

Stuttgart, April 24, 2018

The whole city of Stuttgart is all about the Festival of Animated Film right now! On tuesday evening April 24 the festival that celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, was opened solemnly in the "Innenstadtkinos" in Stuttgart. During the opening ceremony both managing directors of the festival, professor Ulrich Wegenast and Dieter Krauß were present as well as the Minister President of the state of Baden-Württemberg Winfried Kretschmann and the Mayor of Stuttgart (state capital), Fritz Kuhn who came to congratulate.

Besides the introduction of the jury members of the various competitions, the first block of the International Competition (Internationaler Wettbewerb) was shown, which is the heart of the festival that shows the limitless variety and different styles of animated film from all over the world: drawings, 2-D animations, stoptrick, colour on glass, puppet animation and 3D computer. A total of more than 2.000 films were submitted from over 80 countries.

For six days, one of the world's biggest Animation festivals worldwide will present more than 1000 animated films at over 200 events. In honour of the 25th anniversary the ITFS will present itself bigger and even more widely positioned than ever: besides the numerous screenings open air and indoors in the "Innenstadtkinos" there will be concerts held within the musical section "Music&Animation" such as Canadian musician and animator Chad VanGaalen who will perform live accompanied by his own animations or the Cineconcert of electronic artist Thomas Köner who will perform to the Lotte Reiniger silent movie "The Adventures of Prince Achmed" as well as the GameZone that found a new venue within the spectacular pavilion "Lichtwolke" set up in front of the main courtyard of Stuttgart's Neues Schloss (New Castle).

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Das Internationale Trickfilm-Festival Stuttgart – Festival of Animated Film (ITFS), 24. - 29. April 2018, wurde 1982 gegründet und ist eines der weltweit größten und wichtigsten Festivals für Animationsfilm. In unterschiedlichen Wettbewerbskategorien werden über 100.000 Euro Preisgeld vergeben. Parallel zum ITFS finden die FMX und spotlight – Festival für Bewegtbildkommunikation statt. Als Europas größte - Konferenz für Animation, Effekte, Games und immersive Medien veranstaltet die FMX gemeinsam mit dem ITFS die Businessplattform Animation Production Day, dem einzigen auf Animationsprojekte spezialisierten Koproduktion- und Finanzierungsmarkt in Deutschland.