

3RD WORLD FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PROGRAMME

« CINEMA AND HUMAN RIGHTS »

Last year, in association with the City of San Sebastian (Basque country, Spain), and the San Sebastian Human Rights Film Festival, the Nantes Spanish Film Festival launched the cycle *The Cinema and Human Rights*. Renewed this year, in association with the Nantes World Forum on Human Rights, this cycle focuses on violations of Human Rights throughout the world during the last festival which was held in Nantes in March 2008. Some of the films of this selection will be presented at the 3rd World Forum on Human Rights.

This survey will feature the second work by Javier Bardem as producer: *Invisibles*, a collective documentary (Isabel Coixet, Mariano Barroso, Fernando León de Aranoa, Win Wenders and Javier Corcuera), made for the 20th anniversary of the Spanish section of Doctors without Borders.

The Dream of Water by Albert Solé will take viewers in turn to Benin, the Netherlands, Bombay, the Gaza Strip and the Atacama Desert (Chile) to gauge public opinion on the problems connected to the lack of water.

The other films have been selected over the following themes: right to land, migrants' rights, women's rights, illegal immigrants' rights, right to housing.

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Tuesday 1 July

9.30 - 10.30 am **Les martyrs du golfe d'Aden (The Martyrs of the Gulf of Aden)**

Documentary by Daniel Grandclément - France
52 mn. 2007 - BétaSP

Fleeing war and misery, thousands of refugees from Ethiopia and Somalia try to reach the coasts of Yemen by all possible means.

Daniel Grandclément followed the route of Somalian and Ethiopian migrants all the way to Bosaso. There, he discovered the despair of those who have no other choice but to leave, irrespective of the destination, irrespective of the dangers; trying to go elsewhere, even if death awaits; crossing the Gulf of Aden to reach Yemen; crossing a Rubicon of dark and greedy waters in which so many have perished. Daniel Grandclément has walked along with them and filmed what no other person had filmed: the crossing. He has brought back a terrifying reportage.

11.00 - 11.30 am **Descobrimos as Raizes, La mistica du Mouvement des Sans Terre brésilien (Return to the Roots The mysticism of the Landless Farmer Movement in Brazil)**

Documentary by Julien Terrié
26 mn - 2005 - vostf - DVD

A poetic political documentary on the capacity of the Landless Farmer Movement to mobilise the destitute and to influence Brazilian society, to "make the invisible visible" (Georges Labica). The mysticism of a return to the roots, by a movement that is sowing the seeds of hope in every direction.

12.00 - 1.00 pm

Paysans sans terre (Landless Farmers)

Auteur documentary by Julien Farrugia
52 mn. 2007 - France - vostf - DVD

In Brazil, vast spans of fertile lands are neglected by their owners. Fifteen times the size of France, Brazil has one of the highest rates of land inequalities: 1% of owners (50,000 people) own 45% of the land, whereas 5 million families (i.e. 25 million people), own no land at all.

Faced with this absurd situation, where millions of people are left to suffer from hunger, members of the Landless Farmer Movement occupy these lands to cultivate them. In spite of the danger of repression by the owners and their hired killers, often aided by the local policy, they occupy the property and call on the government to expropriate these uncultivated lands. Several difficult years of waiting then follow, with provisional encampments under tarpaulin tents, until they get the land. But the battle is far from over, because the farmers must now get organised to cultivate the land in a collective and efficient manner. It becomes clear all too quickly that land is a secondary matter, given the needs for education, respect for the environment and health. With their action, courage and decidedly modern vision of a true democracy, the landless farmers are making all Brazilian society move forward.

1.30 - 2.40 pm

Invisibles

5 documentaries *Invisibles* by Wim Wenders, Isabel Coixet, Fernando León de Aranoa, Mariano Barroso, Manuel Corcuera - Spain
100 mn. - 2006 - vostfr - DVD

Five auteur documentaries on the context in which Doctors without Borders are working:

Invisible Crimes by Wim Wenders, films the testimony of women who have been raped in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In *Good Night, Ouma* Fernando León de Aranoa filmed Ugandan children who are victims of militias that use them as child soldiers.

Bianca's Dream by Mariano Barroso, deals with the financial difficulties of treating sleeping sickness in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

With *Letter to Nora* Isabel Coixet shows the terrible consequences of Chagas disease, which affects 18 million people in Latin America.

For *The Voice of the Stones* Javier Corcuera accompanied Colombian families returning to their lands.

In cooperation with the Spanish Film Festival, Nantes and Doctors without borders

5.00 - 5.02 pm

Video message from Nicole Kidman, UNIFEM goodwill ambassador – Campaign: Say NO to violence against women

UNIFEM and its goodwill ambassador, Nicole Kidman, have launched an awareness raising campaign on the Internet: <http://www.saynotoviolence.org/>

1 mn 32 - 2007 - English version without subtitles - DVD - United States

Wednesday 2 July

10.00 - 11.30 am

Apaga y vámonos (Switch off)

Documentary by Manel Mayol
87 mn - 2005 - vostf - DVD

The Biobio is the longest river in Chile. Its source is in the Andes and it flows into the Pacific Ocean. Not only is it important ecologically, but also politically and historically, as the Biobio was the natural frontier during the Spanish occupation. The third biggest dam in the world, Ralco in the Biobio River, was inaugurated in 2004 after running into trouble with the Pehuenche-Mapuche indigenous people. The ancestral land of the Pehuenches has been flooded by Endesa, the transnational Spanish company.

12.00 - 1.01 pm
+ debate

La Terre parle arabe (The Land speaks arabic)

Documentary by Maryse Gargour
61 mn. - 2007 - BétaSP

Followed by a discussion with the film-maker and an historian Sandrine Mansour

At the end of the 19th century, Zionism, a minor political movement, appears on the international stage. Theorised by its historical leaders, it called for the creation of a Jewish state somewhere in the world and specially in Palestine. But at that time, and for thousands of years " la terre parle arabe (the land speaks arabic) as Palestine is inhabited by the Arab people of Palestine, the Palestinians. How then conciliate for the Zionist leaders their political ambitions and the Palestinian reality on the ground at the end of this 19th century? Essentially based on Zionist leader's quotations, on unused audiovisual archives, on the press of that period, on official documents and on testimonies of people who witnessed pre 1948 Palestine along with interviews of historians, « *the film shows a crude light on the cleansing and the spoliation of the Palestinian land by the Zionists* » (Maryse Gargour).

Thursday 3 July

- 10.00 - 10.00 am **El sueño del agua (The dream of water)**
Documentary by Albert Solé - Spain
55 mn - 2007 - french doubled version - DVD
This documentary broaches the question of access to drinking water as a fundamental human right, from five points on the planet. A world challenge at the very heart of the discussion at the Saragossa World Expo 2008, a partner of this edition. *In cooperation with the Spanish Film Festival, Nantes*
- 12.00- 12.18 pm **Carriage**
Short documentary by Xu Xin - China
18 mn - 2004 - vosta - DVD
The feast of Spring arrives, and migrant workers who have left their family to go to work in town return to their homes. A cheap ticket is their first choice. The annual crowding of rail transport is under way. *In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes*
- 12.20 - 1.20 pm **Railroad of hope (Le Chemin de fer de l'espoir)**
Documentary by Ning Ying - China
56 mn - 2001 - vosta - BétaSP
Every year, several thousands of migrant workers leave their province of Sechuan in crowded trains that take them 3000 kilometres to the West of China, where the harvest of vast cotton fields requires abundant manual labour. Along the way, these peasants from poor inland regions, most of whom are leaving the village of their birth for the first time, confide their concerns and their despair to the camera. *In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes*
- 1.30 - 2.20 pm **Year by Year**
Documentary by Liu Wei - China
48 mn - 2005 - vosta - DVD
Year by Year follows the "petitioners" from the village of Dongzhuang, in Beijing during the Chinese New Year in 2004. They have no housing and have difficulties returning home. This documentary describes their life and their experience. Every year in China, many petitioners raise their voices by devoting their life fully to the task, and yet without any results. They are ordinary people who form a group that is not protected. Their voice is so weak that no one listens to them. *In cooperation with the association Fragments, Nantes*
- 3.00 - 3.02 pm **Let them grow here (Laissons les grandir ici)**
Short documentary - France - 2mn - 2007 - French version - DVD
Film of the Associative Grouping of Filmmakers for illegal migrants, cinema and audiovisual professionals supporting Education without Borders and all illegal migrants persons in France. In an individual capacity or as part of associations, filmmakers have committed themselves by sponsoring and protecting families in difficulty and in danger. This film was made in association with Education without Borders (RESF), as well as with teachers and some of their pupils, children of what are known as illegal migrants. With the consent of their parents, the filmmakers worked with them in writing workshops. The children explained their situation and compared their experiences. These exchanges were written down, and this text led to a film. Their film. A simple form that bears their word and their story. A story of fear and suffering. *In association with Education without Borders (RESF)*
- 3.05 - 4.00 pm **Invitation à quitter la France (Invitation to leave France)**
Documentary by Marion Stelens - France - 52 mn - 2006 - DVD
Rachelle is from Cameroon and Ivan from Columbia, both preparing their Leaving Certificate at the Jules Ferry high school in Paris. They receive a letter, an « invitation » to leave the French territory and they suddenly become illegal immigrants. This documentary shows the very strong solidarity between friends, pupils, teachers and parents. Followed by the testimony of families who have managed to get their papers in France.
- 4.35 - 5.30 pm **Sans papier ni crayon (Without papers nor pencils)**
Documentary by Marie Borrelli - France - 52 mn - 2006 - DVD
The reality of life of illegal immigrants in France : Icham, Fatima and Lionel. *Special Price at the 3rd Education Film Festival in November 2007.*
- 5.40 - 6.35 pm **Ma vie à l'hôtel (My life at the hotel)**
Documentary by Valérie Denesle - France - 52 mn - 2007 - DVD
The daily life of a bulgarian family who arrived in France without papers.

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