

Curtains up for submissions to the 20th Innsbruck Nature Film Festival

The Innsbruck Nature Film Festival (INFF) springs into spring with the Call for Entry to submit films for the 20th edition of the internationally renowned festival. The period for applications is 31 March to 15 July 2021 for films dealing with topics of nature, the environment and sustainability.

A breath of fresh air for the INFF

For its 20th anniversary, Katja Trippel, experienced science- and environmental journalist, will be taking over as curator. Already active as part of the INFF jury and long-time GEO editor and member of the Editorial Board in charge of the "GEO Reportage" for the French-German TV channel arte, Festival director and founder, Tyrol's environmental ombudsman Johannes Kostenzer, is delighted over the addition to the team as well as Ms Trippel's much valued expertise.

About 50 films will make it into the selection and will be shown to a broad audience from 19-22 October 2021 - planned for the big screen in the Metropol Kino, located at the bottom of the Nordkette and on the banks of the River Inn, in urban-alpine Innsbruck. The festival has been endowed with a total of 18,000 Euros.

Submissions are now open in five categories:

Environmental Documentary, Nature Film, Short Film, Animated Short Film and Young Talents.

From these, four Special Awards will be presented:

The prestigious Special Award for Best Film on the Topic of Soil, the Cinematography Award personally selected by Oscar-nominated Austrian filmmaker Christian Berger and finally, two new awards, namely the Wild Women Award, celebrating female directors and cinematographers in the environmental and wildlife categories, and the Respect Our Planet Award for a film that inspires respectful treatment of planet Earth through new ideas.

The Innsbruck Nature Film Festival will again take place in 2021 as part of the International Nature Festival (16-24 October 2021) and is perfectly embedded as a highlight in the week's schedule, in which numerous activities will draw the attention of all people and invite them to pay attention to a conscious treatment of nature and the environment, motivating them to live well. Not only right on our doorstep but also out in the world.

How could justice be done better here than in a film? With the abstract and the trivial, entertaining and informative, direct and hidden. Thought-provoking, shocking and inspiring. Pleasurable, fascinating and simply beautiful.

The cinematic works that will be screened in the anniversary edition will be as diverse and individual as nature itself, living beings and their characters. The first port of call is to apply!

The call is going out into the wide world: From now until the 15 July 2021, all filmmakers are invited to submit their works centered on themes of nature, the environment and sustainability, via the [website](#).

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