

Mecal 2010 is cinema

Mecal 2010 the International Short Film Festival of Barcelona will take place soon. It's now possible to download the **program grid** and the program of the official sections on our web page www.mecalbcn.org. Mecal 2010 will take place between the **9th and the 18th of April**, in **Barcelona**, and it will show internationally recognized short films for the competition section: **International, Obliqua and Documentary**. Mecal will have "home-made" short films like *Rumbo a peor* by Àlex Brendemühl that took part in Cannes and in the Sao Paulo Festival and other international short films like *Arena* by Joao Salaviza, which received the prize to the best short film in the 62nd edition of the Cannes International Film Festival.

Moreover, Mecal has in its selection *Jade* by Daniel Elioth that received the Silver Bear to the best short film at the 59th edition of the Berlinale. Also from Berlin arrives *Wagah*, a german documentary that has received lots of awards. Another programmed short film is *L'arbitro* by Paolo Zucca that this year won the special prize of the jury at the Clermont Ferrand International Short Film Festival, the most known short film festival in the world. As an animation short film it will be possible to see *Logorama*, a French film that is nominated to the Oscars.

For the **parallel sections**, Mecal has prepared sessions with a very diverse thematic, this year with **Belguim** as a guest country and a special one about the animation schools **La Cambre** and **Kask**. Mecal 2010 also programs a short film special about **Èric Rohmer** with **Filmoteca de Catalunya**, that this year will have a special film program about the *nouvelle vague* director. This year's edition will have place on a **Tuesday 13th**, so for the 13th of april there will be the fantastic sessions of the festival: **Vampire, UFO and Zombie**, and also **Back to the Future**, where we will discover how do the short films of the past had imagined the future.

Mecal 2010 will have the best **international jury**: the cinema critic and professor Quim Casas. The director Roger Gual (*Smoking Room, Remake*), the Belgian film maker Nicolas Provost, the director of the new program *Somos Cortos* (Cultural.es, RTVE) Francesc M.López and the musician Miqui Puig.

Mecal 2010 will take place from the 9th to the 18th of April in different places in **Barcelona** like the Maldà Cinemas, the Residència d'Investigadors, the French Institute or Mau Mau Barcelona.