

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Decision of the Organizing Committee

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May 3, 2023 № 005

On the Establishment of the Jury Commission and Conduct of the International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Based on the Regulations of the International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart," approved by the Organizer on January 1, 2022, and in alignment with the festival's mission to promote talented filmmakers whose works cultivate profound emotional resonance with global audiences, the Organizing Committee of the International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart" HAS DECIDED:

1. To organize the International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart" on June 17-18, 2023, with the primary venue located at 2508 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY, 11223, New York, USA, and an online component hosted at Aventura Mall, 19501 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33180, USA. The festival shall accommodate designated jury members' participation in evaluations either in-person or online, as necessitated by geographic, scheduling, or other constraints, ensuring equitable engagement through secure, copyright-compliant platforms. All online evaluations will adhere to the same standards of criteria, confidentiality, and audit requirements as those conducted in-person.

2. To approve the Jury Commission members, as listed in the Appendix, in accordance with the Protocol for the Selection of Jury Members for the International Film Festival “Follow Your Heart” dated January 4, 2023 No. 014, for conducting the open competitive selection of films at the International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart."

The Organizer of the International Film Festival “Follow Your Heart”

Head of the Organizing Committee

Oxana Nechaeva

Appendix to the Decision of the Organizing Committee

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This Appendix identifies the members of the Jury Commission, sets forth their credentials, and specifies the allocation of award categories among them, based on their expertise, for the International Film Festival “Follow Your Heart” scheduled on June 17-18, 2023, with the primary in-person venue at 2508 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY, 11223, New York, USA, and an online component hosted at Aventura Mall, 19501 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33180, USA.

The Jury Commission consists of the following members, selected based on their professional expertise, impeccable reputation, and absence of conflicts of interest. The selection of the Jury Commission was conducted in strict compliance with the Protocol for the Selection of Jury Members for the International Film Festival “Follow Your Heart” dated January 4, 2023 No. 014 (Section II. Eligibility Criteria for Jury Membership). Participation mode (in-person or online) is designated by the Head of the Organizing Committee, Oxana Nechaeva, based on geographic or scheduling constraints, with online participants provided secure access to materials via copyright-compliant platforms.

The Jury Commission:

1. **Oxana Nechaeva (In-person)** – Director, Screenwriter. Born on September 1, 1990. Graduated from Ostankino Television School (2008) and Moscow Institute of Television and Radio Broadcasting (2016). Directed documentary "Konstantin Serebrennikov. The Main Victory" (2016) and short films "American" and "Daughter" (2021). Winner of multiple international film festivals including Gothamite Monthly Film Awards, Cannes Shorts, and Dumbo Film Festival. Nominee at over 50 festivals globally. Assigned Nominations: Best Film, Best Short Drama, Best Documentary, Best Director.
2. **Alexey Karaulov (In-person)** – Screenwriter. Born on May 3, 1983. Worked on horror film "Diggers" (2016) and series "Call DiCaprio!" (2018) and "Epidemic" (2019-2020). Assigned Nominations: Best Screenplay, Best Short Comedy, Best Short Thriller.

3. **Anya Koshka Neon (Online)** – Director, Producer. Founder of Koshka Neon production company, winner of Effie Awards 2022 for Vivienne Sabo project. Shortlisted for Bigpicturefest 2021. Assigned Nominations: Best Film, Best Short Film, Best Commercial.
4. **Yeva Telebenieva (Online)** – Co-Founder, Head of Marketing and Strategic Development of an international Digital Marketing & PR agency. Assigned Nominations: Best Video Blog, Best Show Host.
5. **Patya Kibedova (In-person)** – Actress, Acting Teacher. Graduated from GITIS Theater Institute (2020). Performed at Moscow Taganka Theater. Assigned Nominations: Best Actor, Best Actress.
6. **Ekaterina Asmus (In-person)** – Screenwriter, Journalist, Writer. Born in 1967. Authored "Uchilka" (2015), winner of multiple Russian film festival awards. Member of Union of Writers and Journalists of St. Petersburg. Assigned Nominations: Best Screenplay, Best Film, Best Short Drama, Best Short Comedy, Best Animation.
7. **Nadezhda Olina (In-person)** – Makeup and Hair Artist, Body Painter. World Champion in Body Painting (OMC Hairworld 2018), winner of 2023 IBI Awards. Assigned Nominations: Best Cinematographer, Best Visual Effects.
8. **Veronica Lemle (Online)** – Fashion Producer, Stylist. Works with Harper's Bazaar, L'Officiel, and Cosmopolitan. Assigned Nominations: Best Cinematographer, Best Costume Design.
9. **Ella Ayberk (In-person)** – Actress. Known for roles in "The Americans" and "MacGruber." Advocate for mental health awareness. Assigned Nominations: Best Actor, Best Actress.
10. **Aleksei Manson (In-person)** – Cinematographer, Director. Studied at Lodz Film School, worked on feature films and TV series. Assigned Nominations: Best Cinematographer, Best Operator.
11. **Illia Suntsov (Online)** – Video Editor, Photographer. Over 10 years of experience in multi-media production. Assigned Nominations: Best Editing, Best Cinematographer.
12. **Valentyn Grosu (In-person)** – Creative Director, Music Video Director. Directed Eurovision performance for Belarus (2016) and music videos for artists like Vera Brezhneva. Winner of Zhara Music Awards 2021. Assigned Nominations: Best Music Video, Best Director, Best Cinematographer.

Assignment of Nominations:

Prior to evaluations, the Head of the Organizing Committee, Oxana Nechaeva, assigns each award category to specific jury members based on their expertise, as documented above. Assignments may be adjusted with prior notice to ensure impartiality and alignment with the festival's mission. All assignments are finalized and shall be distributed to jury members by May 20, 2025.