The Batumi International Art-House Film Festival (BAIFF) has selected the films for all three categories: the international film competition – fiction, documentary and short film. The program also features several Georgian films. Among them are Zaza Rusadze’s A Fold in my Blanket, which premiered at the Berlinale Film Festival and will now be screened at BIAFF. In the documentary film genre, Nino Orjokidze and Vano Aranesidze’s film The English Teacher will also be screened during the festival.

The competition’s films will be judged by an international jury comprised of the following members: Fiction jury: Marlen Khutsiev (Russia), Yelena Ustaşoŭ (Turkey), Jim Stark (USA), Wiesław Saniewski (Poland), Lela Ochiauri (Georgia). Documentary jury: Andrey Fidyk (Poland), Anton Mazurov (Russia), Emin Celebi (Turkey), Ruben Gevorjian (Armenia), Eero Lehtinen (Finland), Kim Ki Duk (Korea), Vitaly Manski (Russia, Germany, UK). Short film jury: Aleksandra Rekhvadzhi (Georgian), Mehmet Ali Arslan (Turkey), Rafiq Movsisyan (Armenia), Margarita Kasimova (Belgium, France, Netherland, Georgia), Anna Khanishvili, Ana Chanishvili, and Natalia T_deritashvili, (Georgia)

Lifelong, Asli Özge (Turkey, Germany, Netherlands), Panslavij, Serge Aseidov-kian and Olena Fesivska (Ukraine, France, Georgia, Armenia), The Fourth Cifir, Vahid Mousavi (Iran). BIAFF 2013 – Documentary film list: Act of Killing, Joshua Oppen himer (Dearmark, Norway, UK), Bad Boy – High Security Cell, James Mrozowski (France, Poland), Balkan Spirit, Hermann Uscke (Germany), Blood Brother, Steve Hope (USA), English Teacher, Nino Orjokidze and Vano Aranesidze (Georgia), Five Broken Cameras, Emad Burnat and Guy Davidi (Palestine, Israel, France, Netherlands), Man who made angels fly, Victoria Szumowska (Poland, France, UK), Pyjama, Vitaly Manski (Russia, Germany, Czech Republic), Pasyt: A Punk Prayer (Russia, UK).

BAIFF 2013 – Short film list: Doc-tor, Giorgi Todria (Georgia), Outsider, Giorgi Kavtaradze (Georgia). Parcel from Athen, Keti Gigalashvili (Georgia), Happy Meal, Kote Takashvili (Georgia), Kous, Omar Rabañal (Spain), Melting island, Fariz Akhmedov (Azerbaijan), Solitude, Dimityr Dedov (Bulgaria), Once Upon A Time In Kabul, Eoro Lehtinen (Finland), Hollywood movie, Volker Schreiner (Germany), Farher, Anar Ismailova (Kazakhstan), Studio Betrad, Mokhtar Beyleho (Leb-na-non), More than Two hours, Ali Asgar (Iran), Now And Forever, Tal Hanid (Israel), Mother, Eka Lekashvili (Poland), Order, Piotr Szarkowski (Poland), No Hair, No Paranoia, Ciro Rodrigues Villalba (Spain, USA), Ateno Firkktiko, Mathias Staub (Swit-zzerland), Dream Girl, Oliver Sawr (Switzerland), FS, Timotei Shalmeian (Russia), Take a deep breath (Turkey), Salvation, Niko Romanchenko (Ukraine), No less than 50 kg., Maryna Atenkenko (Ukraine), The search for inspiration gone, Ashley Michael Briggs (UK), Good Night, Mural D’Assem-bourg (UK), Tomoli, Johnny Barrington (UK).

American Literature Week

The Ib Mihlbi boarding school, in partnership with the American Friendship Youth Club, organized the project American Literature Week, where for one week, secondary and high school students from IB Mihlbi translated modern American literary masterpieces from English into Georgian. These pieces included Mary Flannery O’Connor’s ‘A Good Man Is Hard to Find’, Isaac Asimov’s ‘Robot Dreams’ and James Thurber’s ‘The Tigress and Her Mate’.

Within the framework of the project, representatives of the American Friendship Youth Club held a presentation at the school where the students had an opportunity to attend the lecture “American Literature” and get involved in discussions with one an other and the guests. During the first term, the high school students also had a meeting with American lecturer Brian Smith, who introduced them to American Literature of the 18th – 20th centuries.

American Literature Week was led by Mihlbi’s Head of the Department of Language and Culture Salome Chkhizhde; second- ary English language teacher, Natalia Miga trịa, and the American Friendship Youth Club.


The boarding school and its depart- ment of English will continue its close partnership with the American Friendship Youth Club.