

New edition of Mecal: The Short Film Festival of Barcelona

Mecal 2010, the International Short film Festival of Barcelona reaches its **twelfth edition**. One more time, on spring: from the **9th to the 18th of April**. Mecal maintains its position at the same time that it evolves, as always, looking for the best and more innovative in the field of short films. This year, Mecal has received more short films than ever, nearly 3.500 and it has prepared the best selection for the festival. Mecal 2010 will have the habitual sections in the official competition: **International, Documentary and Obliqua**. In the sections on competition there will be short films internationally recognized, from Cannes to Berlin and also in American festivals. The **International Jury** will be a selection of prestigious professionals for the International and Documentary sections. For example, this year the Belgian film maker **Nicolas Provost** will be part of the jury, among other distinguished professionals.

Apart from the short films in competition Mecal will have more other parallel **sections** with a big thematic variety. This year **Belgium** is the guest country with the more actual Belgian short films and special sections about the well-known animations school **La Cambre** and **Kask**. Still on Europe, Mecal 2010 will show a short film retrospective about the film maker of the *nouvelle vague* **Éric Rohmer**. This edition will be a fantastic one because the festival will program the section **Vampire**, the section **UFO**, about aliens, and another one about **zombies**. Moreover, the present edition will be greener than ever with a section called **Green**, about ecology. And to be more green... **Green Porno**: the three seasons of the Isabella Rossellini, produced by The Sundance Festival and its TV Channel. Green Porno is a series that explain the animal sexual behavior with an original and graphical staging but with scientific rigor.

Mecal 2010 wants to be a Festival for everybody so, it doesn't forget about the youngest ones in the morning sessions for **children**, for all the family and schools. One more year with **Womart**: a section that reflects on the feminine universe. The Short Film Festival of Barcelona has the best short films of the world but it also takes into account the closer ones with an exhibition of short films produced in **Catalunya**. With **Back to the future** we'll know how the shorts of the past imagined the future and the audience will also enjoy a short film sessions made with the motion graphic technology: **OK Computer**. Mecal will also show the short films that are common in our everyday life with a selection of **Commercials** and **Musical videos**. The section will have the best advertisements and actual music, with a retrospective about the English band Blur and more special sections.

The audience will be able to enjoy all this short films in **spaces** in the city of **Barcelona** like the Maldà Cinemas, Mau Mau Barcelona, the Residència d'Investigadors, the Cultural Space of Caja Madrid, the French Institute and this year, as a novelty in **Macba**, the Museum of Contemporary Art of Barcelona, where it will be possible to watch the section called Back to the Future. Furthermore, Mecal 2010 will program parallel activities during all the festival, conferences and a concert.

We would like to remind you that there are just some days left (until the **1st of March**) to take profit from the offer that Mecal and **Atrápalo** have for the audience of the festival: the **Ticket Package Mecal 2010** for all the sections of the festival at **15 Euros**, a 40% less than its usual price, at www.atrapalo.com.

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