

# European Union Film Festival 2017 **"European Adventures"**

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Venue: QFX, Kumari, Hall 1

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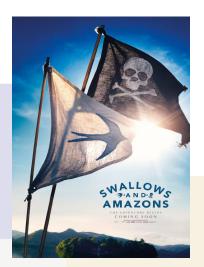
# SATURDAY, 20th May



UK "Swallows And Amazons" at 11:00 am

Title: Swallows and Amazons Genre: Adventure, Drama, Family Production year: 2016 Country: UK Runtime: 1 h 37 min Director: Philippa Lowthorpe Writers: Andrea Gibb, Arthur Ransome (based on the book by) Cast: Kelly Macdonald, Andrew Scott, Rafe Spall

**SYNOPSIS:** Four children (the Swallows) on holiday in the Lake District sail on their own to an island and start a war with rival children (the Amazons). In the meantime, a mysterious man on a houseboat accuses them of a crime they did not commit.





Czech Republic "To See The Sea" at 1:30 pm

Title: To See The Sea Original Title: Pojedeme k mori Genre: Comedy, Drama, Family Directed by: Jirí Mádl Writer: Jirí Mádl Runtime: 1 h 30 min Production Year: 2014 Sub Titles: English Cast: Petr Simcák, Jan Marsál, Ondrej Vetchý

**SYNOPSIS:** Tomas (12) gets a camera and begins making a film about his family. His enigmatic father (Ondrej Vetchý) works from home. By hiding a camera in his office, Tomas discovers that on Tuesdays and Thursdays his father leaves the house. When confronted with that fact, he denies it. On the pursuit of the great family secret Tomas reveals the hidden side of Haris, his best friend, who starts using a camera as the only way to get his mum and brother away from the hell of his violent father. Courage and profound friendship lead Tomas and Haris to the final revelation and an unpredictable conclusion. The whole film is shot and edited as if by a twelve-yearold boy. This technique allows us to perceive the world through the eyes of a child.





Title: A Coffee in Berlin Original Title: Oh Boy Genre: Comedy, drama Production Year: 2012 Directed by: Jan Ole Gerster Writer: Jan Ole Gerster Runtime: 1 h 26 min Subtitles: English Cast: Tom Schilling, Katharina Schüttler, Justus von Dohnányi

**SYNOPSIS:** An aimless university dropout attempts to make sense of life as he spends one fateful day wandering the streets of Berlin.



Denmark "A Second Chance" at 5:30 pm

Title: A Second Chance Genre: Drama, thriller Original title: En chance til Production year: 2014 Country: Denmark Runtime: 1 h 42 min Director: Susanne Bier Script Writer: Anders Thomas Jensen Cast: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Ulrich Thomsen

SYNOPSIS: Detectives and best friends Andreas and Simon lead vastly different lives; Andreas has settled down with his beautiful wife and son; while Simon, recently divorced, spends most of his waking hours getting drunk at the local strip club. But all that changes when the two of them are called out to a domestic dispute between a junkie couple, caught in a vicious cycle of violence and drugs. It all looks very routine until Andreas finds the couple's infant son, crying in a closet. The usually collected policeman finds himself confronted with his own powerlessness and is shaken to his core. As Andreas slowly loses his grip on justice, it suddenly becomes up to the unruly Simon to restore the balance between right and wrong. "A Second Chance" is a shocking, moving and thrilling drama about real people forced into incredible circumstances.



#### SUNDA<mark>Y, 2</mark>1st May

Austria **"The Dreamed Ones"** at 11:00 am

Title: The Dreamed Ones Original Title: Die Geträumten Genre: Documentary Production year: 2016 Country: Austria Runtime: 1h 29 min Director: Ruth Bekckermann Writers: Ingeborg Bachmann, Paul Celan Cast : Anja Plaschg, Laurence Rupp

**SYNOPSIS:** Mid-20th-century European poets Paul Celan and Ingeborg Bachmann carried on a decades-long correspondence in the postwar years, even though he was a Romanian Jew who lost his parents in the Holocaust and she was an Austrian whose father was a Nazi; true story. Apparently it was quite the romance, even though they were hardly ever in the same city at the same time. In this odd hybrid of documentary, performance-art piece, and fictional narrative, director Ruth Beckermann places cameras in front of actors doing dramatic readings of Celan and Bachmann's letters to each other, and keeps the cameras rolling when the actors take breaks.



Germany **"Bornholmer Straße"** at 1:30 pm

Title: Bornholmer Strasse Genre: Comedy, Drama Production year: 2014 Country: Germany Runtime: 1 h 28 min Writer: Gerard Haase- Hindenberg (book), Heide Schwochow Director: Christian Schwochow Cast : Charly Hübner, Milan Peschel, Ulrich Matthes

**SYNOPSIS:** A comic look at the fall of the Berlin Wall in November of 1989, told from the point of view of the German border guards at the checkpoint where it all started.





Cyprus "Committed" at 3:30 pm

Title: Committed Original Title: Eine Braut zum Verlieben Genre: Comedy, Romance Production year: 2014 Country: Cyprus Runtime: 1 h 30 min Director: Stelana Kliris Writers: Stelana Kliris Cast: Melia Kreiling, Orestes Sophocleous, Dimitris Xystras

**SYNOPSIS:** A chance meeting between a man being pressured to propose to his girlfriend and a runaway bride.

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Spain "El Rayo" at 5:30 pm

Title in English : Hassan's Way Original Title: El Rayo Genre: Adventure, Biography, Drama Production year: 2013 Country: Spain Runtime: 1 h 26 min Director: Fran Araújo, Ernesto de Nova Writer: Fran Araújo, Ernesto de Nova Cast: Hassan Benoudra

**SYNOPSIS:** After thirteen years in Spain, Hassan is jobless and decides to go back home to Morocco. He invests all his savings in a second hand tractor to earn a living in his country and takes on to the road. At the end of the road awaits his family and a new life in his village. A real journey played by a real man who travels, town to town, meeting with unforgettable characters and overcoming obstacles making this journey a real odyssey.





### MONDAY, 22nd May

#### Luxembourg "Schatzritter" at 11:00 am

Latvia **"Dream Team 1935"** at 1:30 pm

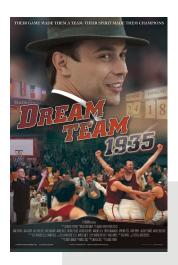
Title in English: Treasure knights Original Title: Schatzritter Genre: Adventure, Family Production year: 2012 Country: Luxembourg Runtime: 1 h 33 min Director: Laura Schroeder Writers: Stefan Schaller (screenplay), Martin Dolejs (screenplay) Cast : Anton Glas, Lana Welter, Thierry Koob

**SYNOPSIS:** Three children looking for a treasure. Since the mysterious death of his mother, Jeff (Anton Glas) lives alone with his father at a campground near an eerie castle. Outside the holiday season the eleven-year-old feels very lonely in the deserted area. Only when his best friends Julia (Lana Welter) and Leo (Thierry Koob) arrive at the campsite, the boy lives up. The three are a committed team and have already experienced a lot of adventure together. An ancient legend about a mermaid draws the three into their spell. When Jeff was small, he heard of his mother's story, that the mermaid Melusina was once betrayed and since then has disappeared together with her treasure. Only if a brave knight succeeds in finding the treasure can the curse be broken. Impudent from the story, Jeff and his friends are looking for the lost treasure.



Title in English: Dream Team 1935 Original Title: Sapnu komanda Genre: Comedy. Drama, History Production year: 2012 Country: Latvia Runtime: 2 h Director: Aigars Grauba Writers: Andrejs Ekis, Aigars Grauba Cast : Janis Amanis, Inga Alsina, Vilis Daudzins

**SYNOPSIS:** A story about the Latvian basketball team, which won the first-ever European Championships in 1935 and its enthusiastic head coach Valdemars Baumanis.





France "Belle et Sébastien" at 3:30 pm Finland "Big Game" at 5:30 pm

Title: Belle und Sebastian Original Title: Belle et Sébastien Production year: 2013 Country: France Runtime: 1h 44 min Director: Nicolas Vanier Writers: Juliette Sales (screenplay), Fabien Auarez (screenplay) Cast: Félix Bossuet, Tchéky, Karyo, Margaux Chatelier

**SYNOPSIS:** Mountain-based adventures of a young boy and his dog in a small village in the southern Alps.

Title in English: Big Game Genre: Action, Adventure Production year: 2014 Country: Finland Runtime: 1 h 30 min Director: Jalma Helander Writer: Jalmari Helander (screenplay), Jalmari Helander (based on the original story by) Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Onni Tommila, Ray Stevenson

**SYNOPSIS:** A young teenager camping in the woods helps rescue the President of the United States when AirForce One is shot down near his campsite.





# TUESDA<mark>Y, 2</mark>3rd May



Switzerland "Little Mountain Boy" at 11:00 am



Denmark "Warriors from the North" at 1:30 pm

Title: Little Mountain Boy Original Title: Schellen-Ursli Genre: Adventure, Family Production year: 2014 Country: Switzerland Runtime: 1 h 40 min Director: Xavier Koller Writers: Stefan Jäger, Xavier Koller Cast : Jonas Hartmann, Peter Jecklin, Julia Jeker

**SYNOPSIS:** A boy must brave deep winter snow to obtain an important family keepsake. Before he can even start this difficult journey he must first help his family survive financial ruin, rescue his beloved pet goat, and with his best friend, outwit a bratty bully who seems out to get him at every turn. Will he make it back to the village in time to celebrate the end-of-winter holiday of Chalandamarz?

Title in English : Warriors from the North Original Title: Krigerne fra nord Genre: Documentary, History, News Production year: 2015 Country: Denmark Runtime: 58 min Directors: Nasib Farah, Soeren Steen Jespersen Writer: Soeren Steen Jespersen (story)

**SYNOPSIS:** Warriors from the North is about young Somali-Scandinavian men, who leave their comfortable everyday life in Scandinavia to become fighters - even suicide bombers, in Somalia - one of the most dangerous and impoverished places in the world.







France "Dheepan" at 3:30 pm

Title: Dheepan Genre: Crime, Drama Production year : 2015 Country: France Runtime: 1 h 55 min Director: Jacques Audiard Writers: Jacques Audiard (dialogue), Jacques Audiard (screenplay) Cast : Jesuthasan Antonythasan, Kalieaswari Srinivasan, Claudine, Vinasithamby

**SYNOPSIS:** Dheepan is a Sri Lankan Tamil warrior who flees to France and ends up working as a caretaker outside Paris.

Slovenia "Comedy of Tears" at 5:30 pm

Title : Comedy of Tears Genre: Drama Production year: 2015 Country: Slovak Republic Runtime: 1h 16 min Director: Marko Sosic Writer: Marko Sosic Cast: Katerina Antler, Ivo Barisic, Tina Gunzek

**SYNOPSIS:** Albert is an elderly man, a cynic, a choleric, and a racist. He lives in a wheelchair in a spacious flat in Trieste surrounded with his solitude of obsessive memory fragments. Ida, an educated middle-aged lady, who arrives from Istria to Albert's place twice a week to clean up, cook for him and to bathe him, is the only company he gets.











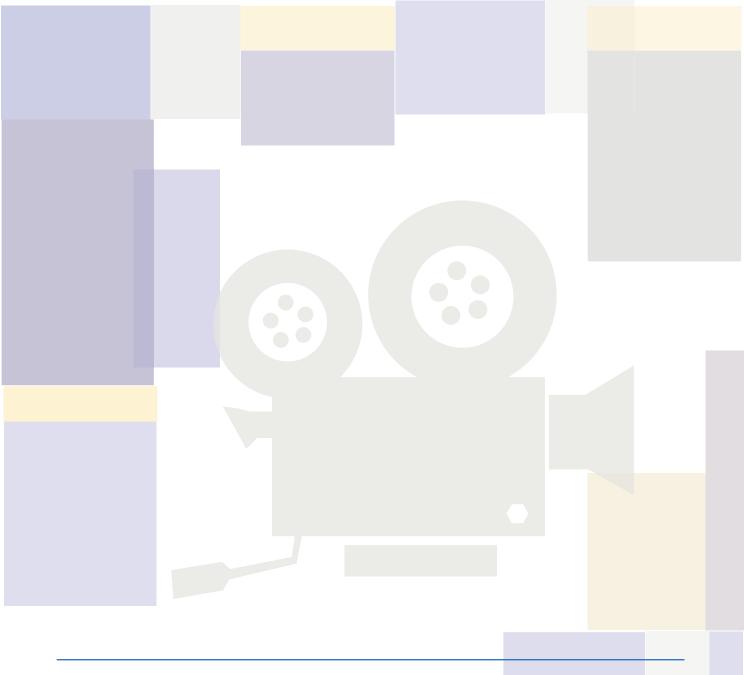












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