

## Eight Eurochannel Short Films Tour "Happiness" Friday, September 29, 2017

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Celebrate Happiness on September 29<sup>th</sup> with the European Student Association and the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, and European & Eurasian Studies Program, featuring the Eight Eurochannel Short Films Tour - "Happiness"

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## **About Eurochannel: The Best of Europe**

Eurochannel presents only top of the line European programming: From traditional films to the hottest new cinema; from sweeping, epic serials to heart-pounding mini-series; Eurochannel has something for everybody.

THE BEST OF EUROPE

Eurochannel is the first channel entirely dedicated to European programing, becoming an ambassador of its cultural exception. Through its series or movies, its history and heritage, its music and events, Eurochannel is offering the best of Europe.

Eurochannel gives Europe a reality in the American context. It is a vivid image of the diversity of Europe, as well as it identity as a whole. The programming is a reflection of that complexity, with many different genres, themes and languages. Eurochannel is committed to presenting original programs, exclusive in the USA, for its viewers to enjoy.

Eurochannel is now well-known for offering programs in their original version with quality subtitles enabling the viewers to enjoy both the music of the language and the actors' performance. It is a joyful travel through Europe and all its variety with a multitude of different shows, from movies to documentaries, animated films to cooking shows. Eurochannel present a broad and mysterious Europe, far from all representations existing nowadays on TV. For more information, please visit <u>www.eurochannel.com</u>

## About the Eight Eurochannel Short Films Tour

Embark on a cinematic voyage you will never forget, with the greatest new exponents of European filmmaking. The Eurochannel Short Films Tour is back for its eighth edition, with a special programming theme: happiness!

The Eurochannel Short Films Tour has been a successful Eurochannel trademark for the last seven years. A unique event, the tour invites viewers to follow talented directors on an exciting exploration of Europe through short films: with the directors as guides, viewers discover fascinating cultures through the eyes of a filmmaker. Almost every European country and region is represented in this edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour - each of whose film is broadcast in its original language and subtitled in English - which is an example of the program's creativity and dynamism.

On the Eurochannel Short Films Tour, viewers will enjoy a cinematic voyage through Europe, hear all its languages, and experience inspiring stories that will move them to reflect on a wide range of topics. This year, the Tour includes new regions such as Nova Gorica (Slovenia) and Nivelles (Belgium). Also, viewers will be introduced to cinematic adventures from the most charming countries such as France, the United Kingdom and Italy. Plenty of places to go, plenty of stories to enjoy... We propose only one question: how happy are you?

## HAPPINESS FOR THE WORLD TO SEE

"Happiness depends upon ourselves," said Aristotle. But while philosophers and religious thinkers often define happiness in terms of living a good life, or flourishing, rather than simply as an emotion, scientists have a more pragmatic approach with measurable indicators.

Scientists argue that experiencing positive events, feeling loved and loving, accepting others and being accepted, and keeping good habits lead to finding happiness. Although it is true that an exact and complete definition of "happiness" is impossible, we can agree that it resides in a sense of well-being rather than wealth or power. But what makes some people happy might not make you happy, and the Eurochannel Short Films Tour explores different motives and definitions of happiness.

During the Eurochannel Short Films Tour, viewers will encounter a curated collection of short cinematic masterpieces reflecting a sense of happiness, in one way or another, with dazzling stories. Through inspirational narratives that explore what makes different people happy, talented directors and actors - such as Patrick Vollrath, nominated in 2016 to the Oscar for Live Action Short - will prove why their works have been awarded at the most important film festivals for short films across the globe.

In this event, which pays tribute to the universal human striving for joy, Eurochannel has broken down its selection into 8 programs, as no single genre could have been left out. Dramas, comedies, animated productions, mini-documentaries, and experimental short films will deliver original stories that will move you.

The drive for happiness, and our search for peaceful coexistence, are the complex and diverse inspirations for this new edition of the Eurochannel Short Films Tour. Follow us on a journey to celebrate life, cinema, and of course... happiness!

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