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BEAST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2019

From the 28th of September to the 6th of October, the 3rd BEAST International Film Festival brings to Porto the New East showing it in augmented reality.

Going for its 3rd edition, **BEAST International Film Festival** is back to Porto between the **28th of September and the 6th of October 2019**. During 9 days, BEAST IFF turns Porto into the center of East European contemporary culture with more films, masterclasses, workshops and several parallel activities. Present all over the city, the festival will take place in *Cinema Trindade, Cinema Passos Manuel, Casa das Artes, Biblioteca Municipal Almeida Garrett*, but also in other spaces such as *Candelabro, Espiga, Arca and OKNA showing the New East*.

Lithuania is this year's focus of BEAST IFF in the category **FOCUS COUNTRY** starting with the screening of one of the most acclaimed films of 2018 in the festival's Opening Event. The section is also dedicated to the new talents and to show a very special retrospective.

The high moment of the festival is the Competition section **EastWave, EastDoc** and **experimentalEAST**, showing short and medium length films by young directors from the 21 countries that BEAST represents.

On the category **Visegrad Film Hub**, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary have again a special place with feature films and shorts within "V4 Screenings: New Talents", but also with a series of lectures, masterclasses and workshops that aim on giving professionals from several areas competences in arts and (post)digital technologies. Also from Poland BEAST IFF present 3 sessions of "**Polish Cinema for Beginners**" with comments by art critics and journalists.

BEAST IFF will continue with the section **Portuguese Abroad**, showing the work done by portuguese filmmakers working outside the country, promoting the cross cultural relations between territories.

The program for schools and families, **BEAST KIDS**, takes a new importance this year with films for more ages and more workshops that will help stimulate the creativity of the younger audiences through educational activities that will also make them travel through Eastern Europe.

BEAST International Film Festival is organised by PLUSEAST - CULTURAL ASSOCIATION in collaboration with the City Council of Porto and the Portuguese Cinematography Club - Cineclube of Porto.

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