

## zeitimpuls shortfilm festival

**Opening:** June 22, 2020 6p.m. at [www.zeitimpuls.at](http://www.zeitimpuls.at)

**Abschlussfest:** June 27, 2020 8p.m. **schikaneder** and 10pp.m. at [www.zeitimpuls.at](http://www.zeitimpuls.at)

### Press release short

From the 22nd-27th of June 165 short films from 5 continents will be presented within the framework of **zeitimpuls** shortfilm at <http://www.zeitimpuls.at>. The topics range from digitalization and science fiction to current social challenges such as the climate crisis and will also feature the latest submissions from the worldwide lockdown. Films by young filmmakers from Vienna and its surroundings are also prominently represented in the program. Audience voting and chat rooms allow an interactive festival experience. The award ceremony will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June not only online but also in the **schikaneder** Kino in Vienna.

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zeitimpuls shortfilm - we take the audience on a journey through a world turned upside down by the virus.

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of June, the festival sends its audience on a world tour. Films from Norway to South Africa, from Australia to Argentina show a global picture of the lockdown.

In addition to the hot topic program of **Inspired by Quarantine**, programs such as **Memories Reanimated** question the forgetfulness of the media but also of ourselves. Look into the future with **Digital Artifacts**, change perspectives with filmmakers, and watch how amazing questions receive surprising answers in the **Responses** program.

The audience can look forward to five days during which they will not only be surprised, for who believes that a funeral can offer as much entertainment as **Mariachiara Mancini** shows in **Final Respect**, but also amazed, like when **Fernando Martín Borlán** in his internationally award-winning film **Iceberg Nations** evokes the transience of nations, and touched, as in the search for the essence of humanity in **Stelios Koupetori's** movie **W**.

From over 5700 short films from 165 countries, a diverse, colourful and often thought-provoking short film festival was curated, which does justice to both the current and the almost forgotten challenges of our time. The **zeitimpuls** shortfilm **special edition 2020** has created a glamorous and exciting online festival from the plight of the lockdown. On Saturday, June 27th, the closing festival will offer the opportunity to again rejoice in the joys of the cinema. Those who have made up their minds at this short notice can witness live when the winners of the **zeitimpuls** Awards 2020 are presented in the **schikaneder Kino** in the fourth district.

### What is zeitimpuls?

**zeitimpuls** shortfilm - for 12 years we have stood for social commitment in short film, for the promotion of art and culture among young people and for a non-violent, tolerant, and meaningful approach to the challenges and conflicts of democratic societies. Normally housed in the **METRO** Kinokulturhaus, this year much is different, and little is the same.

What is different is that the festival does not take place on the big screen of the cinema but on the individual screens of our audience and furthermore, that not a jury of experts but the worldwide audience decides on this year's awards.

What stays the same? As always, the free access, the high quality and variety of the movies that are shown as well as a satisfied, perhaps thoughtful audience of a cultural scene that is not silent. A cultural scene that is loud, global and colourful, and which aims to bring socio-political commitment back into focus.

In 2020 **zeitimpuls** shortfilm will again be an unforgettable experience in a class of its own!

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