

Big Success Animation Hits Screens in U.S.



A still from Iranian animated short film 'I'm not Alice but here is Wonderland'.

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian animated short film 'I'm not Alice but here is Wonderland' has made its way to the Chelsea Film Festival (CFF) in the U.S.

The Iranian Youth Cinema Society reported that the animation will take part in the ninth edition of the Chelsea Film Festival.

'I'm not Alice but here is Wonderland' by Mahdiah-Sadat Ahmadi-Soleimani is about a girl who is involved in the problems of her time and in the end, she surrenders to the birds which she has painted.

The film was named the best animation at the 2nd edition of the Austral International Film Festival (FICA) in Argentina.

It was also named among the silver winners of the Best Short – Animation at the 3rd quarter of the 2020 Queen Palm International Film Festival in the U.S.

The Chelsea Film Festival is "an international film festival, enlightening the work of emerging filmmakers, producers and actors... It empowers the work of risk-taking storytellers and remains committed to," the event's website reads.

Its mission, according to the CFF website, is "to discover and develop independent artists and audiences around the world."

The upcoming edition of the festival will take place on October 14-17.

Animation 'Song Sparrow' Named Best at Italian Event

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iranian short animation 'Song Sparrow' has managed to win the best award at the Italian Andaras Film Festival.

Iranian short animation 'Song Sparrow' directed by Farzaneh Omidvarnia won an award for the best animation at the Italian Andaras Film Festival.

'Song Sparrow' tells the story of a group of refugees who tries to reach to a safe country in search of a better life. They pay a smuggler to convey them across the borders in a fridge truck. However, the freezing temperature of the truck turns their hopes for a better future into a fierce struggle for survival.

'Song Sparrow' uses puppet animation to tell this tense tale based on an actual event that happened in Austria in 2015.



A still from Iranian short animation 'Song Sparrow'.

The people in the animation represent different ages, races, colors, and cultural backgrounds, all of them willing to put their lives on the line in search of a dream, while in reality having little choice.

Anti-War Drama Competes at Roma Creative Contest



TEHRAN (MNA) – The Iranian short film 'Below 3625' produced and directed by Hossein Babaeian, will participate in an Italian festival.

In its first international presence, 'Below 3625', will be screened at the Roma Creative Contest International Film Festival in Italy.

This short film narrates the story of an anti-war situation that deals with the attacks and the invasion of ISIL, the effects of which are the greatest to the innocent children of the Eastern countries.

Abolfazl Hamrah, Parva Aghajani, Mehraneh Ezabad, Milad Hosseini, Helma Imani and Mitra Tabrizi are among the casts.

The interesting point of the festival is the presence of Oscar-winning director Giuseppe Tornatore and director of films such as "Cinema Paradiso" and "Malena" as the festival's president.

Over the last decade, the festival has promoted dozens of young Italian and international directors and hosted many of the main representatives of the national movie scene.

More than 60 films were screened from over 80 countries. Around 10,000 spectators took part in the event, held at Teatro Vittoria, MAXXI Museum and Ex-Dogana, and production prizes were awarded for a value of 50,000 euros.

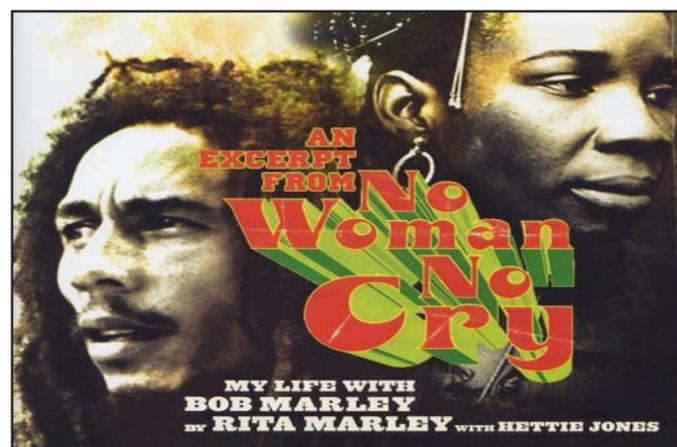
The festival will be held from September 20 to 26, 2021 in Rome.

Persian Speakers to Enjoy Bob Marley's 'No Woman No Cry'

TEHRAN (IBNA) -- Persian translation of the book 'No Woman No Cry: My Life with Bob Marley' (2005) by the wife of the renowned Jamaican singer, and songwriter Rita Marley has been published.

A memoir by the woman who knew Bob Marley best- his singer wife co-written by Hettie Jones, the book has been translated into Persian by Mina Safar. Tehran-based Nimaj Publishing has released 'No Woman No Cry' in 316 pages and 1100 copies.

Rita Marley met Bob Marley



at a recording studio in Trench Town. Bob and Rita became close friends, fell in love, and

soon, she and her girlfriends were singing backup for the Wailers. At the ages of 21 and

19, Bob and Rita were married.

Bob Marley and the Wailers set Jamaica and the world on fire. But while Rita displayed blazing courage, joy, and an indisputable devotion to her husband, life with Bob was not easy. During the tumultuous life of Bob, Rita kept her self-respect, and when Bob succumbed to cancer in 1981, she was at his side.

Written with author Hettie Jones, 'No Woman No Cry' is a no-holds-barred account of life with one of the most famous musicians of all time.

Cutting Sugar in Packaged Foods Can Save Millions

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- A new study says that cutting 20 percent of sugar from packaged foods and 40 percent from beverages could prevent 2.48 million cardiovascular disease events, 490,000 cardiovascular deaths, and 750,000 diabetes cases in the U.S. over the lifetime of the adult population.

The study by researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), the Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy at Tufts University, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOH) created a model to simulate and quantify the health, economic, and equity impacts of a pragmatic sugar-reduction policy proposed by the U.S. National Salt and Sugar Reduction Initiative (NSSRI).

They found that the NSSRI policy could reduce disparities, with the greatest estimated health gains among Black and Hispanic adults, and Americans with lower income and less education -- populations that consume the most sugar as a historical consequence of inequitable systems.

Product reformulation efforts have been shown to be successful

in reducing other harmful nutrients, such as trans fats and sodium. The U.S., however, lags other countries in implementing strong sugar-reduction policies, with countries such as the UK, Norway, and Singapore taking the lead on sugar-reformulation efforts.



Picture of the Day



A team of Polish travellers are in Iran as part of their long expedition to Nepal to retrace the footsteps of the first Polish expedition to the Himalayas 50 years ago. On Tuesday, the Embassy of Poland in Tehran hosted an exhibition on "The History of Polish Mountaineering". Three prominent Polish travellers, Ryszard Wloszczowski, Arkadiusz Peryga and Maciej Pietrowicz presented a photo exhibition on the history of Polish mountaineering.

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