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PRESS RELEASE

exground filmfest 24: The festival has begun!

Record number of participants A WALL IS A SCREEN // COUNTDOWN wins Wiesbaden Youth Film Contest // Intervideo present the winners of their talent award

This weekend, the 24th edition of exground filmfest was kicked off. Until November 20, 2011, the festival presents the highlights from the international independent film scene in Wiesbaden.

exground filmfest 24 officially opened on Friday, November 11, in the well-attended Caligari FilmBühne with the Israeli feature film EIN SOMMER IN HAIFA (THE MATCHMAKER). Before that, Wiesbaden's head of the Cultural Offices Rose-Lore Scholz and state secretary Ingmar Jung from the Hessian Ministry for Science and Arts pointed out exground filmfest's unique position among festivals in the state of Hessen and thanked the team for their long-lasting honorary engagement.

An attendance record was broken by A WALL IS A SCREEN, following the opening celebrations. Appr. 500 visitors took part in the cinematic city stroll, during which Wiesbaden's downtown house walls became screens for short films from all genres. The destination was the Kulturpalast where the opening party with DJ Dr. Love went on until the early hours of morning.

On Saturday, November 12, the 8th exground youth days opened the festival's well-established youth film section. Up-and-coming talent from the state capital of Hessen competed for the director's award, endowed with 450 Euros. The audience voted for the winner film and chose COUNTDOWN by Leon Kaczmarczyk.

In the course of the opening of the exground youth days, the four winner films of the Intervideo Talent Award were presented. The Intervideo Talent Award is an initiative of the Intervideo Filmproduction Mainz. 174 entries by young filmmakers from 39 countries deal with the subject „The brand “future” – Sustainability as Value and Article“. Among the winner films is Clemens Kogler's experimental short film STUCK IN A GROOVE, which also participates in exground filmfest's ON-VIDEO-Contest.

The festival center is located in the Caligari FilmBühne in the heart of Wiesbaden, further screening locations are the Murnau Filmtheater and the Kulturpalast. In addition, the festival offers a manifold framework program with film talks, a reading, parties, and lounges.



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