

One World Romania 2011 brings new and awarded films to Bucharest

This year, the International Documentary Film Festival on Human Rights One World Romania will screen 33 documentaries from around the world, for the first time to a Romanian audience. Many of the films presented between the 16th and 21st of March have been awarded at some of the most prestigious international film festivals, like Sundance Film Festival (USA), Silverdocs Film Festival (USA), CPH DOX (Denmark), Doc Lisboa Film Festival (Portugal), Boston International Film Festival (USA) or One World International (Czech Republic).

Among the films with the most awards from the OWR'11 official selection, are "Enemies of the People", "El Sicario – Room 164" and "My Perestroika".

Rob Lemkin and Thet Sambath's "Enemies of the People" is actually an investigation on the Khmer Rouge's murders in the '70s. Approximately 2 million people were killed back them in Cambodia. Thet Sambath, whose family was murdered by Pol Pot's soldiers obtains stunning testimonies from criminals that were in the field, on the plains of death. He even manages to obtain the testimony of Nuon Chea, Pol Pot's right hand man, who is still convinced of the necessity of removal of the "enemies of state" whom otherwise would have undermined the revolution. In 2010, the film received the World Documentary Special Jury Prize in the Sundance Film Festival, the Anne Dellinger Grand Jury Award at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival and the Grand Jury Prize at the One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival in Prague.

In Gianfranco Rosi's documentary, "El Sicario – Room 164", a kidnaps and torture expert, paid killer by the Mexican drug cartels and former police chief from Chihuahua tells his story from the past 20 years in a motel room, somewhere at the border between United States of America and Mexico. With his face always covered and armed with a notebook full of notes and sketches, adding facts to his confession, the running killer, on whose life a reward of 250.000\$ is set, magnificently drives this thriller with his monologue. "El Sicario – Room 164" was selected for the Bratislava, Venice, Vienna and Rotterdam film festivals. At the Venice International Film Festival, the documentary was awarded the Best Film Award in the Orizzonti Section.

The American production "My Perestroika", directed by Robin Hessman presents five former class mates belonging to the last generation of children of the soviet era. They recall the joyful stories of a childhood protected by the communist party, the youthful years belonging to the political shift of the Perestroika and the fall of the Soviet Union, and follow the complex and unexpected path of 20 years of Russian capitalism. The film won the Filmmaker Award at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, the Special Jury Award at the Silverdocs Film Festival and the Best Documentary Film award at the Milwaukee Film Festival.

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Furthermore, in One World Romania 2011, the audience can see the winner of the Best Documentary Cinematography in Sundance 2010 – “The Oath”, directed by Laura Poitras and “October Country” (directed by Michael Palmieri and Donal Mosher), which was awarded with the Best First Feature Award in Doc Lisboa 2009 and with the Grand Jury Prize in Silverdocs Film Festival 2009.

Therefore, starting March 16th, One World Romania waits for you in the four locations in Bucharest – Eforie Cinema, Union Cinema, Corso Cinema and the New Cinema of the Romanian Director – with new and highly appreciated movies from around the world!

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LOCATIONS: Cinema Eforie, Cinema Union, Cinema Corso, Noul Cinematograf al Regizorului Român (cultural project of the Romanian Peasant’s Museum).

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