

# VISEGRAD FILM FESTIVAL

Press Release

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Last Wednesday the 17th of June saw the launch of the First Annual Visegrad festival in Cork, which took place at the Camden Palace Hotel, Camden's Quay.

So, where the hell is Visegrad? Visegrad is a group of 4 Central European countries – Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. Visegrad festival in Cork would like to introduce you this region through its cinema. Festival will last for the next 5 days with amazing film screenings every day until Sunday 28th of June and audience will have a chance to see 18 features and 24 shorts. The venue is Camden Palace Hotel, the Corks' largest arts community center, which is also a proud sponsor and co-organizer of the festival.

This exciting new festival will officially open on Wednesday the 24th with Jánošík (Yaanosheek) from 1921 which will be accompanied by live music from Non Toxic Orchestra. The festival will continue with screenings all day Thursday and a Gala reception on Friday night to welcome the writers, curators and directors of some of the films being shown. The Gala reception will kick off with Pictures of the old World (org. Obrazy stareho sveta), a film which portrays the life of elderly Slovakian people, who are able to enjoy their individual freedom even in the times of civil chaos and insecurity. This will then be followed by a midnight screening of Socialistic Zombie Mord a low budget horror movie directed by six students, one of which we are delight to announce will be coming to the festival.

Other guests attending the festival include Aleksandra Gowin from the Little Crushes (2014). Two girls clean places after somebody has die, and sometimes they sell the belongings of the dead at a flea market. Little Crushes is an unconventional love story about the oddity of ordinary things.

Czech documentary "Sugar Blues" directed by Andrea Culková looks at the world of sugar and our dependence on it. When Andrea is diagnosed with pregnancy diabetes she is forced to go on a sugar free diet. This powerful documentary brings to light the fact that Sugar is everywhere and we are almost slaves to it! This screening is also part of presentation of project central European distribution project KINEDOK, which will be presented by Eva Křížková.

A collection of Polish short films from wild polish region Podlasie will be presented by Krzysztof Sienkiewicz. Filmowe Podlasie Attacks! is a mix of humour, pure spontaneous energy and power. This approach will highlight the variety, richness and diversity of our project and will point out the inextricable connection to the Podlasie region and its multicultural heritage, which inspires so many independent film-makers.

Visegrad Film Festival was financially supported by International Visegrad Fund. ([www.visegradfund.com](http://www.visegradfund.com))

The Visegrad Film Festival will run from the 24th of June to the 28th of June, inclusive.

Tickets will be sold at the gate for €5 per screening.

Full Festival Pass costs €40.

Full Festival Pass for students costs €20.

Day Pass costs €10.

Full Festival Pass for film professionals is free.

Full Festival Pass for press is free.

For more information visit – [www.visegradfilmfestival.com](http://www.visegradfilmfestival.com)

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