

2020 European Film Fest in SA to offer free screenings, events and filmmaker engagements

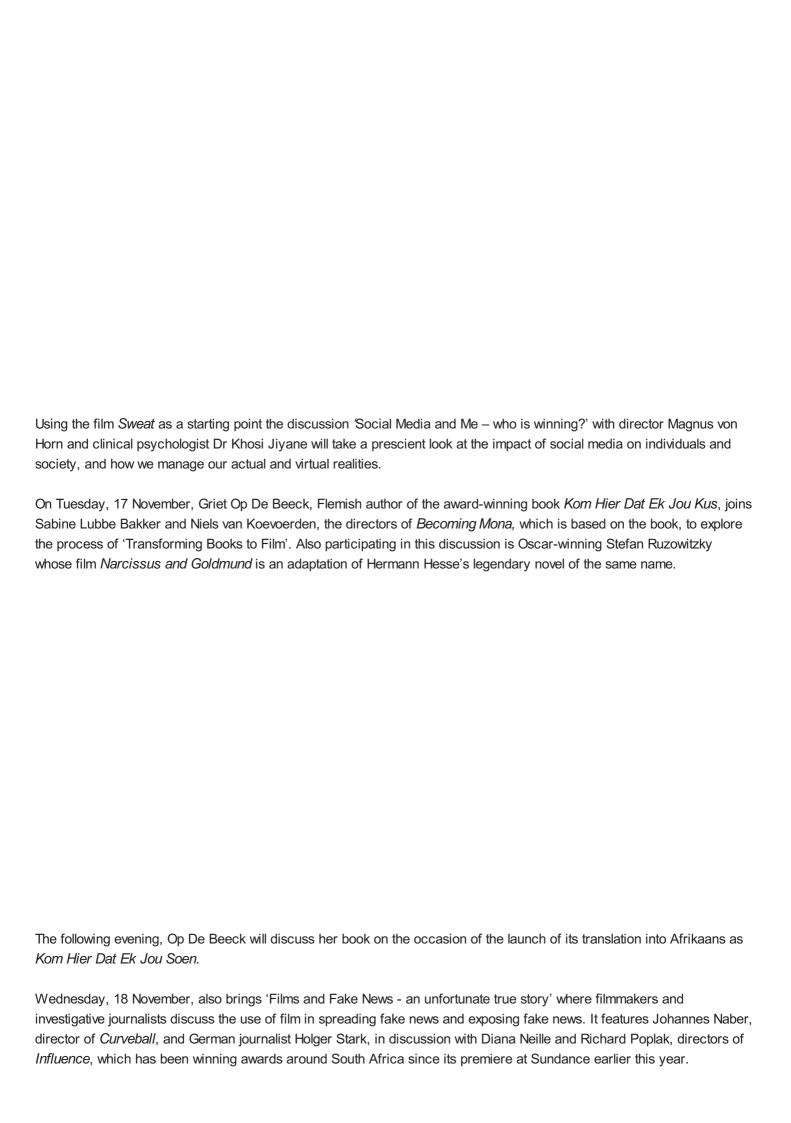
The 2020 European Film Festival will offer a programme of free special events and filmmaker engagements along with free online screenings of new European films from 12 November.

To enrich the viewer experience several pre-recorded Q&A sessions with the directors will be available immediately after the screening of certain films. In addition, a series of live online discussions will keep the conversations flowing during the festival footprint.

We live in a newworld of Covid-19 protocols so the pre-recorded interviews and online engagements are a good way to maintain the connection to the filmmakers, hear about the filmmaking processes and discuss topical issues," explains Magdalene Reddy, co-director of the festival.

Online Engagements

To synergise with the new documentary on Greta Thunberg, *I Am Greta*, an online event called 'Climate Action South Africa – Sharpening the Spear' will focus attention on the climate crisis in this country. This 6pm discussion on 13 November will feature presentations from Earthlife Africa's Ulrich Steenkamp on energy democracy, Groundwork's Avena Jacklin on environment protection urgencies, African Climate Alliance's Ayakha Melithafa on the crucial role of Youth Activism and the University of Western Cape's Patrick Bond on the shift from Climate action to climate justice and the ways forward for South Africa.



The festival film <i>The 8th</i> focuses on the campaign to repeal the eighth amendment, which criminalised abortion in Ireland.	
Expanding on the issue of reproductive rights in South Africa is a webinar entitled 'Making the Right to Choice a Reality', taking place on Thursday, 19 November and featuring leaders of the Irish campaign in discussion with local specialists.	
On Friday, 20 November, is the discussion 'Filming Unspoken Histories – Sylvia Vollenhoven in conversation with Lucas Belvaux'. Here the director of <i>Home Front</i> discusses the making of his film with a focus on the uncovering of toxic or burishistories and its impact on societies and individuals.	ed
Community centres and school programmes	
There will also be a regulated programme of physical events at selected community centres and schools where screenings of the films <i>I am Greta</i> and <i>Sweat</i> will be followed by mediated discussions on the film topics of climate action and social media. Participating community centres include Isivivana Centre in Khayelitsha, the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation Youth	S

Activism programme and Windybrow Arts Centre in Johannesburg, Wushwini Arts Centre and the Wilderness Leadership

School in Durban.

The Climate Action programme at Isivivana Centre will also include three short films and discussion with local ocean activists, Loyiso Dunga, Faine Loubser and Mogamet Shamier, whose work highlights the wonders of the Cape ocean and

the Great African Sea Forest.
For more information about the various special events visit the events page on www.eurofilmfest.co.za.

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