

FIND A FILM!

Spring Academy with Radu Jude

Following the invitation of Radu Jude as guest of honor of “L’Immagine e la parola” (11-12 March 2023), Locarno will be again the venue for a cinema workshop: ten young filmmakers, chosen through an international call, will produce their own short films, starting from a reflection on the activation of the role of the spectator within the cinematographic work.

In its third edition, the Spring Academy - a workshop with a strong focus on practice - marks the consolidation of the collaboration between the Locarno Film Festival and CISA (International Academy of Audiovisual Sciences), in collaboration with the Ticino Film Commission and thanks to the support of RSI, XXX and Hotel Du Lac.

After the successes of the workshops held by Béla Tarr and Michelangelo Frammartino, Locarno renews its commitment to training new talents with a ten day workshop led by Radu Jude, the Romanian director who won the Golden Bear at the Berlinale 2021. "Find a Film!" - the title of the workshop, will start during the days of the event “L’immagine e la parola” - will be an opportunity to expose ~~put~~ ten filmmakers from all over the world to the Canton Ticino, exploring the archival images of The Swiss Italian Radio (which is also the regional television network) and going to interrogate some of the clichés of Switzerland to deconstruct them through montage films.

The selected young filmmakers will be able to make their short films in a theoretical and practical workshop, where an idea will be developed from some materials selected within the RSI archive through days of editing and post production. The ten short films will be shown at the 76th edition of the Locarno Film Festival (2-12 August 2023).

Radu Jude is a Romanian director and screenwriter, who works with documents about the repressed history of his country. His shorts and feature films have been selected and awarded in several prestigious international festivals. In 2016 he won the Special Jury Prize at the Locarno Film Festival with “Scarred Hearts”. “Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn” (2021), his most recent feature film, received the Golden Bear at the Berlinale and has been sold in more than 20 countries.

The workshop will be held in English.

Invited to send their application are:

- young directors (with a maximum age of 35) who attended or are attending a film school and/or have an advanced training in filmmaking;
- have made at least one short film, presented in public;
- have a good knowledge of English;
- are available to attend the entire duration of the workshop on site.

REGISTRATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Application

[Send your electronic application here.](#)

We will need:

- a) Portfolio / CV in pdf format
- b) Digital photo (portrait)
- c) Motivation letter (max 2,000 characters) in pdf format

Registration deadline: Friday 13 January 2023 (12:00 CET).

Enrolment fees:

CHF 10 (non-refundable fee)

2. Selection

The selection process will end on January 23, 2023. By that date, all members will receive an e-mail communication with the outcome of the selection (whether positive or negative).

3. Confirmation

The selected candidates must confirm their participation within the deadlines indicated in the communication. By confirming, they agree to pay the participation fee by January 31, 2023.

The organizers reserve the right to replace the selected profiles who will not confirm their participation or who will not pay the participation fee within the established terms.

4. Participation fee

The participation fee of 1,500.00 CHF (Swiss francs) includes:

- workshop with the tutoring of Radu Jude, from 10 to 19 March (included);
- delivery of filming equipment and logistical support by CISA;
- consultancy by the Ticino Film Commission;
- overnight stay in a double room shared with another participant (separate beds, breakfast and city tax included) from 10 March (check-in) to 20 March (check-out);

- lunches and dinners from 11 to 19 March (20 will be the day of departures);
- accreditation for the 75th Locarno Film Festival (2 - 12 August 2023)
- overnight stay for 10 nights, from 2 to 12 August 2023 at the BaseCamp of the Festival (8-bed dormitory - shared bathrooms)

The participation fee does not include:

- costs and travel arrangements to and from Locarno;
- drinks, alcohol and other extras not included in the proposed menus (lunch and dinner)

For further questions or information write to workshop@locarnofestival.ch