

To local residents

Subject: 17th edition of the West Beach (Film) Festival at the Slotterplas

Amsterdam, 11 September 2020

Dear resident,

As your temporary friendly neighbours, we'd like to remind you that the West Beach (Film) Festival will take place from Thursday 17 to Monday 21 September 2020.

We have given the event careful thought in view of the unusual times we're living in. We believe that with your help, we can guarantee the safety of you, our guests, and our crew and programme makers. We'll make every effort to maintain social distancing, and would ask you to use your common sense and be considerate of others.

In addition to safety considerations, we believe that now, more than ever, people need to connect with others after being inside for months, avoiding contact, and keeping their distance from strangers. We believe we have an important role to play in this respect.

We hope that you will use this event to spend time with your fellow residents, enjoy films, music, snacks, and drinks, and feel close to one another but at a safe distance. And we hope you'll look one another in the eye, say hello, and talk about how funny you found the movie, whether you like the food, the best way of making a fire back in the good old days and what your neighbours' tastes are.

This year, more than ever, we've done our best to produce a fully-fledged programme. But we made a last-minute decision to hold a shortened edition because some of the events did not fit in with anti-Covid measures. So we went back to basics. We'll excite and entertain you with five evenings of film and various supporting programmes such as music, circus acts, and an inspiring conversation about the future.

This letter tells you more about what the festival will mean to you as a resident, and we also enclose the programme.

We hope you'll come and enjoy the event with us – we're looking forward to it just like we do every year!

Practical information

The festival site is at the Bastion on the Slotterstrand beach near the Duikelaar watersports centre. It opens from 7 p.m. from Thursday to Monday and closes around midnight every evening. On Sunday, however, the site opens earlier at 1 p.m. This year, the films will be shown outdoors, but we'll provide ponchos if it rains.

As always, the festival is free because we believe people should be able to come whatever their means. But of course it costs money to run, and even though we're generously supported by charitable funds and the municipality, we do ask you to become a friend of the West Beach (Film) Festival if you can afford it and you like us. Please donate whatever you can manage, and we'll continue to remind our sponsors that lots of people want to see us come every year.

OerVoer will provide a bar on the festival grounds, and snacks are available. Please do not bring your own food and drinks.

Young people under 16 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

There's limited parking space nearby, so we advise that you walk, cycle, or use public transport. The beach is a 5-minute walk from the tram 7 terminus, and tram 13 and bus 69 serve the Roëllstraat stop nearby.

Practical matters for you as a local resident

There is a chance of some noise nuisance from the sound system, and there will also be an influx of visitors, though this year's festival has a maximum capacity of about 250. We will ensure that social distancing is maintained, and group you with your family and friends in our seating arrangements.

We want a festival that's fun for everyone, and will aim to minimize the disruption to neighbours. If you do have any comments or complaints, please let us know during the festival opening hours by calling me on 06-5494 4321, or drop by for a cup of coffee.

Kind regards,

Roelof Fruithof
West Beach (Film) Festival/Outdoor Cinema

West Beach (Film) Festival is made possible by:

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West Beach (Film) Festival: 2020 programme

Thursday 17 to Monday 21 September

Thursday, September 17

Your neighbour's culture: CHINA

<https://www.facebook.com/events/4856105904415470/>

7 pm: Festival site opens + snacks & drinks by OerVoer

8 pm:

- Opening speech by Ronald Mauer – Amsterdam Nieuw-West district committee member

- Music: Gya - Chinese girl power

8.30pm - FEI CHI REN SHENG (PEGASUS), Han Han (China, 2019). Comedy film that topped the charts in China. English subtitles.

Friday, September 18

West Beach invites: MELTING POT

<https://www.facebook.com/events/286457192654418/>

7 pm. Festival site open + snacks & drinks by OerVoer

8 pm, spoken word by:

- Rihab el Majdoubi (Chicken 10)

- Zakaria Mansouri Guemili

- Nour el Bouch

8.30 pm - LA VACHE, Mohamed Hamidi (Algeria/France, 2016). Friendship - Persistence - Adventure. English subtitles.

Saturday, September 19

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT

<https://www.facebook.com/events/921799501639480/>

From 7 pm - Festival site open + snacks & drinks by OerVoer

7 pm - Music: Baragan - pop folk

8 pm - Circus show by kids from the neighborhood (Olympia Circus)

8.30 pm - DUMBO, Tim Burton (USA, 2019). Dubbed in Dutch; English subtitles.

Sunday September 20

THAT'S ANOTHER WAY OF HANDLING IT...

<https://www.facebook.com/events/612526753032338/>

From 1 pm - Find the artist within you with Luis: Utopia (in collaboration with Luis Croes)

From 7 pm - Festival site open + snacks & drinks by OerVoer

7 pm - Music: Le Cointre-De Bie - cellist & jazz pianist

8 pm - Conversation about the future in collaboration with moderator Climate Cleanup

8.30 pm - 2040 (in collaboration with Climate Cleanup). Documentary that (hopefully) encourages you to think about a different, better, more sustainable future. English with Dutch subtitles.

Monday September 21

BLOCKBUSTER MONDAY

<https://www.facebook.com/events/911339326015687/>

From 7.00 pm - Festival site open + snacks & drinks by OerVoer

8 pm - Short film by Filmacademie Bachelor Programme member 2019

8.30pm - PARASITE (Gisaengchung), Bong Joon Ho (Korea, 2019). The brilliant black comedy about inequality that won the Palme d'Or at Cannes last year. Korean with Dutch subtitles.

Check our Facebook page for more programme details:

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