



Vilnius Documentary Film Festival 2008

The fifth edition of Vilnius Documentary Film Festival will take place from 5th to 14th of December 2008 in Vilnius. The organisers are expecting to welcome Festival guests from all over the world on the eve of very important occasion – in 2009 Vilnius will become the European Capital of Culture.

Traditionally the Festival will be opened by **Lithuanian documentary première** – director Audrius Stonys will introduce to the public his newest film “Four Steps” which approaches critically Lithuanian traditions of wedding ceremony.

In the **Main Programme** spectators will have a great selection from most interesting and internationally acclaimed documentaries such as “Useless” by Jia Zhang-ke (“Wu Yong”, 2007, China, Venice Horizons Documentary Award), “Helvetica” by Gary Hustwit (2007, Great Britain), “Who is Afraid of Kathy Acker?” by Barbara Caspar (2007, Austria), “Young Yakuza” by Jean-Pierre Limosin (2007, France), “Back to Normandy” by Nicholas Philibert (“Retour en Normandie”, 2007, France), “Revue” by Sergei Loznica (“Predstavlenye”, 2008, Russia), “My Child could Paint That” by Amir Bar-Lev (2007, USA) and others.

The Festival will host six **premières** of most recent **Lithuanian documentaries**. Directors Algirdas Tarvydas, Oksana Buraja, Tomas Bručas and others will present to the public their newest films.

Special Programme **Family Today** will foster discussions about “contemporary family”. The Programme will reveal different aspects of family today – models, relationships, attitudes, etc. The theme was inspired by recent debates initiated by Lithuanian politicians and fostered by the society about “family concept”.

The **Competition** is dedicated to documentary filmmakers from Baltic countries. The Programme presents 4 films from each country – Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The films will be judged by international jury which will be chaired by Russian filmmaker Sergei Loznica. Three best documentaries will be awarded. The award ceremony will be held on the 13th of December at Cinema Center SKALVIJA. The founder of the prize - Kazickas family foundation.

Festival guest filmmaker Sergei Loznica will lead the **workshop** to film students. Director will share his experience while working with very special material – archives and chronicles.

In cooperation with Media Desk Lithuania **seminars, meetings and consultations** to film directors and producers concerning documentary support and promotion schemes in Europe will be organised. The events will take place on 9th - 13th of December.

Main Festival venue: Cinema Center SKALVIJA (A.Goštauto g. 2/15, Vilnius), info: www.skalvija.lt, vilma@skalvija.lt.