



## **MINSK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL “LISTAPAD” PRESS RELEASE**

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**The 19<sup>th</sup> Minsk International Film Festival LISTAPAD is the most important Film Forum in Belarus which will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

The Festival presents the most outstanding films of the year awarded at the most important international film festivals in Europe and CIS countries.

Every year about 100 films take part in the Festival competition programme. The films are divided into three sections: Feature Films, Documentary Films, Children and Youth Films.

The fate of the main awards is decided by professional Jury members who are all cinema experts of standing reputation: Jury of Main Feature Films Competition, Jury of Competition “Youth on the March”, Jury of Main Documentary Films Competition, Jury of National Film Schools Competition, Jury of Children and Youth Films Competition “Listapadzik”, International Film Critics Jury. Audience Award is also given during the Festival.

A wide programme of out of competition screenings will be held within the Festival: Belarusian, Russian, European and Asian panoramas. These are about 50 most outstanding, extraordinary author's projects by leading world directors.

In 2011, the movies from 37 countries took part in the festival: Russia, Croatia, Serbia, Philippines, Thailand, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, Estonia, Poland, France, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Latvia, Israel, Spain, Georgia etc.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Minsk IFF was opened by one of the prize-winners of Cannes Film Festival – film “Elena” by Andrey Zvyagintsev, French movie “Les femmes du sixième étage” by Philippe Le Guay (Cesar Award in 2011) closed the Festival. Two films nominated for Oscar were shown at the Festival: Belgian movie “Bullhead” (dir. Michaël R. Roskam) and Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (dir. Steven Spielberg).

Leading Russian and European cinematographer and popular actors were among the guests of Listapad 2011: Aliko and Veniamin Smekhov, Igor Ugochnikov, Olga Kabo, Dmitrii Orlov, Irina Lachina, Kakhi Kavsadze, the Golden Lion holder Milco Mancevski as well as the laureate of international film festival Sergei Loznitsa etc.

82 medias got the Festival accreditation including 13 foreign medias (Russia, Ukraine, France, Germany, Poland, USA, Lithuania).

Jury members highly appreciated the Festival programme and mentioned the high organizational level of the Festival.

Listapad 2012 will logically continue to popularize cinema in Belarus. The Festival programme is already completed and the films are united by the new Festival slogan “WE LOVE CINEMA”.

Information about guests, programme and jury members will be revealed on October 23<sup>th</sup>.

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