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## **Films from around the globe compete in first ever Walthamstow International Film Festival**

Today, E17 Films is proud to announce its shortlist of the 15 best international entries to the first ever Walthamstow International Film festival, September 5–12 in East London. Shortlisted films come from as far afield as Germany, Japan, the Czech Republic, France, Russia and Spain as well as the UK. The standard of the films was outstanding and the judging panel, including Time Out critic David Jenkins and local MP Stella Creasy, were so thrilled with the amount of animation received that a special category was created to showcase the new talent coming through.

Festival Director Paul Fletcher said: *“Short-listing the films was tough as the standards were extremely high but we are thrilled to have received entries of such high quality and are confident that people will be talking about the Film Festival in Walthamstow for all of the right reasons.”*

In 2003, Walthamstow’s famous cinema closed when it was bought by evangelical church, the UCKG. Due to the loss of this beautiful art deco cinema, the only one in the borough, the Walthamstow International Film Festival will take place in the heart of Walthamstow Village with films screened on a specially commissioned giant retro television.

The films are all 5 minutes or under, are suitable for family viewing and will be shown on a loop at Beyca, Grove Road in Walthamstow Village every day from 5-12 September from 10.00am-5.00pm. Screenings are free and there’s even free popcorn provided!

The panel of judges include Stella Creasy, Walthamstow’s newly elected MP and firm supporter of art in the community, Director Dominic Stinton, whose documentary on Walthamstow market was highly commended at Cannes in 2009 and Time Out Film Critic David Jenkins.

Sponsors for the inaugural Walthamstow International Film Festival include: Time Out, the classic London listings magazine; Productionbase; Shooting People and; Vimeo who are offering subscriptions to their premium film-production services.

**Walthamstow International Film Festival, Beyca in Grove Road,  
Walthamstow Village daily from 5-12 September, 10.00am-5.00pm.  
FREE**

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**Notes to editors:**

**Walthamstow International Film Festival - shortlist of films in full**

**Animation**

1. Lebensader, Angela Steffen, Germany
2. Grandfather's Skip, Ken Kaizu, Japan
3. Astronomer's Sun, Simon Cartwright, UK

**Experimental**

1. Abstract?, Alexei Dimitriev, Russia
2. Stretching, Francois Vogel, France
3. Technically a Nightmare, James Gregory, UK

**Documentary**

1. It's great to know why, Charly Conquest, UK
2. End of Cinema, The McGuffins, Walthamstow
3. Capicua, Roger Villaroya, Spain

**Music**

1. Lie Down and Die, Gavin Randall, UK
2. Film About Poo, Anne Wilkins, UK
3. On Dancefloors, Ninian Doff, UK

**Drama**

1. Hranice, Veronika Kuhrova, Czech Republic
2. Metroist, Ovung Guvenisik, Germany
3. Los Gritones, Roberto Toledo, Spain

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