

12th Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival (NIHRFF) as a hybrid edition from 29 September to 6 October 2021

The **International Nuremberg Human Rights Film Festival (NIHRFF)** will be held for the first time as a hybrid edition from 29 September to 6 October 2021. The renowned Nuremberg festival, which has been organised every two years since 1999, is Germany's oldest and largest human rights film festival. The programme focus is on international film art of all genres with political aspirations. With its 12th edition, it will be shown live over eight days in Nuremberg's partner cinemas as well as presenting films, guests and events with an extensive online offer. For all streamings, the solidary VoD platform Cinemalovers of the kino3 of the Filmhaus Nürnberg will be used: <https://filmhaus.nuernberg.cinemalovers.de>. This can be accessed nationwide.

Approximately two-thirds of the films in the overall programme will also be available online, and these streams will be available throughout the festival. To bring the on-site and online audiences together, all moderated film talks will be streamed live in front of the audience from the festival lounge. The online audience can thus also participate via the chat function. International film guests will be connected for talks both in the lounge in Nuremberg and online.

"I am very pleased, together with the entire team, that we are able to open our festival to a larger audience across Germany for the first time this year. Especially in these times, the topic of human rights is more important than ever and this way we can bring our special programme of committed political film art to many people. In 2021, special attention will also be paid to our festival lounge, which has been completely redesigned as a streaming-capable television studio to bring together audiences and guests both on site and online, thus conveying the character and atmosphere of our festival despite the expected access restrictions," says **festival director Andrea Kuhn**.

In the run-up to the festival, NIHRFF will stream from the lounge and discuss the situation of film festivals and human rights work worldwide with international guests. The talk programme kicks off on 27 August 2021, with the discussion "**Filmmakers and Festival Organizers at Risk**" with Anna Har (Freedom Film Fest, Malaysia) and Orwa Nyrabia (IDFA, Amsterdam) in conversation with festival director Andrea Kuhn.

All streams are available on the festival's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCMK2hL_p0GzOMaN_VnRisUw

During the festival, the talk format will continue with a panel discussion with medico international and People's Health Movement on the topic of "Global Vaccine Justice". Concerts and the daily live talk with guests in cooperation with Radio Z also complement the extensive online programme.

However, the topics of sustainability and solidarity are also particularly close to the heart of the Human Rights Film Festival. Thus, an unlimited number of festival films will explicitly not be offered online as streams. For the film festival, sustainability also means that they want to keep 'their' films attractive for other festivals in Germany as well, by only occupying the halls of the festival cinemas and not offering seats beyond that. In this way, films can continue to be exploited in Germany and also be shown successfully by other festivals.

The festival awards three prizes (endowed with a total of 4,500 euros): the Nuremberg International Jury Human Rights Film Prize, the Open Eyes Youth Jury Prize and the Audience Award. The award ceremony will take place online on October 5, 2021.

Strong supporters, sponsors and partners make the realisation of the festival possible through their dedicated support. Thus, the Nuremberg International Human Rights Film Festival would like to thank the City of Nuremberg, the Bavarian State Ministry for Digital Affairs, the FFF Bayern, the District of Central Franconia and the KunstKulturQuartier as sponsors. Special thanks also go to the sponsors Stabilo International, Sparkasse Nürnberg, Glöre, Information und Form - atelier für gestaltung, dechent - Medienkommunikation and the partners Musikverein, medico international and Cinecittà. The latter, along with the Filmhaus, are also festival cinemas again in 2021. Radio Z has been a media partner for many years.

The overall programme of the festival will be published on 14 September 2021 and is available with much more information on the festival homepage at: <https://www.nhrff.de/> Details on the streaming and ticket offer as well as the Corona rules will follow there soon.

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