



72nd IFFMH: The Cutting Edge Talent Camp announces new collaboration with San Sebastian International Film Festival

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With the aim of building bridges to promote and internationalise new voices in film making, the International Film Festival Mannheim-Heidelberg's Cutting Edge Talent Camp is launching a new collaboration with the San Sebastian International Film Festival.

The new cooperation grants accreditation and accommodation for two participants of this year's IFFMH's Cutting Edge Talent Camp at next year's San Sebastian International Film Festival's new networking event Kabia. Kabia, meaning "nest" in Basque language, is a program dedicated to emerging movie talents. It was first held this year under the purpose to bring together young filmmakers in order that they may exchange ideas, share projects and have direct access to industry professionals.

Zsuzsi Bánkuti, head of the Cutting Edge Talent Camp, said: "It is a big step for us to be partnering with such a prestigious and important festival as San Sebastian. The cooperation means an award for the first time since the CETC was founded which brings more attention for the program and better international network opportunities for our talents. I'm truly grateful for the San Sebastian team for making this happen!"



v.l.n.r. Vera Paulmann, Irati Crespo, Zsuzsi Bánkuti, Salka Tiziana ©Alexander Rozmann



The awarded talents were honoured at yesterday's festive closing of this year's Cutting Edge Talent Camp in Mannheim, Germany. They were chosen by Irati Crespo, representative of San Sebastian, who attended the full length of this year's Talent Camp to meet the participants and get to know their projects and individual profiles.

The awarded talents are:

Salka Tiziana, Hamburg Academy of Fine Arts

Vera Paulmann, Atelier Ludwigsburg-Paris

Irati Crespo said: "We are pleased to welcome filmmaker Salka Tiziana and producer Vera Paulmann to the strong community of young filmmakers and film professionals that the San Sebastián Film Festival is gathering through its year-round support and development programmes. Both talents, who represent a new generation in German filmmaking, will have the opportunity to share their personal and local yet universal-themed projects with representatives of the industry in order to find the ideal persons to accompany them on their journey."

In addition to the two winners, four other talents will be chosen to receive an accreditation to visit San Sebastian and discover the festival and its program in September 2024.

The 4th Cutting Edge Talent Camp successfully ended yesterday, 19 November, in Mannheim, where 15 talents brought 12 projects to develop during the program with international experts from international film festivals like Venice, Locarno, Rotterdam, San Sebastian, sales agents representing Films Boutique, New Europe Film Sales and Hanway, representatives of international programs such as EAVE, Sarajevo Talents and Connecting Cottbus as well as producers and distributors from all over Europe.

About the Cutting Edge Talent Camp

The Cutting Edge Talent Camp is a ten day hybrid event that gives young filmmakers the opportunity to meet key representatives of the international film industry and gain insight into pitching, festival, sales, co-production and marketing strategies. The programme includes master classes, film screenings and roundtable meetings that bring together the participants and players from the industry. Festival curators, international sales agents, distributors and producers from all over the world are among the experts who will mentor the participants and offer them initial feedback on their projects. The programme is sponsored by MFG Baden-Württemberg, the Federal Commission of Culture and Media (BKM), and VG Bild-Kunst in collaboration with Mannheim Next and the Popakademie Baden-Württemberg.



About the IFFMH

With “New Film Experience” as its credo, the IFFMH has been venturing new, interdisciplinary perspectives on and through the art of film since 1952. This makes it the longest-running film festival in Germany after the Berlinale, and it continues to be a major platform for cultural, social and political dialogue. With each subsequent edition, the IFFMH, as a festival for the public in cinemas, invites festivalgoers to discover the rising stars of the international film scene as well as to follow the careers of established filmmakers and to become more familiar with film in the context of other art forms. The 72nd IFFMH will be held from 16 to 26 November 2023. The complete festival schedule will be announced on 27 October. Advance ticket sales start on 6 November.

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