

# 'Musician' Granted Student Award at U.S. Winter Festival

TEHRAN (IFILM) -- The Winter Film Awards International Film Festival in the U.S. has awarded Iranian short film 'Musician'.

Directed by Mohsen Mehri-Darouee, the Iranian 19-minute flick has grabbed the Best Student Film award at the 10th edition of the American fest.

'Musician' is the story of Mahmoud, a very short man up close to one meter tall, who wants to play a two-meter instrument like a contrabass, but he does not reach its height.

Written by the director and Mohammad-Reza Tafreshi and produced by Mohammad-Hasan Mortazavi, the cast list of the short film includes Parviz Bozorgi and Esmaeel Yousef-Pour.

The short has already taken part in a number of global events, including the Under the Moon Int'l Film Festival in Spain and the Drama Int'l Short Film Festival in Greece.

The Winter Film Awards is an annual event



A still from Iranian short film 'Musician'.

that holds in New York City. The fest gives voice to under-represented filmmakers, supports women and gives screening venue to emerging filmmakers from around the world. This year's edition of the fest was held on September 23- October 02.

## Iranian Short Film Named Best at Poland's Zoom Event



TEHRAN (MNA) -- Iranian short film 'Hole' by Amir Roueeni, has won the main award of the ZOOM - ZBLIŻENIA Festival in Poland.

Written and directed by Amir Roueeni, the short film depicts an odd situation in a malfunctioning mortuary. The failure in the mortuary's function has resulted in stinking corpses.

"This is one of the most difficult short films ever made, and its screenplay has won a number of international awards so far. Working with non-actors, especially children, is really difficult,"

Roueeni said about his short film.

The short film's cast includes Amir Ali Roueeni, Nazanin Karimi, and Davoud Zarchi.

The ZOOM - ZBLIŻENIA is one of the most important independent festivals in Poland and hosts films with various topics and themes. It aims to present the author's cinema, ambition, high artistic value, moving independent and original subject matter, as well as the promotion of independent film art.

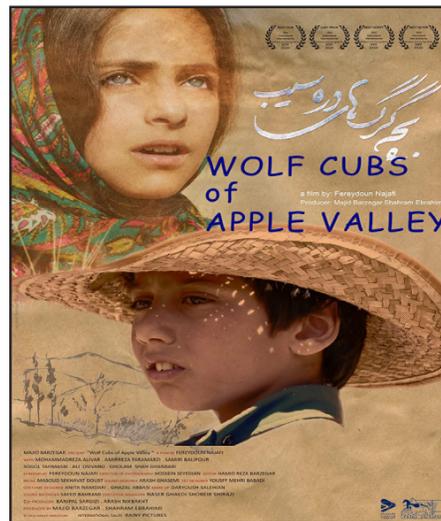
The event was held on October 4-10, 2021.

## German Festival Premieres Iran's 'Wolf Cubs of Apple Valley'

TEHRAN (MNA) -- Iranian film 'Wolf Cubs of Apple Valley' directed by Fereydoon Najafi, will take part in the SCHLINGEL International Film Festival in Germany.

In its first international presence, 'Wolf Cubs of Apple Valley' will be screened at the Panorama section of the 26th International Film Festival for Children and Young Audience SCHLINGEL which is underway Chemnitz, Germany.

Produced by Majid Barzegar and Shahram Ebrahimi, the film is the story of Ashu, an 11-year-old boy from Bakhtiari who leaves his village to embark on an adventurous journey, and at the end of



the journey, he encounters new facts. 'Wolf Cubs of Apple Valley' became the best film of the 33rd Isfahan International Film Festival for Children and Adolescents (ICFF) by receiving four golden butterflies.

SCHLINGEL is an international film festival for children and young audiences. The festival began in 1996 and has taken place annually in Chemnitz ever since in the week before the Saxon Fall Break. The festival gives an overview of the newest international productions in the area of children and youth films.

The festival kicked off on October 9 and will be finished on October 16.

## Award-Winning 'Serok' Goes to South Korea



TEHRAN (IFILM) -- Iranian short film 'Serok' has been selected to screen at the International Gimpo Youth Film Festival in South Korea.

The 5-minute flick, directed by Zhivar Farajzadeh, will join competition at the 4th edition of the Korean film event.

'Serok' is a social narrative that explores poverty. Children are the most vulnerable part

of any society. Poverty can have direct impact on them, as they have to undergo child labor and experience the bitterness of life through early ages in their lives.

The short takes us on a one-day journey in Serok's life. Serok is a very young kid who has to fill in for his father as a shepherd and watch the herd when his dad cannot.

The film has already participated in a number of global film events, including the Florianopolis Children's Film Festival in Brazil, the Kinofilm Manchester Int'l Short Film Festival in the UK and the international film festival for children and teens MI PRIMER FESTIVAL in Peru.

The Gimpo Int'l Youth Film Fest aims to screen creative works for kids and youth from around the world.

This year's edition of the fest is set to be held on November 20-28.

## Webinar on Global Influence of Iranian Literature Announced

TEHRAN (IBNA) -- A webinar titled **Influence of Iranian Literature on the World** will be held by Iran's Cultural Attache to Spain on the occasion of the commemoration day of the legendary Iranian poet Hafez on Wednesday.

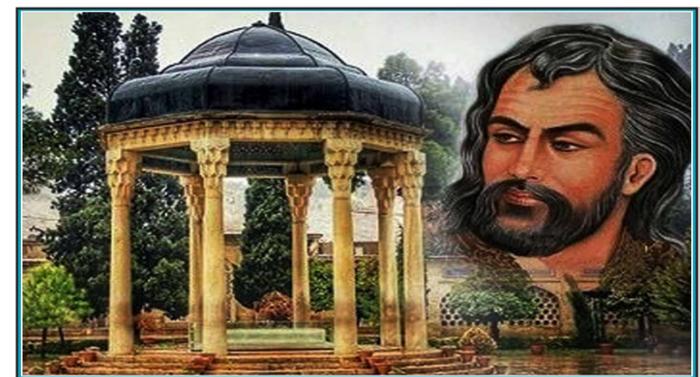
The specialized webinar will be attended by Spanish scholars and Iranian officials who will make speeches on Skype application, public relations department of Islamic Culture and Relations Organization reported.

Iran's Ambassador to Spain Hassan Qashqavi, Iran's Cultural Attache Mohammad-Mehdi Ahmadi and Director General of scientific and academic cooperation department of Islamic Culture and Relations Organization will make opening speeches at the program.

Following the webinar, Spanish scholars Javier Hernandez Diaz and Joaquin Rodriguez Bargas will make their specialized speeches on the influence of Iranian literature on Spanish literature as well as the influence of Iranian literature on

Arab literature.

The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13 at 13:30 on <https://www.skyroom.online/ch/raahbargroup91/adabiat>



Legendary Iranian poet Hafez.

## Picture of the Day



The first edition of Plum Harvest Festival was held in the village of Heydareh Qazi Khan in Iran's western province of Hamedan, coinciding with the start of plum harvest season. Heydareh Qazi Khan is a stair-stepped village. It lies at the foot of Daem Barf Mountain, about 30 kilometers off Hamedan-Kermanshah highway.

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