



Jean Loup Passek Award Submissions deadline April 19

The **Jean Loup Passek Award**, promoted by **MDOC – Melgaço Internacional Documentary Festival** is accepting submissions until April 19, 2021. It is open to film documentaries produced in any country and of any length that reflect the festival's usual themes: **identity, memory** and **border**. The Jean Loup Passek Award is part of **MDOC – Melgaço International Documentary Festival**, which will take place from 02 to 08 august, 2021.

All submitted films will be reviewed by the **Jean Loup Passek Award Jury**, which in this edition is composed by directors **Julia Kushnarenko, Susana de Sousa Dias, Alessandro Negrini** and **Alfonso Palazón Meseguer** and film professor and programmer **Jane Pinheiro**.

Selected documentaries will be shown and the winners to be announced during the MDOC festival. The winner in the feature-length category will be awarded a prize of 3.000 Euros, best short film will receive 1.500 Euros and the best Portuguese documentary will win the national prize worth 1.000 Euros.

In addition to the Jean Loup Passek Award, all competing film will automatically be in running for the **D. Quixote Prize**, promoted by the International Federation of Film Clubs with their own jury.

In this edition of the festival, for the first time, the Jean Loup Passek Award will open submissions for **best film poster**. The prize will be attributed to an original poster created for a documentary, animation or fiction film, of short, medium or feature-length, with Portuguese or Galician production. The competition is open to designers and all posters must promote films finished after January 1, 2018. Poster submission deadline is April 30, 2021.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the MDOC festival had no choice but to cancel the 2020 edition. All films that have already been submitted for the 2020 edition are automatically registered and will therefore be considered in the selection process for the 2021 edition.

The **Jean Loup Passek Award** is named after the French writer and film critic who chose Melgaço as a second home and donated his estate to the municipality. The **MDOC festival** is an initiative of the Melgaço municipality in partnership with AO NORTE – Audiovisual Production and Animation association, which aims to promote and divulge ethnographic and social cinema, reflecting on identity, memory and border.

All information about the award and application process at www.mdocfestival.pt

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