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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

MARCH 22-30, 2019

for correspondence:
11 Mala Zhytomyrska str.,
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INDUSTRY PLATFORM DOCU/PRO

16th International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Docudays UA presents its powerful industry platform DOCU/PRO, created for developing the Ukrainian film industry, establishing connections with international experts in the documentary world, and creating Ukrainian film projects. The platform will bring international distributors, European producers and festival programmers from all over the world to our festival. Here is the information about the main events of DOCU/PRO.

CIVIL PITCH: CIVIL ACTIVISM FILMS

March 23 | 16:45

Zhovten Cinema | Kinoman Hall

The winners of CIVIL PITCH: Civil Activism Films will be presented at Docudays UA 2019. It is a unique format for Ukraine, where documentary filmmakers and activists joined their efforts to create films that aim to create change in the society. For a year, they have worked on short documentary stories. In addition, the Festival's human rights program Rights Now! will include additional screenings of these films in IZONE, as well as discussions with their protagonists, activists and directors.

B2B DOC: PRODUCERS MEET PRODUCERS

March 23

Rus Hotel | Venice Hall

The industry event by B2B Doc, created in collaboration with Docudays UA, creates an opportunity for the selected participants from Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, Latvia, Poland and Russia to present their film projects to well-known European producers, TV representatives, distributors, sales agents and festival programmers.

UKRAINIAN DOC PREVIEW

March 24 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zhovten Cinema | Anshlag Hall

Ukrainian Doc Preview is a presentation of seven best Ukrainian films at the rough cut/post production stage to a group of festival programmers, representatives of international sales companies and funds. The best project will receive a special prize from the International Documentary Film Festival **Beldocs**. The winner will have a chance to participate in the festival's professional platform, Beldocs in Progress International, where they will have an opportunity to present their project to a wider circle of the international industry.

MEET PROFESSIONALS

March 25 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rus Hotel | BCD Hall

Meet Professionals is an opportunity to arrange face-to-face meetings with international experts working in the film industry and benefit from networking or professional advice. Accredited participants can sign up for 15-minute-long sessions with festival programmers, representatives of international sales agencies and funds, producers.



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GLOBAL SHORT DOCS FORUM

March 26–29 | IZONE

The Forum gives the 16 selected directors of short documentaries an opportunity to meet representatives of such VOD platforms as Vice, The Guardian, AJ+, Current Time, as well as Ukrainian media platforms Hromadske and Zaborona. Over the course of a 4-day workshop the forum's participants will be given the chance to learn from industry experts, build a global network of like-minded peers, and ultimately pitch their selected projects to commissioners from digital platforms.

MORNING COFFEE WITH DIRECTORS

March 24–28 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Zhovten Cinema | Gastroll' Cafe

Morning Coffee with Directors is a unique opportunity to meet the directors whose films were screened the day before and talk to them in the casual setting. Everyone is welcome to have a morning coffee with the our guests.

For more details about the festival and to arrange interviews, please address **Daryna Nikolenko**, the festival's press coordinator, at daryna.nikolenko@docudays.ua.

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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 16th Docudays UA will take place between March 22 and 30, 2019, in Kyiv.