



# 17<sup>th</sup> ZURICH FILM FESTIVAL

September 23 – October 3, 2021

The Zurich Film Festival has shared its numbers with SWAN, to follow up on its commitments on gender equality after signing the SWAN pledge.

## 1) Official Selection of the Zurich Film Festival 2021

3466 films/series were part of the selection process. A total number of 145 feature films/series are presented in the 2021 official selection. They are screened in 12 different sections: Focus Competition (12 films), Feature Film Competition (14 films), Documentary Competition (12 films), Gala Premieres (35 films), Special Screenings (18 films), New World View Tunisia (13 films), Border Lines (7 films), Window Hong Kong (4 films), Window San Sebastián (4 films), Hashtag #letSEXplore (8 films), Series (8 shows) and ZFF for Kids (10 films). Retrospective films are not included in this total number of films.

## 2) Organization of the Zurich Film Festival

### a) Direction

The Direction is composed of 1 woman and 1 man (50% women): Managing Director SMP AG Elke Mayer and Artistic Director Christian Jungen

### b) Management

The Management Board is composed of 2 women and 1 man (66.7% women): Nadia Irene Schildknecht, Dr. Felix Eduard Müller and Seta Thakur Fritsche.

### c) Selection Committee

6 women are part of the Programming Committee (Christine Albrecht, Kaja Eggenschwiler, Anja Fröhner, Reta Guetg, Iria Gutscher, Yvonne Augustin) as well as 3 men (Aurel Graf, Georg Büttler, Christian Jungen) (66.7 % women)

The group of delegates consists of 3 women (Lena Vurma, Wendy Mitchell, Anne Delseth) and 1 man (Arnaud Gourmelen) (66.7% women)

### d) Juries

**Focus Competition:** 3 women, 2 men: Sönke Wortmann (Jury President), Caterina Mona, Pierre Monnard, Sandra Guldborg Kamp, Ada Solomon

**Feature Film Competition:** 2 women, 2 men: Daniel Brühl (Jury President), Stéphanie Chuat, Dieter Kosslick, Andrea Cornwell

**Documentary Competition:** 3 women, 2 men: Asif Kapadia (Jury President), Hanka Kastelicová, Gregory Kershaw, Sophie Maintigneux, Michela Pini

### e) Female Directors in the Selection Process

- 30.6% of the directors whose films were considered to be part of the ZFF selection were women

#### f) Selected Female Directors

- 31.7% of the directors whose films were selected to be part of the 2021 ZFF were women

#### Total Number of Female Directors in the 2021 Official Selection per Section:

- 4/12 in Focus Competition
- 8/14 in Feature Film Competition (2 of those being a female co-director)
- 5/12 in Documentary Competition
- 4/35 in Gala Premieres
- 5/18 in Special Screenings (1 of those being a female co-director)
- 6/13 in New World View Tunisia
- 4/7 in Border Lines (1 of those being a female co-director)
- 1/4 in Window Hong Kong (female co-director)
- 0/4 in Window San Sebastián
- 3/8 in Hashtag #letSEXplore
- 3/8 in Series (1 of those being female co-creators)
- 3/10 in ZFF for Kids

**Total:** 46 female directors and 99 male directors (including co-directions).