

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](#) – 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](#) 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](#) 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](#) was directed by **Tomáš Bojar and Adéla Komrží**. 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](#) 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](#) or at the [FB event](#).**

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 and on the festival's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) profiles.