

## PRESS RELEASE

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### THE FIFDH OPENS UP!

The 14th edition of the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH) will take place in Geneva from the 4th to the 13th of March 2016 and, for the first time, will extend to 11 municipalities of the Greater Geneva, to Lausanne and to Orbe. The full program will be revealed on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 11am at Fonction : Cinéma (Geneva).

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We look forward to seeing you at our press conference on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 11am, Fonction : Cinéma, 16 rue du Général-Dufour in Geneva.

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#### LEILA ALAOUI, OUR HONOURED PHOTOGRAPH

This edition's poster features the work of Moroccan artist Leila Alaoui, thanks to a photograph from No Pasara, her collection of portraits of young Moroccans who dream of a better future. « The face of this shepherd, caught head-on but who gazes elsewhere, struck us because it betrays a power in him. His face reveals more than mere naturalism, he is proud, intriguing, and mysterious. It's an image that conveys a story. », explains Isabelle Gattiker, the Festival's director. Leila Alaoui's work will be exhibited at the Maison des arts du Grütli and she will hold an artist residency at CAIRN, in Meyrin, in the context of the Festival.

#### DRAWINGS, COMICS, THEATRE, PERFORMANCE : COMMITTED ARTISTS

A number of artists will be showcased alongside Leila Alaoui. The press illustrator Patrick Chappatte will present the exhibition Windows on Death Row, his collaboration with Anne-Frédérique Widmann. Theatre director Maya Bösch's Tragedy Reloaded will play at Pitoëff and the Flux Laboratory, comic book illustrator Olivier Kugler will exhibit his sketchbooks and video artist JR will present Ellis, three powerful artworks on the theme of migration. Keeping with our desire to bridge the worlds of arts and human rights, and for the first time, the Festival will offer screenings at La Comédie de Genève, the Théâtre Le Poche, the Théâtre du Galpon, the Musée d'Ethnographie, the Museum of the Red Cross and the Fonderie Kugler.

#### 200 FILMMAKERS AND INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITIES IN GENEVA

This year, the FIFDH is expecting 200 international personalities, who will participate in 15 high-level debates, including famous eco-activist Vandana Shiva and the UNESCO Director Irina Bokova, as well as a number of filmmakers, among which Brillante Mendoza, Amos Gitai and Nabil Ayouch. The FIFDH is the most important event dedicated to cinema and human rights worldwide.

Through two international competitions, Fiction and Documentary, we will screen the very best of Swiss and international cinema committed to human rights. By organizing high-level debates facing the UN's Human Rights Council, who ignore a great many violations, we offer both a forum in which every subject can be tackled freely and a relay for those who risk their lives on the field.