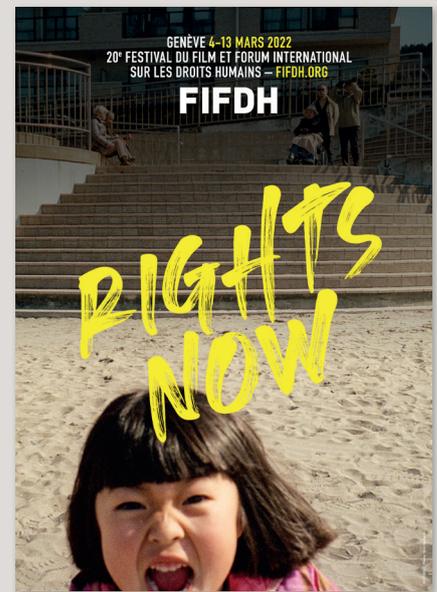


Press release

Geneva, 13 January 2022

RIGHTS NOW: The FIFDH unveils the poster for its 20th edition.

The International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH) will celebrate its 20th edition from 4 to 13 March, both in cinemas and online. For 20 years, the Festival has proved to be a unique event, raising alarms and promoting new forms of commitment and action, from within the heart of Geneva. The team has chosen a most striking image to mark this anniversary: a scream captured by Japanese photographer Shin Noguchi.



By selecting this poster, it is a heartfelt plea that the FIFDH team has chosen to convey: the fight for human rights and creative freedom must continue. We strive to call attention to those who resist and reinvent themselves and focus our attention on the future, its strong solutions and emerging voices. The Festival will carry them above the deafening din of the pandemic, whatever the health situation. Our call is a cry of commitment and alarm but also one of hope and renewal.

Shin Noguchi, an award-winning street photographer born in 1976, casts a mischievous, humanistic and tender eye on the world. Here, he seizes an unstaged portrait of his one of three daughters Yumeji, paying tribute to her power. He says of his work that « *Even if it is difficult to completely erase the boundaries between cultures, races and colours, I strongly believe that, through the steady activity of photography, we can lower the boundaries to a height where children can easily jump over them like a skipping rope...* »

20 years: time for a new generation of activists

To mark this 20th edition, the FIFDH will honour the new generation of activists. A debate will bring together several 20-year-old activists: **Paxton Smith** defends abortion rights in Texas, **Winnie Tushabe** fights for sustainable agriculture in Uganda, **Marina El-Khawand** demands access to health care in Lebanon, and **Suyin Haynes**, editor-in-chief of the British magazine gal-dem. Other guests include whistleblower **Chelsea Manning**, former US military analyst, and Hong Kong activist **Nathan Law**.

Barbara Hendricks concert

Legendary soprano **Barbara Hendricks**, long-standing patron of the FIFDH and Honorary Life Ambassador of the UNHCR, will perform on 10 March 2022 at the Théâtre Forum Meyrin to mark this anniversary. She invites us to return to the roots of blues and gospel music for an evening, in tribute to the civil rights movement in the United States, inspired by many courageous women such as Rosa Parks and embodied by Martin Luther King.

Tickets already available at: tinyurl.com/fifdh-20

Launch of the 4th edition of the Impact Days

The FIFDH's professional programme, Impact Days, - a unique space for collaboration and exchange between filmmakers, NGOs, foundations and journalists - will kick off on 25 January 2022 with an online workshop on the impact of documentary films and will continue during the Festival in March.

Register at tinyurl.com/impactdays-3 - Informations <https://urlz.fr/h81q>

THE FIFDH IN BRIEF

The Geneva International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH) is the most important international event devoted to film and human rights. Its 20th edition will take place from **4 to 13 March 2022** and will bring together filmmakers, activists, artists, journalists, experts and diplomats to share their views with the general public, in parallel with the main session of the UN Human Rights Council.

SAVE THE DATE

Press conference
Presentation of the programme
Tuesday 15 February 2022, 11 am. Registration and information: presse@fifdh.org

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