



Press release

17th PROVINCIALE – Filmfest Eberswalde

from 10-17 October 2020 in Haus Schwärzetal, Eberswalde

On schedule

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The 17th Provinziale will take place from 10-17 October as scheduled, entirely live but at a different location than usual.

2020 has been a difficult year for culture. As circumstances for large cultural events change by the month, decisions already made must be suspended. However, the Provinziale team already decided some time ago to stay away from Eberswalde's Paul Wunderlich Haus due to the restrictions in place.

There are other festivals that have gone online and streamed their programmes. We think this is not an option for Eberswalde. Personal encounters and communication are at the heart of the Provinziale. Our festival would hardly be able to reach its audience on the internet. We therefore looked out for a different venue – and finally found one.

Haus Schwärzetal – nicknamed *The Shed* by older residents – is owned by the Hoffnungstaler Werkstätten company. It was already home to our film festival twice, 13 and 14 years ago. Its main theatre is large enough, conveniently located and can host an audience even under all current provisions. Still, we'll have to lower our sights in the festival club, which will not be operating as usual. That said, the Provinziale competitions will be held in 14 slots as planned and will be accessible to an audience of approximately one hundred.

Our eight-day programme comprises 37 films from 17 countries. More information will follow. We are looking forward to meeting you and talking to you during the 17th Filmfest Eberswalde.

We promise that there will be no films on any pandemics raging at the moment.

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