

# Press Release – 5th International Short Tourism Film Festival

## 25 Countries participating

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Short Tourism Film Festival took place successfully once again on Amorgos Island - Greece from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Short Film competition is presented and organized by the Cultural Association of Tholaria – Amorgos in association with Aegialis Hotel & Spa which annually hosts as the main sponsor the International Short Tourism Film Festival in Amorgos, Greece and its invited guests.

Short film entries participated related to tourism. Submissions until 25 minutes in length were accepted.

The opening of the festival took place in the Film Club of Amorgos in Vroutsi village by Mrs. Irene Giannakopoulou, president of the Cultural Association, Mrs Ewa Kotus, director of the Film Art & Tourism Festival "FilmAT" in Poland and member of the jury and Mr Tassos Peppas, president of the Cinematographic Club.

The full program included fifty-three movies coming from 25 countries and was organized in a set of four screenings in total.

On a general appreciation, the program was very interesting. It presented documentaries, promotional spots, animations and experimental works from many talented film makers.

Three Prizes were awarded based on public and jury voting as well as three Special Jury Awards.

The members of the jury were Mrs Ewa Kotus from Poland and director of the Film Art & Tourism Festival "FilmAT" in Warsaw, Mrs Irina Arkhipova from Russia, director of the International Film Festival "GOLDEN PEAK" and Mr John Driedonks from Netherland, Senior lecturer in multimedia journalism.

On the last evening, Mrs Irene Giannakopoulou announced the winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Short Tourism Film Festival who received a unique Cycladic marble sculpture by Mr. Nikos Karpouzi.

- The **1st Prize** has been awarded to «**Definitely Dubai**» from the United Arab Emirates, directed by Babak Amini for the poetical management of the intangible cultural heritage as well as its presentation of the vibrant city of Dubai.

- The **2nd Prize** has been awarded to "**Into the cave of wonders**" from Spain, directed by Manuel Benito de Valle for its impressive visual quality and invitation to contemplate the beauty of inner nature.



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- The **3rd Prize** has been awarded to "**Crete: All the world on one island**" from Greece, directed by Theodoris Papadoulakis for its smart and humorous way of promoting Crete.

**The Special Jury awards have been attributed to:**

"**Serbia: one Journey, Million Impressions**" from Serbia, Directed by Bosco Savkovic.

"**Cieszyn Cieszyn**" from Poland, by the city of Cieszyn.

"**Altai Miracle. The good will surely happen!**" from Russia, Directed by Nikolai Makarov.

A performance from the three Russian singers Marina Vialkova, Alena Vialkova and Daria Belova, theme of the movie of Nikolai Makarov took place in Ambrosia Restaurant. A surprising and beautiful demonstration with traditional costumes, accordion & balalaika and dancing was presented..

The farewell dinner took place at Ambrosia Gallery Restaurant and Mrs Irene Giannakopoulou , who thanked warmly the invited guests for their participation.

Countries participating:

Canada, China, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Greenland, India, Indonesia, Israel & Palestinian Territories, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Scotland, Spain, South Korea, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates.



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