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GALA OPENING OF CHILDREN'S WORLD



It was a very colourful gathering of children from various corners of the city. The occasion was inaugural ceremony of **19th International Children's Film Festival**. On Monday, 25th November, 2019 at **Purbasree Auditorium** of **Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre** was packed with children with colourful dresses. These children came from various parts of the city and neighboring districts. A large number of underprivileged and physically challenged children participated in the programme.

Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar along with **Mrs. S. Dhankhar, First Lady** was present. **Mr. Mohammad Mohiuddin, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, West Bengal** graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. **Hon'ble Justice Shri Shyamal Kr. Sen, our President**, presided over the ceremony. **Smt. Gouri Basu, Director, EZCC** and **Smt. Ayesha Sinha, Executive Director of Talash** were also present.

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal in a lucid way reminded the importance of cinema as medium of entertainment and education. He urged the mothers to take care of children so that they did not remain engrossed with the mobile phones.

The ceremonial inaugural lamp was lighted by Hon'ble Governor along with First Lady and other dignitaries and the children. The next phase of the festival will continue in and around Kolkata and different districts. A special programme has been drawn in the district of Malda in collaboration with Talash. In this edition of the festival we have received 17 films from 13 countries. We are delighted to state that with the active participation of all concerned it has been possible to hold a festival of this magnitude exclusively for children.

We take the pleasure to recall here that we are organizing International Film Festival exclusively for Children since 1979 with great success. This non-commercial festival is being organized in collaboration with the generous help and support of UNICEF (West Bengal).

জাঁকজমকপূর্ণ উনিশতম আন্তর্জাতিক শিশু চলচ্চিত্র উৎসব শুরু



ইউনিসেফের সহায়তায় সিনে সেন্ট্রাল, ক্যালকাটা আয়োজিত শিশু চলচ্চিত্র উৎসব শুরু হলো পূর্বাঞ্চলীয় সাংস্কৃতিক কেন্দ্রের ‘পূর্বশ্রী’ অডিটোরিয়ামে। অনুষ্ঠানের শুভ উদ্বোধন করলেন মাননীয় রাজ্যপাল শ্রী জগদীপ ধনখড়, উৎসবের অন্য দুই প্রধান সহযোগী তালাশ ও ভারত সরকারের পূর্বাঞ্চলীয় সাংস্কৃতিক কেন্দ্র। উদ্বোধনী সন্ধ্যায় অন্যান্যদের মধ্যে উপস্থিত ছিলেন সিনে সেন্ট্রালের সভাপতি মাননীয় বিচারক শ্রী শ্যামলকুমার সেন, ইউনিসেফের প্রধান মহম্মদ মহীউদ্দিন, পূর্বাঞ্চলীয় সাংস্কৃতিক কেন্দ্রের অধিকর্তা শ্রীমতি গৌরী বসু, তালাশ অধিকর্তা শ্রীমতী আয়েষা সিনহা ও সিনে সেন্ট্রালের সম্পাদক শ্রী পরিমল মুখার্জি।

এবারের উদ্বোধনী ছবি ছিল প্রখ্যাত পরিচালক তপন সিংহের ‘সবুজ দ্বীপের রাজা’। ছবিটি বহু বছর বাদে কলকাতায় প্রদর্শিত হলো। এ বছর ১৩টি দেশ থেকে ১৭টি ছবি দেখানো হবে শহরের বিভিন্ন জায়গায়। এর মধ্যে আছে ভারতের পাশাপাশি বাংলাদেশ, বেলারুশ, ক্রোয়েশিয়া, চীন, ডেনমার্ক, ফ্রান্স, ইরান, মোঙ্গোলিয়া, নরওয়ে, নেদারল্যান্ডস, পেরু এবং রাশিয়ার ছবি। সারা ডিসেম্বর ধরে দেখানো হবে ছবি।

উদ্বোধনী ভাষণে রাজ্যপাল শ্রী ধনখড় বলেন, যে জিনিসটা নিয়ে তাঁর এখন চিন্তা হয় সেটা হল বাচ্চাদের হাতে মোবাইল ফোনের বাড়বাড়ন্ত। ‘এটা থামানোর একটা উপায় আছে - বাচ্চাদের ছবি। বাচ্চাদের ছবির মধ্যে যেমন শিক্ষা থাকে তেমনই থাকে বিনোদন। এ ক্ষেত্রে সব থেকে বড় দায়িত্ব বাচ্চাদের মায়ের। মায়েরাই একমাত্র পারে তাদের বাচ্চাদের হাতে মোবাইল ফোনের বদলে ভালো ছবির টিকিট ধরিয়ে দিতে’ বলেন ধনখড়।

Glimpses of Children's Film Festival

TUM-PABI-DUM / BELARUS / Dir: V. NIKIFOROV

Synopsis:

A former child from orphanage San Sanych decides to find parents for himself and his ward Alesya. And he gives the announcement: "A young child is looking for a family in order to organize his private life". As a result, the boy has to play by the rules of adults and face a serious moral choice.



THE GHOST IN SWAMP / CROATIA / Dir: Branko Ištvanèiæ

Synopsis:

After Liptus arrives in a small village from the city, he calls his best friends, Miron and Melita, on winter holidays in Kopaèevo. That same night, while they are all sleeping cozily, from their deep sleep Miron and Melita are woken by the disturbing sounds of villagers, carrying flares and disappearing into the darkness at the end of the street. At the docks, they find Halasz, a boy known for his bravery. He is cold, pale from shock, and babbling a white ghost. While most of the villagers don't believe Halasz's story, older citizens recall a long time ago when a forgotten spirit would scare people at night in dark and foggy swamps. Everyone locks themselves in their houses and Halasz ends up in a hospital where the doctors can't help him. Miron, Liptus, and Melita, now alone, take matters into their own hands, revealing the secret of the ghost and saving their friend.



I AM WILLIAM / DENMARK / Director: Jonas Elmer

Synopsis:

William's life is anything but easy. His mother is a nut, so he is staying with uncle Nils, who lives on his wits alone. Now that Uncle Nils has racked up a sizable gambling debt and gangsters are out to get him, William has to muster all his moxie and imagination to save both his uncle and himself, while also juggling three class bullies and his crush, Viola.

THE STORY OF THE WEeping CAMEL / MONGOLIA / Dir: Byambasuren Davaa, Luigi Falorni

Synopsis:

Springtime in the Gobi Desert, South Mongolia. A family of nomadic shepherds assists the births of their camel herd. One of the camels has an excruciatingly difficult delivery but, with help from the family, out comes a rare white colt. Despite the efforts of the shepherds, the mother rejects the newborn, refusing it her milk and her motherly love. When any hope for the little one seems to have vanished, the nomads send their two young boys on a journey through the desert, to a backwater town in search of a musician who is their only hope for saving the colt's life.



VALENTINO Y EL CLAN DEL CAN / PERU / Dir: David Bisbano

Synopsis:

The film depicts the life of Valentino, a small but brave dog who, after losing his family, is lucky enough to find Bones, the leader of The Clan of the Can, a group of dogs that are fun and loving. Valentino will have many adventures and will meet Benny, the owner of a circus that has seen better days. In the circus, Valentino will meet new friends and fall in love with Bianca, a high-society dog.



Our Tribute



Shaukat Azmi (1928 - 2019)

Veteran actress **Shaukat Azmi** died in Mumbai on 22-11-2019 due to age-related illness. She was 93.

Shaukat's husband was the celebrated Urdu poet and film lyricist, Kaifi Azmi. She and her husband were leading lights of the India People's Theatre Association (IPTA) and the Progressive Writers Association (IWA), which were the cultural platforms of the Communist Party of India.

After Kaifi Azmi's death, Shaukat wrote an autobiography, 'Kaifi And I', which has also been adapted to a play 'Kaifi Aur Main'. Shaukat Azmi has starred in a dozen films and theatre plays. She was known for her performance in hit films such as 'Bazaar', 'Umrao Jaan', 'Faslah', 'Naina' and Mira Nair's Oscar nominated film 'Salaam Bombay!'. Her last film was Shaadi Ali's 'Saathiya'.

She is survived by her daughter Shabana Azmi, son and noted cinematographer Baba Azmi, daughter in law actor Tanvi Azmi and son-in-law, poet, writer and lyricist Javed Akhtar.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

International Children's Film Festival is now spreading wings to different corners. Festival films will be screened in North Kolkata, New Town, Barisha-Behala area and other parts of the city suburbs.

We will cover some districts also. A month-long programme will be held at Malda district.

Due to ongoing Children's Film Festival we are unable to organise regular film-shows in December.

We are sure our members will understand and appreciate the position.



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