

COMPACT – Roma Film Night

The celebration of openness and unity

Romedia Foundation invites you to celebrate the International Romani Day by taking part in COMPACT - Roma Film Night, a public event organized by Romedia Foundation.

When: **8 April 2017, 5 pm**

Where: **Bem Cinema, Budapest, Margit krt. 5.**

Each year, Romedia Foundation celebrates the 8th of April, the International Romani Day which symbolizes the unity of the approximately 12 million Romani people who are scattered around the globe. On this day, we introduce to the world the richness of Romani cultural heritage and raise awareness of the social inequalities faced by the Roma people.

The event COMPACT – Roma Film Night, a public screening of the film Taikon, focuses on the group left behind of the society, the Roma minority. The documentary Taikon – the Untold Story of a Roma Freedom Fighter paints a dramatic and vivid portrait of one of the most important advocates of human rights in the 20th century Europe setting against the backdrop of the developing Swedish welfare state. Taikon will be screened in Hungary for the first time. The screening will be followed by a roundtable discussion with the participation of Romani experts, who will not only present their experience as filmmakers and professionals but also as members of the Romani minority, who work on a daily basis for the empowerment of young Romani people in their close environments.

COMPACT – Roma Film Night is a collateral event of the RomArchive project. RomArchive is devised as a digital archive for the art of the Roma. It aims to become an internationally accessible virtual discursive space that makes the cultures and histories of the Roma visible and responds to recurring stereotypes by a counter-history told by Roma themselves. RomArchive is an ongoing international research project with different sections (film, visual art, performance, music, etc.). COMPACT will be linked to the meeting of Romani filmmakers and experts, who will be involved in the selection process of the film section of the RomArchive. Further information: <http://blog.romarchive.eu>

COMPACT and the selection meeting will be realized with the support of RomArchive – Digital Archive of the Roma, Central European Initiative and the Israeli Cultural Institute.



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TAIKON (2015) –the Untold Story of a Roma Freedom Fighter

Swedish title: Taikon

Directed by: Lawen Mohtadi & Gellert Tamas

Producer: Gellert Tamas

Form: Feature

Length: 90 minutes

Country: Sweden

Language: Swedish with English subtitles

ABOUT THE FILM

Katarina Taikon has been compared to Martin Luther King. She was born in a tent and came to change the course of Swedish history. The documentary portrays the story of the young girl who was denied education, learned to read in her late twenties, and later became one of the most read authors of children's books in Sweden. Taikon is also an account of the emergence of the modern Swedish welfare society -and the one group left behind: the Roma minority.

Romedia Foundation is a Romani non-governmental organization based in Budapest, Hungary. The foundation works towards contributing to a positive perception of Romani ethnic identity, combating anti-Roma prejudice, and providing alternative information to policy makers on Roma through the production of films and videos, international multi-media campaigns, and public events.

More information:

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