



Melgaço International Documentary Festival presents its full program

The official presentation of **MDOC** Melgaço International Documentary Festival will take place next Tuesday, July 20, 11:00h, at Espaço MIRA, with the disclosure of the festival's complete program. The seventh edition of the Festival will run between 02 and 08 of August, and this year the **Jean Loup Passek Award** has 31 documentaries in competition: 19 feature-length films and 12 short and medium-length films, in which nine of the selected documentaries are also competing in the category of best Portuguese documentary. All films are also in the running for the **D. Quixote Prize**, awarded by the FICC – International Federation of Film Societies.

MDOC will introduce for the first time in 2021 a **competition of film posters**, generated in Portugal or Galicia, with a production date post January 01, 2018.

In addition to the Jean Loup Passek Award, the program includes the **Off Screen** Summer course, **Frontal Shot** Cinematographic and Photographic residencies, exhibitions, film presentations and debates with various national and international filmmakers. It should be noted that during the week the summer workshop **WORK** will also take place, tutored by director Pedro Costa, which results from a collaboration with La Plantación – Encuentros e Conocimiento. MDOC will occur with most activities in person, respecting all DGS rules in the process.

The **MDOC** presentation will be guaranteed by Carlos Eduardo Viana, festival director, Manoel Batista, president of the Melgaço Town Hall, José da Silva Ribeiro, coordinator of Off Screen summer course, Patrícia Nogueira, Kino Meeting coordinator, João Gigante, author of the photographic project *To be and To Return*, Bernard Despomadères, curator of the exhibition *The Image Enabler of the Centre Pompidou*; and Daniel Maciel, coordinator of the **Traditional Architecture** event and responsible for the Photo memory of the **Who Are We Here** project.

Regarding this last project in particular and similarly to previous years, a team from AO NORTE, the festival's organizer, has produced a detailed study about the people of Melgaço, focusing each year on a different area of the municipality's territory. Project Who Are We Here, coordinated by Álvaro Domingues and produced by Rui Ramos, has the collaboration of Albertino Gonçalves, anthropologist Daniel Maciel, photographer João Gigante, and an audiovisual team consisting of Carlos Eduardo Viana, Miguel Arieira and Daniel Deira. In this edition of the festival, it will be time to discover the results of the work produced in the parishes of Castro Laboreiro and Lamas de Mouro. The project also features work undertaken by director Tânia Dinis.

In this seventh edition, MDOC will join the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the **Brandeiro Day**, a party that celebrates transhumance and is a tribute to the builders of the agro-pastoral community of Branda da Aveleira. The program includes the projection of a documentary, a debate on popular architecture with the participation of the architects António Menéres and Fernando Cerqueira Barros, the geographer Álvaro Domingues and José Rodrigues Lima, the main driver of this celebration, a visit to Branda da Aveleira and the opening of two exhibitions by photographer Luís Miguel Portela.

MDOC Melgaço International Documentary Festival is organized by AO NORTE – Audiovisual Production and Animation Association, in partnership with the Municipality of Melgaço. Since 2014, the festival intends to promote and disseminate ethnographic and social cinema, reflect on identity, memory and borders and contribute to an audiovisual archive about the region.

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