

SOFA – SCHOOL OF FILM AGENTS shares its 2018 news!

Film Agents are people who care for film culture and have outstanding ideas. Their projects are often created in a direct response to the most current film-related needs. They build and strengthen local structures and have great impact in enhancing the European production. Since 2013 **SOFA** offers them a tailor-made workshop programme.

TBILISI WORKSHOP / April 22-28, 2018

For the second time the Georgian edition of **SOFA** workshops will take place in Tbilisi. The participants of the 2017 edition: **Agnieszka Sękowska** (Poland), **Nikolai Lavreniuk** (Belarus), **Liina Maria Lepik** (Estonia), **Nino Chichua** (Georgia), **Angelos Tsaousis** (Greece), **Gitty Wainer** (Israel) and **Tara Karajica** (Serbia) will continue developing their projects with the support of the professionals from the film industry. This year they will include: **Sonja Heinen** (European Film Promotion); **Renaud Redien Collot** (Novancia Business School); **Oliver Baumgarten** (Max Ophüls Preis Film Festival); **Natalia Ames** and **Melik Karapetyan** (Golden Apricot Film Festival Pro Industrial Platform).

The programme of the workshop will include two public events. The first one will take place during the presentation of the European Film Promotion and will be led by its head – Sonja Heinen. The second one will be dedicated to young filmmakers and will cover the subjects of macro budgeting and guerilla filmmaking. Additionally, Alexey German Jr. will introduce his new film – “DOVLATOV” – to Georgian audience. The event will be followed by a meeting with the producer of the film – Artem Vasilyev.

SUCCESSFUL SOFA ALUMNI



Tara Karajica came to **SOFA** with an idea of creating an institution that would focus on supporting women in Serbian film industry and ended up creating the “Fade to Her” online magazine. *It is about celebrating successful women working in the film industry* – says Tara about the “Fade to Her” initiative. The website was launched two days before Berlinale – on February 13, 2018 and has been running ever since on: www.fadetoher.com.

6th SOFA EDITION – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Film-related cultural managers are invited to apply for the 6th **SOFA** edition that will be held **August 26-31, 2018** in **Warsaw, Poland** and in **April 2019** in **Tbilisi, Georgia**. Project submission deadline: **June 18, 2018**. More information on: www.joinsofa.org. **Don't sit on your coach, join SOFA!**

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