

Amsterdam, 10 September 2021

To the residents near the West Beach (Film) Festival

Concerning: 18<sup>th</sup> edition **West Beach (Film) Festival** by  
Sloterplas, 16 through 26 September 2021

Dear neighbour,

It's been a strange year – a year and a half, even. A period in which nothing could be taken for granted. A period in which we may have felt less connected with each other, with our neighbours and society as a whole. This is why we are especially pleased to announce this year's West Beach (Film) Festival! A magnificent block party at which interconnectedness takes centre stage. We want to invite everyone for a casual visit, to enjoy a snack or drink, music or a film. And most importantly, to experience one another again. To share in good times with your neighbour.

It's going to be epic! We have put together a beautiful film programme for you. With a different theme every day that touches upon more than film alone. There will be something for everyone. For example, 'De Piraten van Hiernaast' [The Pirates Next Door] on Kids' Night, the last Syrian comedy made in Syria before the situation made it impossible, a blockbuster of your choice, an Argentinian comedy and so on. See the full programme below.

Last year, we wanted to offer a broader programme in addition to the films, but unfortunately the corona virus had other plans for us. Luckily, things are different this time around. Although the virus hasn't left the stage just yet, we do have more freedom to work with. There will be many nights with live music. Every evening, we will have a neighbourhood chef showing off their native cuisine. Schools in the neighbourhood did a project about sustainability with a gorgeous result that will grace our décor. We will also be showing videos clips of the project in the making on the silver screen. Our neighbour Luis will be stimulating your kids' creativity on the weekends. We've got an actual children's restaurant, where kids will be doing the cooking and serving their parents their meals. Refugees with a background in film will be showing films they worked on since their arrival in the Netherlands. Kids from Gen Z are welcome to join all kinds of workshops to learn about filmmaking, and they've drawn up their own programming for one night. Our friends from CreAmClub will be joining us once again with a classic and will also be showcasing a stunning new art project. The list goes on. Why don't you drop by and experience it all for yourself? We'll make sure the fire barrels are burning so you and your neighbours can have nice, toasty chat.

We hope to offer you a moment of connection with your extended neighbours. Watching a film together, listening to some music, enjoying a snack and a drink and rekindling that sense of togetherness, all the while keeping a safe distance. Look each other in the eyes; greet one another and talk about that wacky film you just saw or what you do or don't like about the food; how you used to make fire back in the day, or why you'd love to know more about your neighbour's sense of style.

This letter will tell you all about what the festival will mean for you as a resident. And you'll find the programme of West Beach (Film) Festival 2021 attached.

Like every year, we are looking forward to it and hope to see you there!

### **Practical information**

The festival grounds will be at Bastion by Slotterstrand near De Duikelaar harbour. The festival opens at 17.00 on Mondays through Fridays and at 13.00 on Saturdays and Sundays. The party lasts until midnight every day. Depending on the weather forecast, the film of the evening will be shown in the open air or inside the tent. There will be ponchos!

As always, the entire festival is *free for all*. We believe that everyone should be able to visit as often as they like. Of course, organising this festival hasn't been free. Although we are sponsored very generously by our sponsors and the municipality, we want to ask you all, if you can, and like what we do, to donate via our pay-as-you-like system on the website and at the festival itself. Your donations show the sponsors and municipality that a lot of people would love to see us return each year.

Hotel Buiten, OerVoer and various neighbourhood chefs will be operating the festival bar this year and provide delicious catering. Please leave your food and drinks at home!

Young people under the age of 16 are welcome under adult supervision.

During the festival we will respect the corona measures currently in place. This means keeping a 1.5-metre social distance and seating the adults. Children under the age of 16 can run around freely.

There is little parking space in the area. We recommend you to come on foot, by bicycle or public transport. The beach is a 5-minute walk from the final stop of tram 7. The Roëllstraat, serviced by tram 13 and bus 69, is also close by.

### **Practicalities for you as a neighbourhood resident**

During the opening hours of the festival, you may be able to hear our sound system. In addition, you will probably notice the arrival of our audience. This year's festival has a maximum capacity of 350 visitors. The organisation will enforce the capacity and we will seat visitors per household. We want the festival to be fun for everyone and aim to prevent nuisance to the neighbourhood as much as possible. If you have any comments or complaints, please let us know during the festival's opening hours. You can reach us by telephone: 06-54944321 (Roelof Fruithof) or drop by for a cup of coffee.

Best regards,

Roelof Fruithof  
West Beach (Film) Festival / Outdoor Cinema  
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## West Beach (Film) Festival 2021 Programme

Thursday 16 through Sunday 26 September

<p><i>Thursday 16</i> Theme: unofficial opening with stage building party Food by neighbourhood chef Cascoland Music: DJ PatRock &amp; friends Opening neighbourhood tower Music: Amsterdam Swamp Pre-film: Hitte &amp; Giraffe (NL) Main film: T.B.A.</p>	<p><i>Friday 17</i> Programmed by Generation Z (with OxvilleCinema) Food by Elizabeth (Turkish) Music: DJ PatRock &amp; friends Official kick-off by alderman Pre-film: Meisjesjongensmix (NL, 2020) Main film: Jumanji: The Next level (US, 2019)</p>
<p><i>Saturday 18</i> Theme: Kids Food by Elizabeth (Turkish) Music: DJ Akif Kids' activities with Luis Music: The Rudies Presentation: Spring High and Het 4e Gymnasium with Planet in action. Main film: De Piraten van Hiernaast (NL, 2020)</p>	<p><i>Sunday 19</i> Theme: Another way to deal with it   Loneliness and connection Food by Elizabeth (Turkish) Kids Hangout Kids' workshop: Making a Herbarium of Slotterplas plants with Yannis (BWP Noorderhof) Music: Fee + band Experience act 'AAI MIJ' Pre-film: Amsterdam Touch Remote (Dance and film) Viewing: videoclip Fee Main film: The Lobster (GR/UK, 2015)</p>

<p><i>Monday 20</i>  Theme: Blockbuster Monday  Food by Krishna (dumplings)  Music: Jur the Fresh  Pre-film: The Walking Fish (NL, 2018)  Main film: Jojo Rabbit (US, 2019) – online poll audience pick</p>	<p><i>Tuesday 21</i>  Theme: Your neighbour's culture: Syria (with Buddy FilmFoundation)  Food by Josta (Surinam)  Music: DJ PatRock  Music: WASIM  Pre-film: Buddy Shorts  Main film: Al Hodoud (SY, 1984)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday 22</i>  Theme: LGBTQI+ (with Pink Nieuw-West &amp; Oxville Cinema)  Food by Josta (Surinam)  Music: Genderbend  Pre-film: Midnight Frontier (NL, 2019)  Main film: The Garden Left Behind (US/BR, 2019)</p>	<p><i>Thursday 23</i>  Theme: Your neighbourhood architecture: Construction and Transformation in Nieuw-West (with CreAmClub &amp; Van Eesteren Museum)  Food by Josta (Surinam)  Van Eesteren Museum visit + neighbourhood tour  Music: Merel van den Berg  Workshop with Theo Haring's 'Transforms'  Poetry: Gökhan Aksoy  Pre-film: Goed Wonen  Main film intro by Ad  Main film: Playtime (FR, 1967)</p>
<p><i>Friday 24</i>  Theme: Your neighbour's culture: Ghana (with OxvilleCinema &amp; Africadelic)  Food by Hajinder (Indian)  Music: DJ Patrock &amp; friends  Pre-film: The Fisherman (GH, 2018)  Main film: Away Bus (GH, 2019)  Silent disco</p>	<p><i>Saturday 25</i>  Theme: Streetwise (with Meervaart) - CANCELLED</p>
<p><i>Sunday 26</i>  Theme: Your neighbour's culture: Argentina (with Ciësta)  Food by Hajinder (Indian)  Kids' restaurant: Making street food  Music: Gotas Soleadas  Poetry: Gökhan Aksoy  Pre-film: Ovum (AR, 2017)  Main film: El Robo del Siglo (AR, 2020)</p>	<p><i>Note: All films are subtitled in Dutch.</i></p>

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