

Shooting with a 19,95-Euro budget

Karlsruhe-based BohemiaFilmkunst-label invites entries to video competition

Karlsruhe - Producing a film with 19,95 Euros? "It's possible" says Michael Nagenborg, festival director of „Independent Days VI“(ID), the Low- and No-Budget-Filmfestival in Northern Baden. There only films are screened which have a budget of less than 2.500 Euros per minute of run time. With this competition the organisers are now looking for films which have been realized with far less, a total budget of 19,95 Euros at the most.

The length of the entries has to be between three and five minutes, shot on video. "Total idealism. Total creativity. Totally no-budget.", this is the slogan of the competition. Ideas far removed from the Hollywood machinery. "We believe a good story is worth much more than a bad one in a fancy get-up", says Nagenborg.

With the price for a tape being close to eight Euros not much of the Budget is left for other expenses. Creativity and innovative ideas are required from the film makers. "We have proven that it is possible to produce entertaining and interesting films with tiny budgets during the Independent Days festivals in the last six years", explains Michael Nagenborg. Now the organisers carry no-budget a step further to zero-budget.

Everybody is free to enter the competition, if they think they can tell an exciting, sad or funny story with practically no expenses. The budget of 19,95 Euros is the only condition. The ten best entries will be screened next spring at "Independent Days VI" in Karlsruhe. There is also a chance for a DVD-release on th young Karlsruhe BohemiaFilmkunst-label by „Michael Nagenborg und Oliver Langewitz GbR“.

The company, which has been founded on the 1st of August 2003 wants to fill the gap for the distribution of low- und no-budget productions. "The market exists. The high number of visitors at the festival prove, that there are many people interested in independent film", says Nagenborg. The first DVD-release, which will be published at the end of September carries the motto of Independent Days V, which took place in spring 2003 "We can do anything. Apart from Hollywood. Independent Days Vol.01-DVD“.

As the name implies other DVD-releases are in the pipeline. Although Michael Nagenborg and Oliver Langewitz will not limit themselves to shorts. Features will also be presented on the label. At the moment, howeve, the hot production phase for the first volume has started, so it can be in the shops for the pre-Christmas period and can be launched at the release-party at the Club Le Carambolage on October 12th.

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