**ONE WORLD FESTIVAL JUST ONE WEEK AWAY**

Press Release

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**The countdown to the International Human Rights Film Festival One World continues, with just one week left until opening night. This year's festival promises a diverse lineup that includes 96 feature-length films, 10 virtual reality experiences, as well as engaging debates with global guests and short films for children. New to the festival programme this year is the introduction of scripted, fictional films centred on human rights themes. The twenty-sixth edition of the festival is due to take place from 20 March to 21 April 2024 across 48 cities in the Czech Republic. In Prague, the festival will run from 20 to 28 March 2024. For the complete programme, be sure to visit** [**www.oneworld.cz/programme**](http://www.oneworld.cz/programme)**.**

The Prague portion of the festival will hold its VIP opening night on Tuesday, 19 March at Prague Crossroads. Central to the event will be the presentation of this year’s Homo Homini Human Rights Award, which the non-profit organisation People in Need has been handing out annually since the 1990s to individuals and groups who have been instrumental in safeguarding human rights and democracy.

This year, the honour goes to the editorial team of **Abzas Media**, one of the most prominent, independent Azerbaijani online media outlets, renowned for its coverage of political affairs, human rights issues, and corruption in local government institutions. Accepting the award at the ceremony on behalf of the whole team (which includes co-founder Ulvi Hasanli and editor-in-chief Sevinj Vagifgizi, both imprisoned by the regime) will be Leyla Mustafayeva, who remains active in exile.

The festival will open at Prague Crossroads with the film [***Terrestrial Verses***](https://www.oneworld.cz/films/53702-terrestrial-verses)by directing duo Ali Asgari and Alireza Khatami.

[**The festival’s public opening screening**](https://www.oneworld.cz/programme) **will take place on Wednesday, 20 March at Cinema Lucerna in Prague**. Audiences will have the chance to see the Oscar-winning documentary film [***20 Days in Mariupol***](https://www.oneworld.cz/films/53552-20-days-in-mariupol) by director Mstyslav Chernov, which not only takes viewers behind the scenes of war correspondence but also explores how ordinary people live out their lives in a war-torn country. The team received the Pulitzer Prize in 2023 for their groundbreaking coverage from the besieged city. In February 2024, the film took home the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Award, and a month later, it received an Oscar for Best Documentary.

**Following the screening, there will be a discussion** held with a witness from Mariupol as well as with the director of the Czech Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Nadiia Ivanova. The discussion will be moderated by René Kočík.

Tickets for the festival can be [**purchased in advance on GoOut**](https://goout.net/en/jeden-svet-2024-praha/sztkdyw/), where visitors can also find **discounted ticket packages**. There are three such packages available. The first package includes 3 tickets for 330 CZK, the second includes 5 tickets for 550 CZK, and the third includes 10 tickets + 2 film rentals on One World Online for 1100 CZK. Tickets can also be purchased at festival cinema box offices.

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

● Ticket presale begins online on Tuesday, 5 March via GoOut. Audience members can purchase tickets at the Lucerna infostand from 19 March, and at cinema box offices from 20 March. The uniform ticket price is 130 CZK per screening.
● Holders of disability cards (ZTP, ZTP/P) and audience members over the age of 65 are entitled to a 50% discount on all screenings.
● Accompanying persons of ZTP/P cardholders have free entry.
● The press centre, where we will issue press accreditations during the festival, can be found on the 1st floor of the People in Need Centre – Langhans (Vodičkova 37, Prague). It will be open from 20 to 28 March from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.
● Three infostands will be open throughout the festival – one in the Lucerna arcade, the second in the foyer of the Prague Municipal Library, and the third at the Pilotů Cinema box office. Here you can obtain all the necessary information about the festival and purchase festival merch, which is also available for purchase in the One World e-shop.
● This year, we will also be offering direct ticket sales at infostands. Audience members can purchase tickets to any cinema for any screening here. The tickets will also be printed out on the spot for your convenience.
● This year will also see the return of discounted ticket packages on GoOut. Three such packages will be on offer. The first is 3 tickets for 350 CZK, the second is 5 tickets for 550 CZK, and the third is 10 tickets + 2 film rentals on One World Online for 1100 CZK.

For more details about the festival and downloadable materials, visit [www.oneworld.cz](http://www.oneworld.cz/).
You can also play this year's festival jingle [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfZhppIAPjA).

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