



**Limassol, 16 September 2019**

**9th INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF CYPRUS**

**Rialto Theatre, 12 - 18 October 2019**

**First year as official partner in the European Film Academy  
Network of Accredited Festivals**

**The 9th International Short Film Festival of Cyprus, premieres at the Rialto Theatre on October 12th, 2019, entering its first year as a partner into the exclusive circle of the European Film Academy's network of accredited festivals.**

**ISFFC receives unique honor to be included  
in the EFA's Network of Accredited Festivals**

**This accreditation is considered a landmark in the Festival's course of development, which began in 2000, initially as a national competition, and since 2011, the Festival evolved into an international competition. In 2019, the ISFFC was 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.**

The short list of 24 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. It is particularly important to highlight **that 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 the ISFFC international jury, in the framework of the Festival, to take place this October at the Rialto Theatre, in Limassol.**

## The ISFFC will be presenting a multi-dimensional programme from 38 countries

As the Festival becomes more popular amongst filmmakers, all the more submissions are being received year after year. **Cypriot film directors Alexia Roider and Ioakim Mylonas, who are the artistic directors of the Festival for another year**, have selected **46 short films from across the globe**, to be presented at this year's ISFFC, placing emphasis on diversity, tolerance and multi-culturalism.

The production countries are, Australia, Portugal, France, USA, Sweden, Iran, Germany, Cyprus, Kosovo, Canada, Tunisia, Qatar, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Lebanon, United Kingdom, Greece, Austria, Brazil, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Egypt, Hungary, China & Romania. **Eleven short films by Cypriot filmmakers have been selected by an independent jury for this year's National Competition programme.**

The detailed programme of screenings and events will soon be available at [www.isffc.com.cy](http://www.isffc.com.cy)

### Organisers

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

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**Free Entrance** (Free tickets must be obtained from the Rialto Box Office, online and through the Rialto Theatre App)

**Suitable for 18+ years of age.**

**Information:** Rialto Theatre 77 77 77 45

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