

## Press Release

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Thursday 6th till Sunday 9th of November Louis Hartlooper Complex in the Netherlands will promote the films and culture of Eastern European countries by hosting the first edition of **Eastern Neighbours Film Festival**. This festival contains an extended program with movies, short films, documentaries and animation from 14 different countries. These films will provide a lively perspective from the lives and culture of Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

### Magic realism and black humor

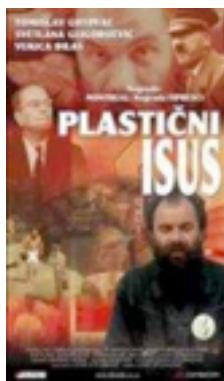
The Eastern European film tradition is well known for its exceptional and exciting aesthetic, which is commonly described as magical or poetical realism. Other prominent ingredients are the black humour and self mockery. The new generation of film directors gave this rich film culture a fresh interpretation. Witness of their success are the recently won Oscar, Tiger, Golden Bear en Golden Leopard awards.



### Program Highlights

The First edition of the Eastern European Film Festival will be opened by the movie *Fraulein (Gospodjica)* by **Andrea Staka**. The leading actress, **Mirjana Karanovic**, an icon of former Yugoslav film history, will introduce this movie. The remarkable film maker **Lazar Stojanovic** will be present during the preview of the film festival (see information below), where the **Eastern Neighbours** will show his forbidden movie *Plastic Jesus* (1971), for the making of which he was sentenced to three years in prison.

The majority of the films screened during the Eastern Neighbours will be a Dutch premier.



### Preview and Extra's

On the 19th of October there will be a preview of the **Eastern Neighbours** during the **International Amsterdam Film Festival**. For more information please visit [www.iaff.nl](http://www.iaff.nl)

On 26 of October, during the Cultural Sundays organized in Utrecht the **Eastern Neighbours** will offer a rich program of short movies from young film makers in the Louis Hartlooper Complex. This program includes also performances from the band **Kabaalkan** and dj's **Dubcovsky** and **Malik**.

For more information please visit [www.culturelezondagen.nl](http://www.culturelezondagen.nl)

An important part of the **Eastern Neighbours Film Festival** will be the side program with interesting and challenging debates, Q&A's, live music and workshops.

### Organisation

The Cultural Aid Foundation in collaboration with NewGround Productions and Louis Hartlooper Complex organizes Eastern Neighbors Film Festival.

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