

## Karlovac, turning the dark off!



Ladies and gentleman, this long awaited moment is finally upon us- Karlovac is turning the dark off! No, we are not talking about a pre- election rally, but of the numerous light bulbs (and not only light bulbs) are shedding our town by the minute.

The Big Bang is expected tonight at 21:30pm. On the banks of river Kupa, or to be more precise, "Kvaka", so be sure to attend this event and let the light powered by creativity and enthusiasm shine upon you as well. The bags around the world have been long packed and its owners, all of them excellent film makers are eagerly waiting that moment when they will glide down the yellow carpet.

The final touches are being added, the volunteers are at the ready, our young DJ in charge of the fun has pre show jitters and the weather people have received strict instructions to ensure a balmy weather any way they can and know because everything has to be in perfect condition for our guests, both foreign and local guests. The crew has been working non stop for days, with hope that the destiny will smile upon them. The technicians are firm in their statements that there will be no power loss this year.

However, first things first- location- plateau on the banks of river Kupa, better known as "Kvaka" in Karlovac. The show starts at 21:30pm. As the organizers have



confirmed we are in for a treat. Our host for the Evening will be Dunja Fajdić and a young DJ from Karlovac, Tomislav Sučić will be in charge of the music.

Many esteemed guests are expected to be sitting in the audience, and of course, Kaja Šišmanović, last year Grand Prix winner will be there as well. We also have to mention a certain group of people who will be keeping their eyes open during the Festival, who will put a smile on a number of faces on Friday night while at the same time making a few people shed a tear or two, who other than the grand jury, of course. Mina Keshavarz, Majda Rijavec, Tamas Gabeli and Rok Vevar

An abundance of everything was made in the colourful film world. Four locations, a different river setting every day. Tonight at Kupa, we will see 4 films, and among those our guests from Karlovac will most certainly love "We are Happy...Karlovac" the most.

Wednesday will see us on the river Korana, Thursday Dobra and Friday, you are all guessing- Mrežnica. The Festival never hosted more guests than this year and the films came from every corner of the world. There shall certainly be no lack of fun, good food and it seems the weather will be working in our favour- does one need a better invitation? (K.M.,D.S.)

## The Fifth Element, the fifth category: DANCE FILM



The fifth category, a new category featured at the Festival the dance film category. Who in the world hasn't heard of the "We are Happy..." dance film mania, introduced by Pharell and his song "Happy". Because, really, why not make something people can enjoy in? And people enjoy dancing because it brings out the best in us.

That is how we decided to introduce the fifth category to our Festival, and we have to say that the category will be featured in different edition every year.

## Workshops programme

On Tuesday, from 1 - 5 pm. at the Museum of the City of Karlovac, the protégés of the Home for Children Vladimir Nazor will participate in a workshop on motion picture. A film enthusiast and a member of the Walk the Line Club, Antonio Britvar will share with them the secrets of the process of film making. Of course, their progress and the new roles they will take on, namely that of actors, screen writers and directors will be documented by our cameras and supervised by Lidija Brakus, co hostess of the workshop. Will they feel more at home behind the

camera or in front of it? Well, who knows, maybe there are future winners of a "little golden statue" among them. (A.S.)



The dance film category brought a big smile to a lot of faces and it had a lot of entries. In the competitive programme at the Festival we will be showing the films Happy from Sisak, Pazin, Zlatar, our host Karlovac, and Happy from our neighbouring country Bosnia and Herzegovina, from Brčko.

An Irish- American director Blue- Skye Spenc, gave us a treat in form of a unique dance film- „Schools' Aerial Circus Project" is a film about a special kind of dancing- dancing on silk. It is a very complicated and demanding dance but highly interesting. The director herself dances it and says it is spectacular and made to be shown on the big screen, definitely worth seeing.

Therefore there is nothing left for us to do then sit back, relax and enjoy the dance films, perhaps even dance along, and we will let the judges decide who the best among them is. (M.Š.)

## Sexpress Office

KEEP CALM AND HAVE A PINT!

When one considers oneself to be an optimist, new information are always welcome. The organizers of the Review and the Festival, having always regarded themselves as optimists, have decided to set the notch on the scale higher this year and expand our "little film gathering" to four different location, namely one river bank per night. Oh yes, this is not a joke, every night we are to be guests in a different Mosquitoville. It is a truth universally acknowledged that the scenario of watching a great film (we, of course, show only the very best) under a starry night sky, sitting on a blanket whilst a river and its waterfalls provide a perfect background, sounds absolutely romantic, this Author believes that due to this the Special Intervention Team is shedding endless tears for cursing the name of the one who came up with this idea in the first place. To them this brilliant idea means only one thing- a complete doom since all the equipment has to be taken to a different location daily and what with them having only a single driver at the ready- all the others are currently unavailable due to the fact of all of them having gone to Zagreb to retrieve a missing CD. This Author also has a vision that reminds more of the world comint to its end rather than The Grease. Realistically, should at least one loud- speaker doesn't end in the water, we have completely failed and this years' Review and the Festival shall be known as utter and complete disaster of an event having had no drama at all. Of course, one should always keep in mind the possibility of the entire screen ending in the water which would definitely be spectacular and would also singlehandedly ensure us media coverage. Also, this Author truly hopes someone has had the good sense to check the weather forecast for this week, since, as our luck would have it, the week shall probably turn out to be the coldest and rainiest this June. Apparently the sun shall bestow its shine only towards entrepreneurs who will undoubtedly use this opportunity to amass a small fortune selling raincoats. (T.G.)

## The best of Children Film Cooking

The best of Children Film Cooking is one of the novelties of this years Festival. All of our friends and followers of the Four River film Festival can recall the Film 5+ programme of the Festival for our youngest visitors that also provided them a perfect opportunity to see some the most famous cartoons and to just for a short time sit in the cinema hall instead of their classrooms. Now we are proud the present to you its new colours. The idea behind it is to present the participants of both the Review and the Festival from their entrance into the film world. We will show the best films, those that won awards at the Youth Film Review- whilst their authors today are competing for the Grand Prix here in Karlovac. All of you film lovers are in for a treat- the best of the best for you made from carefully selected ingredients and blended in the film studios of Gunja, Zaprešić and Zagreb. Zaprešić will present its work with four films- Click, A Purple Story, Freak, Bribe and Corruption. From Zagre- Alice En Nur and from Gunja- No place like grandfathers', Joseph's Prayer. There is quite nothing like ideas and thoughts of children, so we invite all of you primary school students and all of those who feel like ones to join us on Tuesday, at 11a.m. at Zorin dom and see for themselves the results of children cooking film. (K.M.)

## Funny business flourishing at the Festival or a human story on hard work and dedication?

HOW ZVONIMIR GOT THE JOB: FROM THE DRONE OF THE FESTIVAL TO THE SECTOR COORDINATOR IN JUST NINE MONTHS TIME



It is not unusual to see sector coordinators switching places from year to year. It is never easy to abandon the yellow army of creative enthusiasts but there comes a time in a persons' life when we simply must go our own way.

Therefore there would not be nothing unusala about the new sector coordinator being appointed for the "High School Students presenting for High School Students" programme of the Festival taking place at the Karlovac Museum, hadn't that same person last year been named "the biggest drone of the Festival". Shock and outrage clearly outlined on the faces of our volunteers and all of them keep asking the same question- Where is the justice in this, does hard count for nothing?

The Daily Bottle immediately went to discover the story behind how Zvonimir I answer only to Zvone- became the coordinator. Zvone has been a faithful volunteer at the Festival every since his feet touched the ground in Karlovac upon exiting a bus from Slunj. His fidelity to the Festival has never been questioned, but were his work results such to enable him this role?

His last years' superiors Marija G. and Ana B. have in many an occasion let him slide one due to his charm which has worked wonders on many a guest. "Zvone is cool, he always answered his handy when we called, and we cannot say that for all the volunteers. And yes, he didn't always do everything I told him to, but he really was so charming so I've forgiven him."- says Ana, last years' Hospitality office coordinator.

Marija, on the other hand, vividly remembers one of the most common phrases told during last year- "Where is Zvone?," but she does say that he always turned up in just the right moment. We were also able to find out the Zvone will not only be the coordinator of his own sector but will also be lending a hand to Marija and the Hospitality Office. We must say we are quite in favour of the theory that he is truly dedicated to the Festival, because the rumour has it that he actually wanted to be named the biggest drone last years and according to Ana "there is no bad publicity and here he is a coordinator of his own sector". By all accounts it appears that have been a brilliant move, and only time will tell whether Zvone does indeed deserve his new title. (K.M.)

## 4 parts of the world uniting in the town on 4 rivers

This years 19th Youth Film Festival and 7th Four River Film Festival had only just began, but we dare to say that it exceed our expectations! Besides being held on the most beautiful locations in town, on which only "in movies" you can watch movies, on four charming rivers, number of applied films has come to 346 films from 30 different countries.

150 young filmmakers from Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Croatia, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Israel, Canada, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Germany, Portugal, Russia, USA, Brazil, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Argentina, Armenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, UK, Lebanon, Hungary and Hong Kong will be joining us in Karlovac.

After a hard work of reviewing and carefully selecting, our selection committee has chosen 79 of the best movies which will compete for awards in 5 categories.

With all guests arriving shortly, we are extremely glad to see our dear friends

from Studio kreativnih ideja Gunja. Old folks from Gunja have managed to come, attend and even compete with their fiction movies "Kako je bilo na rođendanu", despite all the difficulties that had happened in the last month.

To all our guests, those that are competing, and those who came to enjoy and relax, we wish a lot of luck and may the best one win! (M.Š)

### What's on tomorrow?

- 9:30 - Zorin dom: First screening of the competition programme
- 11:30 - Zorin dom: Second screening of the competition programme
- 16:30 - Zorin dom: Third screening of the competition programme
- 18:00 - banks of the river Korana: Swimming and fun+ win a prize video tasks
- 21:30 - banks of the river Korana- Once the winners of the Review and the Festival, and today? Mida Srabović, author and a film by Miho Hočevar: "We the winners go our separate way"
- 23:00 - banks of river Korana: Football WC

### IMPRESSUM

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