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Behind the Curtain- Eastern European Film Festival



The 3rd installment of Behind the Curtain Festival will take place on 18th to 27th November in Birmingham. Behind The Curtain is an Eastern and Central European Film Festival that spreads across venues in Birmingham each autumn. We celebrate and bring to you the spirit of the best of Eastern European cinema and culture through Film, Music, Discussions, and Workshops.

This year the festival will feature 17 full-length and short films from 12 countries, like Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Slovakia, screening during the 10 festival days. One of the most important movie features will be critically acclaimed *The Last Family* and *United States of Love*.

‘We have a pleasure to invite the audience again for our film festival. This year it offers many great feature films, as well as documentaries, music performances and animations for children. Many people work on this festival with us and we are proud to cooperate with other European organizations.’ – says Alicja Kaczmarek, director of Polish Expats Association.

The opening of the festival will take place on 18th November in venue Centrala. An evening will be filled with music and film, from Young Polish Classical violinists taking inspiration from traditional Polish music to Klezmer bands, Balkan Folk Musicians, and culminating with ex-Grindcore Experimental Electronic Pioneers Expect a selection of specialty Eastern European Drinks and Cocktails, delicious Polish cakes and doughnuts and more!

The highlight of the evening will be a screen taster of the Festival Films and a tribute to the late great Polish director Andrzej Wajda who’s movie ‘The Promised Land’ will be featured during the festival.

Behind the Curtain is organized and initiated by the Polish Expats Association and is a part of Birmingham Festivals.

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About the organisation

Polish Expats Association is a non-profit organisation funded in November 2009 with aim to help Poles in Great Britain with process of adaptation and integration. Our goal is to strengthen community and improve the quality of life for polish people living in UK by offering them various forms of support, information and self-development opportunities. In April 2012 we have expanded our work to be inclusive of bigger community and we became Community Interest Company offering help to all communities form Central and Eastern Europe.

Polish Expats Association is passionate about culture and heritage of different communities, and we help with cultivation of traditions and promotion of rich history of the region. We believe in our success because we managed to create positive environment for integration and cohesion by promoting art, culture and common understanding.

Our mission

Polish Expats Association changes society by strengthening position of Eastern European immigrants in Great Britain. We help them gain skills and knowledge helpful with integration and allowing them to live with dignity and proud of their national identities. We also work promoting eastern European culture and national heritage by creating programme with Centrala. In our opinion, every individual is a part of society and is able to exercise their rights and cultivate their culture and heritage at the same time.

Our values

Equality and diversity as the conditions of coexistence and common respect.

Inclusion as a tool preventing isolation, separation and marginalisation.

Cooperation as a vital part in building society.

Communication as a base for creating effective, respectful and valuable relationships.

Integration as a context for celebration of polish culture and traditions in British society.

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