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**GAZIANTEP INTERNATIONAL ZEUGMA FILM FESTIVAL**  
(22-27 December 2015)

International Zeugma Film Festival will be held in Gaziantep between December 22 and December 27, 2015. International Zeugma Film Festival brings the highest quality national and international movies of the last year together yet again. The festival, which comes to the fore with the quality and diversity of its selection of movies, presents the cinema lovers with a full week of approximately 100 film screenings and the opportunity to get acquainted with some master directors who will personally participate in several conversations.

**Opening Ceremony of the Festival**

The opening ceremony of the festival will take place in Atatürk Kùltür Merkezi (Ataturk Convention Center) of Gaziantep University at 6:30 pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. “Lifetime Achievement Awards” that are presented to the people who have made significant contributions to Turkish cinema will be granted this year to Şerif Sezer, Eşref Kolçak, Çetin Tunca and Hüseyin Kuzu. “Haneen Choir of Syrian Women,” singing the songs of peace and life in solidarity, will also be a part of the event with a short concert.

**14<sup>th</sup> Filmekimi with its unique selection of movies and thanks to the collaboration of IKSŞ and Kirkayak Kùltür will be in Gaziantep.**

Filmekimi and its unique selection of movies, put together by IKSŞ (Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts) will have the chance to meet the audience in Gaziantep during the festival. Filmekimi also takes the responsibility to organize the international section of the festival. The screenings of the 14<sup>th</sup> Filmekimi will be in parallel with the festival program.

12 foreign feature films, which are sponsored by Institut Français in Turkey and IKSŞ, will be waiting for the cinema lovers in Gaziantep. In addition to the international program, 11 national feature films will also meet Gaziantepians, with the presence of their directors, actors and actresses.

### **Documentaries**

The “Documentaries” section of the festival comprises 16 different films of both national and international origin, and on variety of topics. Most of the documentaries will be screened in Gaziantep for the first time, and these premieres take place with the participation of the directors.

### **Short Films**

In this particular section, more than 50 short films will be screened. Among the films, there are special selections of the students in Gaziantep University’s Department of Cinema and Television, entitled “Birşeyler Birşeyler Olur Okulu” (“The School of ‘And Something Happens and Then Something Else Happens’”), and those of Mithat Alam Film Center of Boğaziçi University, entitled “Hisar Selection of Short Films” and “Film Selection of the Films on Conscience”, and that of Antalya Film Crew of Akdeniz University.

### **Young Film Makers at the Festival**

This year, as it did the year before, Festival brings together the most original and high quality samples of the cinematic art. It has again been prepared in reliance with the motto, “Cinema is a festival”, which symbolizes the coming together of all the different colors of both the local and the universal on the white screen, meeting the audience in movie theaters.

One of the most original aspects of the Festival this year is that it includes the selection of the films shot by the students of “The School of ‘And Something Happens and Then Something Else Happens’”, an initiative of the students of the Department of Cinema and Television of Gaziantep University. The young film makers of this remarkable school, who endeavor to convey the colors of the local culture on the white screen, will be meeting the viewers with their own voices, and with their own documentaries and short films.

### **Masters and Students Come Together**

Another section of this year’s International Zeugma Film Festival will be the cinema workshops organized by the students of the Department of Cinema and Television of Gaziantep University (of their “The School of ‘Something Happens and Then Something Else Happens’”) and Kırkayak Kùltür. The legendary names of Turkish cinema will lead these workshops. Çetin Tunca will be at the helm of the Cinematography Workshop, Hüseyin Kuzu at that of Screenplay Workshop, and Süleyman Gündüz at that of Photography Workshop. Among the distinguished guests of the Festival, there are directors, actors, actresses, artists, film critics, and the members of the media such as Şerif Sezer, Eşref Kolçak, Çetin Tunca, Hüseyin Kuzu, Süleyman Gündüz, Özcan Alper, Bülent Çolak, Ahmet Sarsılmaz, Faruk Hacıhafizoğlu, Emine Emel Balcı, Kıvılcım Akay, Kibar Dağlayan Yiğit, Mehmet Ali Arslan, Selamo Ari, Kader Çetintaş, and Esra Nur. Interested parties and all the art lovers can reach the information relevant to the Festival through Kırkayak Kùltür and Gaziantep Valiliği İl Kùltür ve Turizm Müdürlüğü.

The screenings of the films within the scope of the International Zeugma Film Festival will begin on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Gaziantep Prestige Movie Theater and in the Cep Sineması (Movie Pocket Cinema) of Gaziantep University.