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WELCOME TO THE POLYLOID FILM FESTIVAL

Like last year, we are embarking on a filmic journey and have expanded our programme by complementing the categories Wunschloidd and Polywild with workshops and other new features. Alongside our tried and true programme of film talks and exchanges with initiatives in Leipzig, such as the street magazine 'Kippe', this year we will also have cinema for all the senses—this includes a cooking performance alongside a film, as well as a musical accompaniment to an anime.

We have remained true to the diversity which lends the festival its name: Thanks to the active participation in the film request action—partially connected to personal stories—this year, the Polyloid's programme comprises 24 films from 22 countries, with selections from across all genres, formats, and lengths. Not only did many people in the neighborhood respond to the invitation Let's Make a Film Fest', organizations, initiatives, and artists, such as the photographer Fabian Heublein and a small team of curators, will also help the district transform into an open air and indoor film area for the week.

With their hearts and projection screens, the following groups have supported us: the Ost-Passage-Theater, krudebude, Querbeet, Seniorenbüro Ost, Helden wider Willen e.V., Förderverein Bülowgärten e.V. and Lu99.

Unbridled filmic enjoyment for everyone with high licensing fees and limited financial support? To make this event happen, we are relying on your solidarity—donations of an appropriate amount are more than welcome—so that everyone can take part!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW			
Sat, 01/09	5:45-6:15 pm	Pöge-Haus Saal	Opening
	6:15-6:30 pm	Pöge-Haus Saal	And the Moon stands still
	6:30-8:00 pm	Pöge-Haus Saal	Licu – A Romanian Story
	8:30-10:00 pm	Pöge-Haus Garten	No one knows about Persian Cats
Sun, 02/09	from 9 pm	Ost-Passage-Theater	Party + Concert
	7:00-8:45 pm	Lu99	The Strawberry Statement
Mon, 03/09	8:30-10:00 pm	Pöge-Haus Garten	Oslo, August 31st
		Parkplatz Rabet	Bekas
	6:00-7:30 pm	Pöge-Haus Saal	Peas at 5:30
	8:30-9:30 pm	Pöge-Haus Garten	Herbert
Tue, 04/09		Parkplatz Rabet	Massan
	6:00-7:45 pm	Seniorenbüro	Too Skinny for Love
	8:30-10:00 pm	Ost-Passage-Theater	A Street Cat Named Bob
		Brache	Cat Show
Wed, 05/09		Bülowspielplatz	Welcome Home
		HAL Atelierhaus	Turtles Can Fly
		KrudeBude	Wild
Thu, 06/09	7:00-8:15 pm	Bülowspielplatz	Doll, the Fatso & Me
	8:30-10:00 pm	HAL Atelierhaus	Tales from Earthsea
		Lu99	Driving while Black
		Brache	ZER
Fri, 07/09	8:30-10:00 pm	Lu99	Driving while Black
		Brache	ZER
		Querbeet	The Salt of the Earth
		Lu99	Driving while Black
Sat, 08/09	6:00-7:30 pm	Pöge-Haus Saal	Big Father, Small Father and Other...
	8:00-9:20 pm	KrudeBude	Hotel Jugoslavija
	8:30-10:00 pm	Querbeet	Dark Eden
	8:30-10:15 pm	Pöge-Haus Garten	Tampopo

## SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

### And the Moon stands still <sup>3</sup>

A poetic and artistically animated short film about the phases of the moon and tides based on the story „The Witcher“ by Alexei Tolstoy.

6:15 – 6:30 PM  
POLYWILD FILM  
Animation  
11 min.  
Belarus, Germany, USA  
2017  
Director: Yulia Ruditskaya  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Licu – A Romanian Story <sup>3</sup>

The 92-year-old Licu shares his memories of the extremes of the 20th century—World War, displacement, post-communism—with the Romanian-born filmmaker. Through their regular visits, a familiar relationship develops between the two as the film progresses.

6:30 – 8:00 PM  
POLYWILD FILM  
Documentary  
86 min.  
Romania 2017  
Director: Ana Dumitrescu  
OV: Romanian  
ST: English

### No one knows about Persian Cats <sup>4</sup>

The Iranian rock musicians Negar and Ashkan want to flee from repressive Iran to London. But first, they want to give a last concert in Tehran. A trip through the shimmering night life of the Iranian capital begins—snapshots of the Tehran Underground scene with genuine volume.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
POLYWILD FILM  
Docufiction  
90 min.  
Iran, Germany 2009  
Director: Bahman Ghobadi  
OV: German  
ST: English

## SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

### The Strawberry Statement <sup>8</sup>

GDR cult film: The student Simon, apolitical and nerdy, meets activist Linda at a protest. As a result, he is increasingly drawn into the student protests of the 1968 generation, which make a stand against the involvement of their university in the Vietnam War. The film is based on true events at Columbia University in New York.

7:00 – 8:45 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
109 min.  
USA 1969  
Director: Stuart Hagmann  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Oslo, August 31st <sup>2</sup>

Portrait of a generation and suicide drama: The 34-year-old Anders comes from an educated middle class family from the West of Oslo. He has spent ten months in a drug rehabilitation clinic, is now considered clean, and will soon be released. First, he returns for a day to Oslo on August 31. He dares to tread tentative steps back into society, but doesn't manage to establish a foothold anywhere.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
86 Min.  
Norway 2011  
Director: Joachim Trier  
OV: Norwegian  
ST: German

### Bekas <sup>2</sup>

An adventurous, magical road movie; The brothers Zana (6) and Dana (10), two war orphans, attempt to flee from Northern Iraq to America, the country of their idol Superman—together with their donkey Michael Jackson, they endure a series of difficult tests.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Children's and youth film  
Sweden, Finland, Iraq 2012  
Director: Karzan Kader  
OV: Kurdish  
ST: German

## WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Cat Show <sup>9</sup>

The young blind woman Carly and her Persian cat Tango travel throughout England, Ireland, and Europe to cat shows. Carly is a passionate cat breeder and has a fine sense of humor. A quirky glimpse into the world of cat shows, but also the story of an ambitious young woman looking for love.

8:30 – 9:30 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Documentary  
59 min.  
UK 2014  
Director: Donna Lipowitz  
OV: English  
ST: English

### Welcome Home <sup>11</sup>

The film delves into the microcosm of the Leipzig club legend Distillery and gives organizers, DJs, and party guests a voice in exclusive interviews.

DVD of the film with many extras and outtakes, limited edition, 10 Euro special price, order at: [tiledoku@googlemail.com](mailto:tiledoku@googlemail.com)

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
POLYWILD FILM  
Documentary  
102 min.  
Germany 2012  
Director: Janine Göhring, Stefan Leuschel  
OV: Deutsch  
ST: English

### Turtles Can Fly <sup>7</sup>

The 2003 Gulf War from the perspective of children and an unsparing anti-war filmic drama in poetic images: The 13-year-old Satellite is the leader of a group of Kurdish children who track and sell landmines in Northern Iraq. He falls in love with Agrin, who is the same age as him and enters the camp with her two-year-old blind son Digah and her older brother Hengov—but she has given up and can only think of death.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
98 min.  
Iran, Iraq 2004  
Director: Bahman Ghobadi  
OV: Kurdish  
ST: German

### Tampopo <sup>4</sup>

Japanese cult classic: The young widow Tampopo tries to get herself and her little son through with a noodle soup kitchen. She gets help from long-distance driver Goro and his buddy who want to make the store a top restaurant for ramen. Told in episodes, the film combines food and eros and satirizes various genres: mafia film, western, and romance. The yolk scene during lovemaking is legendary.

8:30 – 10:15 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Erotic comedy  
114 min.  
Japan 1985  
Director: Juzo Itami  
OV: Japanese  
ST: English

## TUESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Too Skinny for Love <sup>5</sup>

Youth and music film from DEFA: The 18-year-old Susanne is a skilled worker in a textile company. Always willing to help and socially engaged, she also keeps house for her father and brother, yet they do not perceive her as a woman at all. This is also true of Lutz, with whom she has fallen in love. The selfish behavior of her friend Daisy encourages Susanne to finally assert herself and, with new self-confidence, she even conquers Lutz—even if their love doesn't last long.

6:00 – 7:45 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Comedy  
86 min.  
GDR 1973  
Director: Bernhard Stephan  
OV: German  
ST: English

### A Street Cat Named Bob <sup>6</sup>

The film tells the true story of an unusual friendship between the willful street cat Bob and James, a street musician in London living at the edge of the existence—together, they find back their way back to life.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
103 min.  
UK 2016  
Director: Roger Spottiswoode  
OV: English  
ST: English

## SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Big Father, Small Father and Other Stories <sup>3</sup>

Saigon in the 90s: Panorama of the life of a group of young people in the slums of the metropolis, from which the young photography student Vu discovers his homosexuality.

6:00 – 7:30 PM  
POLYWILD MOVIE  
Drama  
102 min.  
Vietnam, Netherlands, Germany, France 2015  
Director: Phan Dang Di  
OV: Vietnamese  
ST: English

### Hotel Jugoslavija <sup>10</sup>

The legendary titular Hotel Jugoslavija, created in 1969 in Novi Belgrade, embodied the ideals of socialism and bore witness to the chequered history of former Yugoslavia. Wagnières connects recent and historical footage, and mixes in his own anecdotes with sober facts—he is searching at once for a collective consciousness as well as his own identity.

8:00 – 9:20 PM  
POLYWILD MOVIE  
Documentary  
78 min.  
France, Serbia 2017  
Director: Nicolas Wagnières  
OV: German, Serbian  
ST: German

### Dark Eden <sup>1</sup>

Inside Fort McMurray is one of the last oil reserves in the world. People from across the globe go there to earn astronomical sums of money at the expense of the environment and human health. But as one of the filmmakers themselves falls ill, reality and film mix with one another and they need to confront her own nightmare.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Documentary  
90 min.  
Germany 2017  
Director: Jasmin Herold, Michael Beamish  
OV: English, German  
ST: German

## MONDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Peas at 5:30 <sup>3</sup>

Jakob, a successful theater director, loses his eyesight in a traffic accident and with it all life perspective. Lilly, his teacher, who has been blind from birth, tries to help him. On a journey together across Europe, filled with bizarre moments, a love slowly grow between two people who make the world understandable for each other.

6:00 – 7:30 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Tragicomedy  
107 min.  
Germany 2003  
Director: Lars Büchel  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Herbert <sup>4</sup>

Milieu and character study: The East German former professional boxer Herbert earns his living as a doorman, debt collector, and trainer. After being diagnosed with a fatal muscle wasting disease, he attempts to finally reconcile with his daughter.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
109 min.  
Germany 2015  
Director: Thomas Stuber  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Massan <sup>2</sup>

The film tells in parallel the stories of two people living on the Ganges who are fatefully connected with one another: While the young Devi starts an affair with the student Pi-yush out of curiosity, Deepak, a young student, falls in love with Sadiya, who is a member of a higher caste.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
104 min.  
India 2014  
Director: Neeraj Ghaywan  
OV: Hindi, Kachika, English, ST: English

## THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Wild <sup>10</sup>

Liberation from civilizational constraints: The young IT specialist Ania lives in seclusion in Halle-Neustadt. Harassed and desired by her superior Boris, she meets a wolf on her way home from the agency—it is the beginning of an animal love story and the end of her middle-class life.

7:00 – 8:15 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
88 min.  
Germany 2015  
Director: Nicolette Krebitz  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Doll, the Fatso & Me <sup>11</sup>

Independent road movie: On his last tour as a courier driver from Paris to Berlin, the small statured Bomber meets two people who will change his life: the fat, kindhearted Bruno and the blind, beautiful Europe. For various personal reasons, the three underdogs move together from Paris to Berlin and frequently find themselves in ludicrous situations.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Comedy  
86 min.  
Germany 2012  
Director: Felix Stenz  
OV: German  
ST: English

### Tales from Earthsea <sup>7</sup>

Exciting fantasy adventure: The magician Sperber observes two dragons in the sky tearing each other to pieces—the balance in Earthsea has been disturbed. A sinister power has opened wide the door between the worlds of the living and the dead. Only Arren and his magical sword can still save Earthsea.

8:30 – 10:15 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Anime  
115 min.  
Japan 2006  
Director: Gorô Miyazaki  
OV: English  
ST: English

## FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### Driving while Black <sup>8</sup>

As a black man, pizza delivery boy Dimitri learns again and again how pervasive and everyday police racism is. As he is offered a job as a driver of a tourist bus in Hollywood, his journey to the interview proves to be extremely difficult.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama, comedy  
94 min.  
USA 2016  
Director: Paul Sapiano  
OV: English  
ST: English

### ZER <sup>9</sup>

Jan, a music student, immerses himself in his Turkish-Kurdish homeland to seek out the traces of a sad story that his grandmother once told him. On this journey, Jan encounters the forgotten village of his grandmother and her story, but he also finds his own story and the roots of his identity.

8:30 – 10:15 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Drama  
113 min.  
Germany, Turkey, USA 2017  
Director: Kazim Öz  
OV: Turkish, Kurdish, English  
ST: English

### The Salt of the Earth <sup>1</sup>

A documentary memorial of the most important social documentary photographer in the world: the Brazilian Sebastião Salgado, who traveled to almost every corner of the world and impressively documented some of 20th century humanity's worst catastrophes. At the edge of despair over the state of the world, he dedicates himself with „Genesis“ to the untouched, paradisiacal places on earth.

8:30 – 10:00 PM  
REQUESTED FILM  
Documentary  
106 min.  
France, Brazil 2013  
Director: Wim Wenders, Juliano Ribeiro Salgado  
OV: German, French, Portuguese  
ST: English



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Parkplatz am Rabet

Eisenbahnstraße 64

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Pöge-Haus Saal

Hedwigstraße 20

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Pöge-Haus Garten

Hedwigstraße 20

5

Seniorenbüro Ost

Eisenbahnstraße 66

6

Ost-Passage-Theater

Konradstraße 27

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HAL Atelierhaus

Hildegardstraße 49/51

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Lu99

Ludwigstraße 99

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Brache

Eisenbahnstr. 103/105

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KrudeBude

Stannebeinplatz 13

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Bülowspielplatz

Paulinenstraße 14