

THE EUNIC CLUSTER NAMIBIA  
PRESENTS THE

# 3<sup>rd</sup> EUNIC FILM FESTIVAL

10 TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2014



CELEBRATING  
HEROES

## PROGRAMME

EUNIC (European Union National Institutes for Culture) is the network of the international relations institutes from the member states of the European Union. Formed in 2006, it has 32 members from 28 countries. From 10 to 17 September, the EUNIC Cluster Namibia is presenting the 3rd EUNIC Film Festival under the theme *Celebrating Heroes*. The festival features 14 films from 14 European countries on the wide ranging topic of 'heroes'. EUNIC Cluster Namibia is composed of Alliance Française, British Council, Camões Institute represented by Diogo Cão Language Centre, Franco-Namibian Cultural Centre, Goethe Zentrum Windhoek as well as the Embassies of Finland and Spain. For the 2014 festival, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland and Slovakia are also present through their diplomatic missions in South Africa. The EUNIC Film Festival is facilitated by the collaboration of the European Union Delegation to Namibia.

## BELGIUM

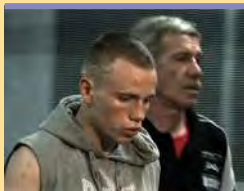
### Junior

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Documentary

Directed by Sien Versteyhe

2012, 54 min



Jean-Pierre Bauwens Junior, a 23-year-old junior world champion in the lightweight category of boxing, has a very special family: he is the oldest of seven siblings, four of whom suffer from autism. Junior doesn't just fight for pride or glory but for a better future for his family. But then tragedy strikes: one of his autistic brothers accidentally kills his father.

## CROATIA

### The King

Kralj

Documentary. Directed by

Dejan Acimovic

2011, 75 min



A feature documentary about Darko Kralj (the King), the only sportsman to have beaten a world record in his category five times in a row at one world championship! A Croatian Paralympics champion, seriously wounded in 1991 during the war in Croatia, Kralj almost died. Today, he lives with a wife and three sons, the eldest one being the one he is the most attached to. A similar destiny brought them together: the kid has lost his biological father in the war.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

### Kooky

Kuky se vraci

Comedy/Family/Fantasy

Directed by Jan Sverák

2012, 93 min



*Kooky*, a film which combines techniques of puppet animation and live action, tells the story of a six-year-old asthmatic boy whose parents force him to throw away his favourite toy, an old teddy bear named Kooky. In the boy's fantasy, Kooky comes to life, escapes into a mysterious forest and begins its journey amongst the rough-and-ready creatures of the forest.

## DENMARK

### A Hijacking

Kapringen

Drama / Thriller

Directed by Tobias Lindholm

2012, 99 min



A thriller about a ship hijacking; the plot alternates between the events on board the hijacked ship, and those occurring in the shipping company's office back in Denmark. It focuses largely on the experiences of the ship's cook and the shipping company's CEO, acting as the negotiator.

## FINLAND

### 21 Ways to Ruin a Marriage

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Comedy. Directed by

Johanna Vuoksenmaa

2013, 89 min



*21 Ways to Ruin a Marriage* follows a young woman, Sanna, who after extensive studies interviewing married couples has concluded that "divorce is a natural and probable consequence of falling in love." Accordingly she had decided to remain single. That is until Aleksi comes into her life, and her world of theories is suddenly turned upside down.

## FRANCE

### The Dandelions

Du vent dans mes mollets

Comedy / Drama

Directed by Carine Tardieu

2012, 90 min



Stuck between her parents, who smother her with love, and constant blunders, nine-year-old Rachel counts the minutes separating her from freedom. Until the day her path crosses that of intrepid Valérie. Together, they set the cat among the pigeons and stir up slumbering souls.

## GERMANY

### Measuring the World

Die Vermessung der Welt

Drama. Directed by

Detlef Buck

2012, 120 min



*Die Vermessung der Welt* follows two brilliant and eccentric 19th century scientists, explorer Alexander von Humboldt and mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss, on their life paths. The film recounts their many groundbreaking ways of measuring the world, evolving from their meeting in 1828 on the occasion of the first German Scientific Congress in Berlin organized by Humboldt.

## GREAT BRITAIN

### The Stuart Hall Project

Documentary / Biography

/ History

Directed by John Akomfrah

2013, 93 min



Stuart Hall is one of the most influential and esteemed cultural theorists of a generation. A thinker and commentator, his peers include other giants of political commentary such as Noam Chomsky, Susan Sontag, Alan Ginsberg, Michel Foucault and Gore Vidal. The film takes

the viewer on a roller coaster ride through the upheavals, struggles and turning points that made the 20th century the century of campaigning, and of global political and cultural change.

## HUNGARY

### **The Door**

*Az ajtó*

Drama

Directed by Istvan Szabo

2012, 97 min



There are those who sweep and those who pay others to sweep. Set in 1960s Hungary, this drama depicts the unusual relationship between two women: a well-to-do novelist (Martina Gedeck) and her poor, elderly maid (Helen Mirren). From their first encounter, it's clear that Emerence is no ordinary maid. A dramatic event in the writer's life prompts Emerence to unveil glimpses of her traumatic past - a past which sheds light on her very peculiar behaviour and leads to the tragic end of their friendship.

## NETHERLANDS

### **The Marathon**

*De marathon*

Comedy / Drama / Sports

Directed by Diederick

Koopal

2012, 107 min



Gerard, Leo, Kees and Nico are four best friends who work together in Gerard's garage. But the business isn't going all that well, so the four friends come up with the brilliant idea of finding a sponsor who will pay them to run the Rotterdam marathon. In this way they can save the garage from bankruptcy. For the four friends however, there is a lot more at stake...

## POLAND

### **Waleśa, Man of hope**

*Waleśa, Człowiek z nadziei*

Biography / Drama

Directed by Andrzej Wajda

2013, 127 min



Wałęsa, an electrician at the Gdańsk Shipyards, participated in local demonstrations during the 1970's. Following the bloody aftermath, which remains with Wałęsa, he concentrates on his day-to-day duties. Ten years later, a new uprising occurs and he becomes an unexpected and charismatic leader of Polish dockworkers...

## PORTUGAL

### **The Consul of Bordeaux**

*O Cônsul de Bordéus*

Drama. Directed by

Francisco Manso and

João Correia

2012, 90 min



This is the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a man of conviction who saved 30,000 lives, among them 10 000 Jews, during the 2nd World War. As the Portuguese Consul-General in Bordeaux, France, he issued 30,000 visas for safe passage to Portugal to refugees regardless of nationality, race, religion or political opinions. Doing so, he defied the direct orders of his government and showed courage, moral rectitude, unselfishness, and self-sacrifice.

## SPAIN

### **Kripan's Cause**

*La causa de Kripan*

Drama

Directed by Omer Oke

2009, 86 min



Alassane is a young man from Burkina Faso living in Spain. One day, he gets a call from his brother Ali to tell him that his parents have decided to circumcise his six-year-old daughter, Bintou. The ceremony is scheduled to take place in a week's time and Alassane is utterly opposed to the rite. However, he needs to stay another six months in Spain to be eligible for a residence permit. If he goes home, he won't be able to come back and he will be throwing away the dream which he has fought for so hard.

## SLOVAKIA

### **Nicky's family**

*Nickyho rodina*

Biography / Drama

Directed by Matej Mináč

2011, 96 min



*Nicky's Family* tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. Winton did not speak about these events with anyone and his exploits would have probably been forgotten if his wife, fifty years later, had not found a suitcase in the attic, full of documents and transport plans.



# WEDNESDAY 10 TO WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

FNCC Cinema (FNCC) | Goethe Centre | Diogo Cão Language Centre  
(at the Windhoek International School) / Katutura Community Arts Centre (KCAC)

DATE	VENUE	TIME	FILM	COUNTRY	MIN
Wednesday 10 September	Diogo Cão Centre	18h00	Reception		
		19h00	21 Ways to Ruin a Marriage	Finland	89
Thursday 11 September	Goethe Centre	18h00	Measuring the World	Germany	120
		20h00	The King	Croatia	75
Friday 12 September	FNCC	18h00	Kripan's Cause	Spain	86
		20h00	The Dandelions	France	90
Saturday 13 September	KCAC	18h00	The Marathon	Netherlands	107
		20h00	Junior	Belgium	54
Sunday 14 September	Diogo Cão Centre	11h00	Kooky	Czech Republic	93
		18h00	The Consul of Bordeaux	Portugal	90
Monday 15 September	Goethe Centre	18h00	The Stuart Hall Project	Great Britain	93
		20h00	A Hijacking	Denmark	99
Tuesday 16 September	KCAC	18h00	Kooky	Czech Republic	93
		20h00	The Door	Hungary	97
Wednesday 17 September	FNCC	18h00	Nicky's family	Slovakia	96
		20h00	Walesa, Man of hope	Poland	127

ALL FILMS IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

## FREE ENTRY

