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**SEPTEMBER. 16. 2016 – FRIDAY / Bow Tie Cinemas, Room 7- 260 W 23rd St, New York, NY 10011**

**7:00pm -Red Carpet Black Tie Event**

**8:00pm -Opening Ceremony / Introduction 20'**

**8:20pm – Crom / Bujar Alimani / Drama / 79'.**

**Cast:**Fredjon Ruci,Mirela Naska, Klodjana Keco, Kasem Hoxha

**Synopsis:** *After having lost two husbands, a mute woman a mother of two young boys has to survive and support her family by sheer will. Her older boy a 15 year old tries to come onto his own while attending school and illegally finding work at a Chromium mine nearby.*

*A man that finds himself amidst a woman's love and her young adolescent son's jealous tantrums. A young female math teacher who loves rock music and has rebelled against her parent's wishes of following the path of a comfortable life in the capital. She appears as a guardian angel helping and guiding the young 15 year old boy in his journey towards manhood.*

*Followed by Q & A*

*Afterparty TBA*

**SEPTEMBER. 17. 2016 – SATURDAY / PC Theatre- 358 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036, New York, NY 10011**

**4:00pm -Open Debate: Albanian Cinematography and Funding**

**6:00pm –A drop of blood / Bekim Guri / Short Fiction / 10' .**

**Cast:** Maylinda Kosumoviq, Ilire Vinca ,Fitore Broqi

**Synopsis:** *If my daughter did not protect the honor of the family (she is not a virgin), this bullet gives her husband the right to take her life (to kill her), the first night of their wedding!*

**– Red Fire / Jotti Ejlli / Thriller / 7' 03''.**

**Cast:** Debora Fumagalli, Francesco Pacelli, Claudio Colombo

**Synopsis:** The vengeance of a woman is to be the last beautiful memory for a man.

**– Cheating for Papers / Valmir Tertini / Drama / 18’ 59’’.**

**Cast:** Albulena Kryeziu, Fisnik Zeqiri, Alexandra Ualuk, Molikë Maxhuni, Nexhip Nexhipi, Granit Shala, Fleta Hana

**Synopsis:** Merita has accepted that her husband Azem to marry a German woman only for papers. Azem and Merita have a daughter together. After four years, Anna, Azem’s German wife insists to come to Kosovo to see where her husband used to live. When they arrived there he introduced Merita as his sister and their daughter as his niece. That night everyone slept except Merita. She started crying next to their bedroom door! Merita felt the betrayal.

This phenomenon is well known in Kosovo and it happens because they don’t have another solution of being part of Europe.

**-Besa e Kostandinut / Bashkim Myftari / Drama / 20’ 22’’.**

**Cast:** Kumrije Hoxha, Kushtrim Asllani, Adelina Xharrahu

**Synopsis:** Based on an Albanian Code of honor Called Besa.

Constantine and his Brothers are called upon to fight the battle and save his country from foreign invaders but before he leaves, he gives his mother the word, Besa, the Code of Honor that an Albanian Respects dead or alive, that he would bring his sister Doruntina for a visit, as she got married three years ago in a country far far away and hasn’t been for a visit yet. Little did the brothers know that this was their last battle but Constantine must keep his promise and honor the Code, the Besa he gave his mother.

**-Vibracione ne mesnate/ Anton Ndreca/Fixt-Comedi/28’47-Noncomp.**

**Cast:** Bislim Muçaj, Edona Reshitaj, Ernest Malazogu, Xhejlane Terbunja, Nëntor Fetiu, Nora Muçaj, Besart Sllamniku, Mirsad Ferati, Njomëza Fetiu etj.

**Synopsis:** Thinking his wife is dead he calls best friend to help. Panicking he mistakes a number and calls a wrong guy. This will be enough to involve in unthinkable trouble two more couples, police and a prosecutor. Jealousy, friendship, fight and infidelity – all in one night, caused of a misunderstanding.

**9:00pm -Trapped By Law / Sami Mustafa / Doc. / 91.**

**Cast:** Kefaet and Selami Prizreni

**Synopsis:** An odyssey, coming of age and family separation story of two brothers filmed in course of five years since the law of “forced reintegration” have been signed between Kosovo and Germany and other EU states.

Kefaet and Selami, two young brothers and rap artists grew up in the hip-hop culture in Essen/Germany. Kefaet was born in Kosovo and taken by his parents to Germany at the age of four. He was married and has two children. Selami was born in Essen and has never been to Kosovo at all. During a dramatic night in March 2010, they are deported to Kosovo, a complete unknown country to them. Separated from their family and friends they try to cope with their situation and do everything in their power to return to Germany. But administration and asylum laws are standing in their way.

*Followed by Q & A*

*Afterparty PC Theatre*

**SEPTEMBER. 18. 2016. – SUNDAY / PC Theatre- 358 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036**

**6:00pm – Buka/ Blerta Kelmendi / Drama / 8’.**

**Cast:** Hajrie Rondo, Jorgaq Tushe

**Synopsis:** An old couple. Only one remaining piece of bread in the house till monday. A precarious situation that threatens to tear an entire life together... Untill Monday, when the pension payments come in.

**-Capsule / Irid Kaso / Social Drama / 18’ 54’’.**

**Cast:** Andi Begolli

**Synopsis:** Keli works as a welder in a factory. He did not receive a salary for nine months. The bank is obliged to seize his apartment because of non-payment of his loan. Keli tries to find a place to live.

**– Cornice / Donjeta Hyseni / Drama / 4’ 39’’.**

**Cast:** Igballe Qena,Leart Hyseni,Jashar Hyseni

**Synopsis:** Flora is a 65 years old woman, teacher in pensions and also a grandmother.

She lives alone since her husband had died . She has BIRTHDAY today and her nephew Toni(11 years old )come to visit her is 11 years ... while Flora is not at home,Toni disguised as his grandfather to surprise Flora for her birthday because she will not feel her husband’s absence to celebrate birthday.

**–Cheers / Norika Sefa / Drama / 27’ 26’’.**

**Cast:** Andi Bajgora; Luan Jaha; Bislim Muqaj...

**Synopsis:** The first payment Lisi (13) decides to share among friends from work, as a real man. Friends want rakia. Lisi will drink rakia, he already knows it is not easy to be an adult. But how can it become immediately so unstable? The one who can be very sweet with him behaves so mean to the friend next to him. They are still laughing, some

are frowning. There is also a shout. Friends are drunk, they behave as children, so Lis has the time to show how grown up is he.

– **The Conversation / Gledis Bica / Drama / 9’.**

**Cast:** Kutfi Hoxha

**Synopsis:** It`s Holiday and Andrea is making preparations. The night reserves an unexpected event.

**-Mëngë Këmishe / Suela Bako / Psych. Drama / 14’ .**

**Cast:** Ina Gjonçi, Laerti Vasili, Kaltrin Zalla, Romir Zalla

**Synopsis:** Xhilda (30) and Martin (45) are spending a few days in a province hotel. They are not married. Xhilda is pregnant and does not want to keep her child. Martin tries to convince her to have a family together. In the morning Xhilda is staring through the window a couple sitting in the bar below the hotel and next to them a little girl who doesn't dare getting closer ...

**8:30pm -Humanisti i Heshtur / Merita Çoçoli / Doc. / 21’.**

**Cast:** Nazar Mehmeti

**Synopsis:** A biographical documentary that portrays NAZAR Mehmeti, an Albanian from the region of Prespa in Macedonia, who for years has migrated to America. This documentary is about his life, the successful businesses and his humanistic and patriotic activity. Without knowing that he was writing a glorious page in history, Nazar Mehmeti organized the gathering of contributions for KLA in Kosovo and the University of Tetovo as well as many other human activities for Albanians in homeland and America. Nazar Mehmeti is silent about the large amounts of money that he spared for the national cause, but personalities of education in Macedonia as well as his close family talks about his activities and his sacrifice. Film footage enters Nazari family as well, and his private life in Dallas, Texas. The nature and the magical landscapes of his homeland in Prespa, the history of the dramatic migration of Albanians in Prespa fulfill the portrait of Nazar Mehmed.

**-Një zë nga Bukureshti / Leotrim Idrizi / Doc. / 26’ 15’’.**

**Cast:**Baki Ymeri

**Synopsis:** Who is the man that astonishes with its creative energy and its artistic soul? In Bucharest, you can constantly find him among the most popular figures, respectively, among the elite of the personalities of science, culture, theater, film... If you seek a personality that has special affinities to build bridges of friendship between people, by cultural values and creative exalted as a spiritual treasure shaft, this will be Baki Ymeri, carrier for affirmation of these values.

**-Nën Duvak / Entela Hoxha / Anim. Doc./ 13' 49'' .**

**Cast:**Entela Hoxha

**Synopsis:** Director: Entela Hoxha Producer: DokuFest, Iris Elezi, Thomas Logoreci Animation: Entela Hoxha  
Sound Design: Gentian Ballaqeni, Benet Nelku Music: The grandfathers brothers Editor: Hüssamedin Luma, Frame  
Editor: Edon Arapi ,Computer animator: Gert Pema

**-One, two monologues / Blerina Goce / Doc./ 6' 40''.**

**Cast:** Vladimir, Nurie

**Synopsis:** A short documentary about the lives of two homeless people in Tirana, Albania that defies the homelessness. Right at “the block” of Tirana, the area known for luxurious apartments and clubs Vladimir a white man in his sixties have manage to find some sort of shelter in a hole that lacks the basic amenities and still his life is not getting easier. He is still a long way from having a normal life. Not far from there Nurie, a teen roma girl that has a dream. Her dream is to have a bathroom with running water like her classmates. Through their first persona narration they share with us their living conditions, their dreams, their lives. And those are only two lives of peoples that live in the margins of society that we face in daily bases and still go by un-noticed.

**– Bota e Afrimit/ Ben Apolloni/ Documentary/13' 57''**

**Cast:** Afrim Gollupeni, Nafije Gollupeni

**Synopsis:** This documentary titled “Bota e Afrimit” ( Afrim world ) is about life of little people who are finding it hard to adapt to the world that appears before their giant. We bring to you this brief documentary displaying two characters husband and wife both little people who inviting us to look from their eyes.

*Followed by Q & A*

*Afterparty at PC Theatre*

**SEPTEMBER. 19. 2016 –MONDAY / PC Theatre- 358 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036**

**6:00pm – The War Waves / Ardit Sadiku/Drama/ 5' 40''**

**Cast:** Preston Thomas

**Synopsis:** A man wanders, lost in the desert. He finds an impenetrable holographic wall and a TV. From this discovery ensues his search for freedom, physical and psychological.

**– Life on a Carousel / Elkjana Gjipali / Drama / 15’.**

**Cast:** Kristina Ismaili, Kristjana Dodaj, Gent Baholli

**Synopsis:** They are different. They are friends. They tell us their story from a carousel. Luiza travels back in time while Viola leaves the past behind and lives with expectations of the future. Sometimes you’re up, sometimes you’re down and sometimes you just go round and round...

**– A tough day in NY / Sabri Pajaziti / Fiction / 17’.**

**Cast:** Julian Gjaci, Gjilberta Lucaj, Julian Biba and Marko Caka

**Synopsis:** A young boy from Albania came in NYs four years ago. He married with an american woman, but actually he is married with another woman in Albania. His brother Kreshnik comes from Albania to ask his brother. His comes open new troubles.

**-Miriam / Majlind Samadraxha / Drame, Romance / 19’.**

**Cast:** Agnes Nokshiqi, Selami Taraku, Florist Bajgora, Shaban Behramaj, Labinot Raci, Faik Gashi

**Synopsis:** Miriam is an artist. She has an older lover. One night he did not pleasure Miriam. The next day Miriam got “raped”.

**-Paftuar / Roland Uruci / Fiction / 20’.**

**Cast:** Laert Vasili, Albi Dhima, Artan Telqiu, Karafil Shena, Todi Llupi

**Synopsis:** 1990’s Albania was a world of chaos with pyramid schemes, civil unrest and an ever shifting governments. Many sought a new life in neighboring Greece as a safe haven of democracy, a chance at a new beginning and entry into a modern society. What these immigrants found were not open arms but, closed fists.

**-The Waiter/ Lee Percy/ 8’.**

**Cast:** Praq Rado, James Georgiades, Donald Corren, Bryan Fitzgerald, Valéry Lessard, Claudio Pesce, Gay Marshall, Marianne Mason, Teuta Ibriqaj, Hana Sehu, Drita Kabashi, Victoria Blankenship.

**Synopsis:** In a case of mistaken identity, Ilir, who has never waited tables before, is thrust into the chaos of one of the most disorganized restaurants in New York City.

**8:00pm – The Last Doctor/Jamal Hodge/Gjilberta Lucaj /18 ‘/special screening.**

**Cast:**Dr. Richard Klein

**Synopsis:** This short documentary outlines the tragedy that pushed Dr. Klein to a deeper level of commitment and impact for his patients and his community. The journey to uncover the incredible history, lifestyle, and philosophy of Dr. Richard Klein.

**9:00pm – Istanbul Connection/ Kenan Gurgurovci/Action Drama/ 75'**

**Cast:** Ramizi Halil,Ibrahim Kalaycioglu,Genc Gashi,Kenan Gurgurovci,Nazmi Göçmen, Demush Shabani,Rexhep Muhaxheri,Adem Muji, Melisa Demiri

**Synopsis:** A young girl that dropped suddenly in network mafia fresh created after the war. Her life goes through severe trauma and ordeal, they are caught between rival mafia groups and others, they run after their profits dirty. She is transmitted across Kosovo, Turkey,Albania, and finally ends a bitter fate, killed due the mafias interest .

*Followed by Q & A*

*Afterparty at PC Theatre*

**SEPTEMBER. 20. 2016 –TUESDAY / Consulate General of Kosovo – 801- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 301 New York, NY 10017**

**6:00pm – Mother Teresa Night**

Hosted by Consulate General of Kosovo in NY

**8:00pm –Awards Ceremony**

Followed by Cocktails

***CLOSING NIGHT***

*Afterparty TBA*