PRESS RELEASE

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**THE ECHOES OF JI.HLAVA IDFF IN ROMANIA KICK OFF ON TUESDAY**

**The Ji.hlava International Documentary Film festival brings to Bucharest five documentary films from its 2022 competition sections on March 7–11.**

The Echoes of Ji.hlava IDFF will be launched on **Tuesday, March 7 by the screening of** [***Happily Ever After***](https://www.ji-hlava.com/filmy/stastne-az-na-veky) – an inquiry into contemporary forms of alternative models of partnerships by Czech documentary director **Jana Počtová**. The film received the Audience Award and the Student Jury Award at Ji.hlava, where it world premiered last October.

The programme features **on March 8 the documentary** [***Pongo Calling***](https://www.ji-hlava.com/filmy/pongo-calling) **by Czech director Tomáš Kratochvíl**, which is capturing the story of Roma activist Štefan Pongo and his family who left the Czech Republic for UK to escape racial stereotypes and discrimination.

The Echoes will continue **on March 9 by the Best Czech Documentary winner from Ji.hlava –** [***Kapr Code***](https://www.ji-hlava.com/filmy/kaprkod) **by Lucie Králová**, which is an experimental documentary opera about the Czech composer Jan Kapr.

On **March 10** viewers can watch a unique introspection into the admissions process to the Prague Academy of Fine Arts. This remarkable observational documentary [***Art Talent Show***](https://www.ji-hlava.com/filmy/zkouska-umeni) **was directed by Tomáš Bojar and Adéla Komrzý**. On this occasion, Tomáš Bojar will hold a masterclass for the students of Bucharest-based University of Theatre and Film I.L. Caragiale (UNATC).

The Echoes of Ji.hlava will be concluded **on March 11** by an intimate portrait of adolescence entitled [***Bloom***](https://www.ji-hlava.com/filmy/teenagerky) **by Canadian director Fanie Pelletier**, which took the Award for the Best Debut at Ji.hlava.

All screenings will take place **at the Czech Centre Bucharest (Ion Ghica 11) starting always at 19.30 and will be followed by Q&As with the directors**. All films will be screened with English subtitles.

The Echoes of Ji.hlava in Romania are organized by the Ji.hlava IDFF in cooperation with the UNATC, and are supported by Budvar. **The full programme of the Echoes can be found** [**here**](https://www.ji-hlava.com/romania) **or at the** [**FB event**](https://www.facebook.com/events/905845290561335)**.**

The Echoes of the 26th Ji.hlava IDFF take place also in Brussels, Paris, New York, and Bratislava.

**More information at** [**www.ji-hlava.com**](http://www.ji-hlava.com/) **and on the festival’s** [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/JihlavaIDFF/) **and** [**Instagram**](https://www.instagram.com/jihlava_idff/?hl=cs) **profiles.**