



## 16<sup>th</sup> AUSTIN POLISH FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THIS YEAR'S LINEUP

**FESTIVAL DATES:**      NOVEMBER 4 – 7, 2021 @GALAXY THEATERS AUSTIN  
                                 NOVEMBER 7 – 30, 2021 VIRTUALLY

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The 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Austin Polish Film Festival** will open with a short film by Beata Pozniak, **Cremation of Time**, which is based on a poem written by the director herself. The film is dedicated to the frontline workers, all those who fought against COVID19, and all who lost their battle with the virus.

The first full featured film of the festival is the Polish/Swedish production, a drama, **"Sweat"**, directed by Magnus von Horn. The film received six awards at the 45<sup>th</sup> Polish Film Festival in Gdynia including Silver Lion and Best Director.

The festival will present carefully selected films from among the latest award-winning features, documentaries, and animations. Among them **"Kill It and Leave This Town"**, the award-winning animation by Mariusz Wilczynski. Next the adventurous and suspenseful **"The Black Mill"** by Mariusz Palej. To further lighten the mood, we will also feature the comedy, **The In-Laws** directed by Jakub Michalczuk and **Beloved Neighbors** by Michal Grzybowski.

The APFF will also screen a historical film **Hitler's Aunt** by Michal Rogalski, depicting scars of Holocaust, scars that never heal.

We will close with **"Never Gonna Snow Again"** by **Malgorzata Szumowska and Michal Englert** – a magical film but it won't be every viewer's cup of tea. Szumowska breaks new ground with an off-beat story that challenges the audience to find a door into it.

Special events for this year's festival include **Poster Exhibit, *A Stroll Through the 15 Years of APFF Posters*** and **Festival Official reception**.

An **Audience Award** includes 10 feature films that audience will be able to screen during the festival. More information about this section at **[www.austinpolfilm.com](http://www.austinpolfilm.com)**

Award-winning and recent Polish films, including features, documentaries and animations will be presented at the **Galaxy Theaters Austin** on **November 4 – 7, 2021** and through streaming platform on **November 7 – 30, 2021**.

Information about the **program** and **tickets** are available at **[www.austinpolfilm.com](http://www.austinpolfilm.com)**