

26-27 JANUARY, 2018

INTERNATIONAL QUEER FILM FESTIVAL
**MERLINKA
IN SARAJEVO**



ART CINEMA KRITERION
OBALA KULINA BANA 2

6/6 VINE CLUB
MULA MUSTAFE BAŠESKIJE 6

FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED

FREE ENTRANCE

FRIDAY

JANUARY 26TH

PROGRAM OF THE FESTIVAL

7:00 P.M.

OPENING OF THE 6TH FESTIVAL MERLINKA IN SARAJEVO

7:15 P.M.

MOVIE SCREENING "TOM OF FINLAND", DOME KARUKOSKI, FINLAND, 2017, 116'

Touko Laaksonen, a decorated officer, returns home after a harrowing and heroic experience serving his country in World War II, but life in Finland during peacetime proves equally distressing. He finds peacetime Helsinki rampant with persecution of the homosexual men around him, even being pressured to marry women and have children. Touko finds refuge in his liberating art, specializing in homoerotic drawings of muscular men, free of inhibitions. His work – made famous by his signature 'Tom of Finland' – became the emblem of a generation of men and fanned the flames of a gay revolution.

9:30 - 10:00 P.M.

PERFORMANCE - ACNE VULGARIS: TRAGEDY OF TODAY'S GAYS, SLOVENIA, 20'

Acne Vulgaris, side-project of Cabaret Tiffany, will perform the performance Tragedy of today's gays. Acne Vulgaris, the performer duo, travels through queer history, literature, art and culture, thus reflecting the common feeling of today's queer community in the heteronormative society, and within itself.

22:00 - 23:30 P.M.

ACOUSTIC CONCERT BY AMRA

The first festival night will be completed with Amra and her pop-rock acoustic concert.

SATURDAY

JANUARY 27TH

3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

SHORT MOVIE SCREENING "LANDS OF LOST CONTENT", ELENA HORN, RUANDA, SERBIA, UNITED KINGDOM, 2017, 45'

Lands of lost content is a documentary about a gay Orthodox Christian student called Nik Jovic Sas from Serbia who meets a genocide survivor and ballet dancer from Rwanda. Ishimwa Muhimanyi returns to Rwanda after many years to meet his remaining family exploring the role of religion in the genocide and facing memories that only return in fragments, while Nik travels to Serbia wanting to reveal his homosexuality to his family, facing numerous challenges on the way.

4:00-6:00 P.M.

TO LOVE AND TO LIVE, TALKS WITH GUESTS OF THE FESTIVAL

Topic of the festival is Fall in love with your eyes closed, and on that occasion we will talk about falling in love, passion, happiness and suffering, about the experiences of love, and with which obstacles we face our love in society with certain heteronormativity.

6:00-8:00 P.M.

MOVIE SCREENING "APRICOT GROVES", POURIA HEIDARY OUREH, ARMENIA, 2017, 80'

It's a story about Aram, the Iranian Armenian youth who has immigrated to the US in childhood returns to Armenia for the first time to propose to an Armenian girlfriend Aram met and lived with in the US. Aram sees many cultural, religious, and national differences on the one day trip, but harder obstacles are ahead.

8:00 P.M.

MOVIE SCREENING "THE MISANDRISTS", BRUCE LA BRUCE, GERMANY, CANADA, 2017, 91'

The Misandrists refers to a secret cell of feminist terrorists that is planning to liberate women, overthrow the patriarchy, and usher in a new female world order. The group is led by Big Mother, who operates a school for wayward girls in the countryside as a front for a radical terroristic cell. When a young man, a radical leftist, who is running from the police, happens upon this remote female stronghold, one of the girls takes pity on him and hides him in the basement. His presence eventually disrupts the household and reveals a number of unexpected secrets, as the film moves towards its climax: the revelation of a new style of lesbian porn that is to be used as both propaganda tool and calling card for their new brand of female revolution.

10:00 - 11:00 P.M.

PERFORMANCE - CABARET TIFFANY, SLOVENIA, 45'

Cabaret Tiffany will perform their show inspired with topics such as sex, body art, underground, culture, sexuality, repetition, deconstruction and trauma. With this performance will be closed 6th Merlinka festival.

11:30 - 05:00 A.M.

AFTER PARTY BY ZBELETRON

PLACE: *6/6 Vine Club, Mula Mustafe Bašeskije 6*

The Festival closes with an all-night-long party by the members of ZbeLeTron from Croatia, which begins shortly before midnight. They are pioneers of LGBT clubbing in Zagreb and guarantee a special party experience and an unforgettable party time.