

PRESS RELEASE

The 76th Festival de Cannes: DFFB graduation film will screen at the Quinzaine des Cinéastes, and two DFFB short films will screen in the Next Generation Short Tiger program



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Berlin, April 19, 2023. Francesco Sossai's graduation film IL COMPLEANNO DI ENRICO will have its world premiere at the Quinzaine des Cinéastes during the Festival de Cannes (May 16–27, 2023). In addition, two short films by DFFB students will be presented in the Next Generation Short Tiger program.

Childhood memories: how do we experience them in our later years? 1999. Northern Italy. A child's birthday party is the starting point of Francesco Sossai's autobiographical short film IL COMPLEANNO DI ENRICO, which celebrates its world premiere at this year's Quinzaine des Cinéastes.

The Quinzaine des Cinéastes, a parallel section of the Festival de Cannes founded in 1969, presents a wide range of films, highlighting exceptionally visionary examples of contemporary cinema. Many prominent arthouse film directors have presented their films in this section. DFFB student Francesco Sossai has already enjoyed much festival success for his first feature film ALTRI CANNIBALI; he was awarded the "Best First Feature Film Award" at the 2021 Tallin Black Nights Film Festival.

The short films SCHWIMMSTUNDE by Lisa Hürtgen and VOLVER AL SUR by Sofia Ayala celebrate their French premiere at Cannes. These films are part of the short film section Next Generation Short Tiger by FFA and German Films. Nine films from up-and-coming directors were selected in Germany for this section.

In preparation for Cannes, the Next Generation Short Tiger 2023 program will screen at the 35th Dresden Film Festival (April 18–23, 2023); the films will then be presented to an international audience at the Marché du Film at the Festival de Cannes.

"It is a great joy for us to celebrate a premiere at the renowned Quinzaine des Cinéastes at the Croisette. Few films receive this privilege. The selection of our graduation film IL COMPLEANNO DI ENRICO recognizes Francesco Sossai's accomplishment and provides him with an excellent start to his career as a film director. For the DFFB, this is a recognition of our extraordinary and radically courageous teaching philosophy, which we have cultivated since 1966. We are also very proud that two of the nine films in the Next Generation Short Tiger program come from our academy. We warmly congratulate the teams, look forward to celebrating together, and thank our partners that help fund our films and the DFFB."

– Catherine Ann Berger, Executive Director, DFFB

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