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ECHOES OF JI.HLAVA IDFF IN BELGIUM, FRANCE, NEW YORK START THIS WEEK

The Echoes of the 24th Ji.hlava International Documentary Film Festival will kick off online this Thursday for audiences in the Czech Republic. Selected films will then be available also to viewers in Belgium, France and New York. **This year's Ji.hlava documentary spring will offer award-winning films, discussions with filmmakers and masterclasses.** The Echoes are held in partnership with Czech Centers network.

"The global pandemic put a spoke in the wheels of the filmmaking world: cinemas remain closed, producers put off film shooting and many festivals have months-long delays. This is also why are launching our Echoes already in the springtime – we want to give documentary film fans and filmmakers a chance to connect", says Ji.hlava IDFF director Marek Hovorka.

Belgium: Twelve films available on March 11–17

The 9th Ji.hlava Echoes in Belgium will feature **twelve remarkable documentaries, including a number of award-winning titles.** They include the best documentary debut from the 24th Ji.hlava IDFF [Ghosts: Long Way Home](#) by Portuguese director Tiago Siopa, Hubert Sauper's latest film [Epicentro](#), playful portrait of renowned Czech surrealist Jan Švankmajer [Alchemical Furnace](#), and the awarded [Time Is](#) by talented Ghent-based filmmaker Zaur Kourazov. See full programme [here](#).

The screenings will be accompanied by Q&As with the authors and a masterclass for film students in Belgium.

The **Echoes will continue in France**, where the audiences will have a chance to watch festival films **between March 18–25. New York will host the fourth edition of Ji.hlava Echoes** with three selected festival films made available online **on March 19–25.**

The screenings will be accompanied by Q&As with the filmmakers (Ai Weiwei, and others), recordings of Ji.hlava's Inspiration Forum discussions and a masterclass for film students. The Echoes will also feature **a panel discussion on March 15 entitled [Reviving European Cinema](#)** with four film producers representing different parts of Europe.

The [Ji.hlava Echoes in Belgium, France and New York](#) will be held online at [dafilms.com](#). All screenings will be free of charge and geo-blocked for the respective territories of Belgium, France and New York.

Ji.hlava International Documentary Film Festival is a leading European documentary film festival and the largest event of its kind in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. The 25th edition of Ji.hlava IDFF will take place on October 26–31, 2021.

For more information please visit <https://www.ji-hlava.com/echoes> or contact us at pressservice@ji.-hlava.cz

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Partners of Ji.hlava Echoes: Czech Centre Brussels, Czech Centre Paris, Czech Centre New York, DAFilms.com, City of Jihlava, Vysočina region, Royal Institute of Theatre, Cinema and Sound, Czech Embassy in Belgium, and Czech Tourism.

The Echoes in Brussels are held under the auspices of European Parliament's Vice President Marcel Kolaja, MEP Radka Maxová, MEP Michaela Šojdrová and H.E. Mr Pavel Klucký, Czech Ambassador to Brussels.