

LUCAS – International Festival for Young Film Lovers announces Change of Personnel

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Julia Fleißig, the former director of SchulKinoWochen Hessen is taking over the management of the festival and is looking forward to an exciting programme for the festival's 40th edition from 1 to 7 October.



The leadership of LUCAS – International Festival for Young Film Lovers is changing hands: Julia Fleißig, previously director of the SchulKinoWochen Hessen, is now taking on the directorship of the oldest German film festival for children and young people. The film scholar will take the reigns from filmmaker and producer Cathy de Haan who will continue to work alongside LUCAS in an advisory capacity while focusing on projects of her own. The 40th edition of the festival runs from 1 to 7 October and includes a family day on Tuesday 3 October.

Claudia Dillmann, Director of the Deutsches Filminstitut, considers Julia Fleißig a great asset: "With Julia Fleißig, we have gained an experienced manager in the field of film culture. who, thanks to her many years of involvement working alongside our organisation, will guarantee for continuity at LUCAS. Thanks to her extensive experience with the complex content and organisational demands of the SchulKinoWochen, she is well equipped for the specific challenges of this festival. Her extensive knowledge of films on offer for children and young people makes her ideally suited for the new task. I am already looking forward to a fascinating 40th edition of LUCAS, in which Julia Fleißig is sure to programme a week of thrilling highlights."

Last year, LUCAS adopted a new look with new priorities, and Julia Fleißig will remain faithful to these: "We are showing the world's best films for young audiences and invite children and teenagers in Frankfurt, from the Rhine-Main area, and in all of Hessen to get involved – as a jury member, a festival reporter, by taking part in a workshop, or by contributing to the film talks and interviews," says Fleißig. "I am looking forward to welcoming filmmakers from all over the world, to the unique dynamics that arise when filmmakers exchange ideas with children and young people about their films. No doubt we can look forward to interesting discussions and great workshops."

The LUCAS films can be seen from 1 to 7 October at the Deutsches Filmmuseum and at other venues around Frankfurt, Offenbach, and Wiesbaden. The wide range of feature films, documentaries, animation films, and experimental films are being screened in both the original language version and in German, and are aimed at children, teenagers, and young adults from the ages of four and up to 18-plus.

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