baabelin metsä (The Forest of Babel) 2010, directors **Elina Pohjola** and **Mike Pohjola** (short film)

Eetu ja Konna (Eddie and Snooper) 2011, director **Kari Häkkinen**

Elokuu (August) 2011, director **Oskari Sipola**

Este (Obstacle) 2011, director **Pirjo Ojala** (short film)

Herra Heinämäki ja leijonatuuliviiri 2011, directors **Matti Grönberg** and **Pekka Karjalainen**

Iris 2011, director **Ulrika Bengts**

Linturetki (Bird Flight)_2011, director **Marjo Viitala** (short film)

Lumikko (The Little Snow Animal)_2010, director **Miia Tervo** (short film)

Pimeä kesä 2010, director **Mari-Kaisu Mononen** (short film)

Puita ja semmosia 2011, director **Markus Lehmusruusu** (short film)

Roskisprinssi (Garbage Prince) 2011, director **Raimo O. Niemi**

Seikkailu (An Adventure) 2011, director **Ismo Kiesiläinen** (short film)

There will be also special programmes of films from around the world and for young people under the titles *Kaleidoscope* and *Growing Pains*. Moreover, programmes of non-fiction and short films will be screened at the festival.

Further information about the films, promotional pictures and the most recent updates can be found on our website www.oulunelokuvakeskus.fi/lef.

ACCREDITATION

Media representatives and film industry professionals can accredit through our website www.oulunelokuvakeskus.fi/lef/ammattilaiset/accreditation. Accreditation is free of charge and there is no deadline for it. The accredited visitors will receive a pass giving free entry to all film screenings.

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