

Press release
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GIFF to host the European Script Award

From this autumn, the Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF) will host the European Script Award. Previously hosted in Berlin and Helsinki, the European Script Award rewards the most original film script and is awarded by the European Alliance for Television and Culture (EATC) which groups together many actors from the audiovisual industry. GIFF joined the EATC on 27 May this year.

The European Script Award gathers together creations from European production and TV companies. These will have until 28 August to submit TV series written by up-and-coming screenwriters (first, second or third script). With the approval of EATC's members GIFF has recast the prize's regulations with the aim of giving more exposure to the creation of TV series.

A prize worth EUR 10,000

An international jury composed of journalists specialized in the fields of film and TV series will choose the most promising European talent among a pre-selection of three creations that will be screened during the Festival. The best screenwriter of the year will receive a prize worth EUR 10,000 offered by the European Alliance for Television and Culture (EATC) during GIFF's award ceremony which will take place on 14 November 2020.

An extra award for GIFF's TV Series prize list

For more than 25 years GIFF has paid tribute to the creative power of TV series, a genre that has now become essential. Ten pilot episodes are selected every year for the International TV Series Competition. This new award exclusively dedicated to European production will further strengthen GIFF's commitment to screenwriters of TV series.

A European distinction originally from Geneva

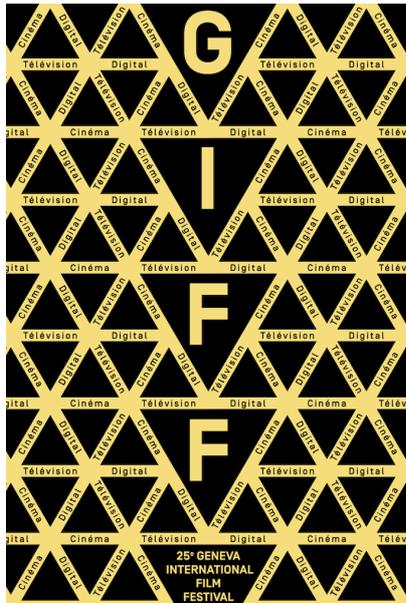
The ESA (formerly known as PRIX GENEVE) was created by the EATC in 1987 to motivate new writers towards careers in television. Moreover, GIFF takes part in many European initiatives in the fields of series, film and digital works, and is a founding member of the Europa Film Festivals and the EuroFest XR networks.

Who may submit a TV series?

The European Script Award is open to all broadcasters and production companies based in Europe. All information on entries and regulations are available on giff.ch.

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The Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF)

Since its inception in 1995, Geneva International Film Festival (GIFF) has been supporting the role of independent authors in creative processes. At the crossroads of genres and disciplines, a place to experiment, get together and celebrate, the Festival showcases a program featuring films, TV series and digital arts for ten days every year. It also devotes considerable attention to innovation, music and up-and-coming talent in its various programs.

Located in the heart of the international city of Geneva, GIFF contributes to the development of the Swiss and international digital industry thanks to its professional program, the Geneva Digital Market, as well as its PLUGS program, which every year groups together a series of events organized in partnership with other foreign festivals, markets and institutions.

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