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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH 23 - 30, 2018

ZHOVTEN CINEMA

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PRESS BRIEFING WITH THE PARTICIPANTS OF DOCU/UKRAINE

This year, for the first time in the festival's history, feature-length films will compete in DOCU/UKRAINE competition. The debut collection of the national competition included 6 films. All of them were national premieres. We invite you to attend an open press briefing with DOCU/UKRAINE participants on March 29 at 3 p.m., as a part of the DOCU/CLASS documentary workshop.

Location: Zhovten Cinema, Classic Hall

"For several years now, every year we receive about 100 applications for films created by Ukrainian documentary filmmakers or with the participation of Ukrainian documentary filmmakers. I must say that this year we had to choose from very strong works, and I really mean it. So we will present the first national feature documentary competition with pride, and not only to our audience, but also to a large number of festival selectors, distributors, and representatives of European TV channels who will visit our festival this year," says *Gennady Kofman*, the Festival Program Director.

We hope that Docudays UA will serve as a launchpad for the successful festival rotation of most of these films and will start a new stage in their authors' creative careers. We invite representatives of the media and everyone else to attend the open meeting with the Ukrainian directors.

Participants of the press briefing:

Maria Kondakova, the director of Women in War;

Uliana Osovska, the director of <u>Almost 10,000 Voters</u>;

Tania Khodakivska, the director of *Enticing, Sugary, Boundless or Songs and Dances About Death*;

Igor Minaiev, the director of *The Cacophony of Donbas*;

Yaroslav Pilunsky, Yulia Shashkova, Yuriy Gruzinov, the directors of *The First Company*;

Dmytro Lavrinenko, the director of *Whereufrom*.

The meeting will be moderated by the festival programmer **Olha Birzul**.

ENTRY IS FREE AND DOES NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION.

For more details about the festival and to arrange interviews, please address Daryna Nikolenko, the festival's press secretary, at press@docudays.org.ua.

For questions related to the human rights program, please address Kateryna Lutska, the festival's PR manager: +38 (068) 304 3145

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The festival is non-political and non-commercial.

Docudays UA is the only international human rights documentary film festival in Ukraine. It is a part of the international Human Rights Film Network. It takes place every year in the last week of March. After the end of the festival, Docudays UA traditionally presents the best films in Ukrainian regions during the Traveling Festival. Screenings and discussions of films with human rights experts last from October until December. Throughout the year, Docudays UA popularizes auteur documentary cinema in film theaters as a part of the DOCU/BEST project. It develops critical thinking among young people through its Docudays UA film clubs for media education in human rights. It presents the cultural diplomacy project SEE UKRAINE in Europe. It helps young Ukrainian documentary filmmakers to produce their films at the DOCU/PRO platform. It publishes an annual catalogue of new Ukrainian films for international promotion. The 15th Docudays UA will take place between March 23 and 30, 2018, in Kyiv.