

**RECIPIENTS OF JI.HLAVA /JB FILMS SUPPORT 2024**

**WITH LOVE, FROM THE FRONTLINE**

***Ji.hlava / JB Films co-production support: 40,000 EUR***

Countries: Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine

Director: Alisia Kovalenko

Producer: Kasia Kuczyńska, Tomasz Morawski

Co-producers: Darya Bassel, Oleksandra Kravchenko

Genre: Documentary

Estimated date of premiere: First half of 2025

Synopsis:

*WITH LOVE, FROM THE FRONTLINE* is a deeply personal documentary by Alisa Kovalenko, who combines her perspectives as a mother, soldier, and filmmaker. The film spans from early spring to summer 2022, capturing the routine, waiting, and sudden violence of life in the trenches. Through Alisa's camera, viewers experience the stark reality of the Ukrainian frontline, from the quiet moments of reflection to the chaos of missile strikes. Her letters to her son Theo provide an emotional core, exploring themes of love, legacy, and the personal cost of war. By focusing on her relationships with comrades and the inner turmoil of conflict, *FRONTLINE* offers a unique, intimate view of war that transcends traditional documentary storytelling.

**POWER, ELAINE**

***Ji.hlava / JB Films co-production support: 40,000 EUR***

Country: Serbia

Director and Producer: Mila Turajlić

Genre: Documentary

Estimated date of premiere: January 2025

Synopsis:

Elaine Mokhtefi (née Klein), a Jewish American from New York, has had an exhilarating life, colored by the great events of decolonisation that marked the 1960s and 70s. At the age of 90, she decides to write her memoirs, plunging into the past and combing through research

documents. Sitting in the kitchen of her cozy Upper West Side apartment, surrounded by photos and souvenirs of decades of activism, dwarfed by the giant iMac screen in front of her, she could hardly have imagined that the publication of her book "Algiers, Third World Capital: Freedom Fighters, Revolutionaries, Black Panthers" in 2018 would inaugurate an entirely new chapter in her life.

**WISHING ON A STAR**

***Ji.hlava / JB Films co-production support: 30,000 EUR***

Countries: Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria, Croatia

Director: Peter Kerekes

Producers: Erica Barbiani, Lucia Candelpergher, Peter Kerekes, Anna Mach Rumanová

Co-producers: Ralph Wieser, Vít Schmarc, Vanja Jambrović, Tibor Keser, Stefano Centini

Genre: Documentary

Date of premiere: August 2024 (Venice FF)

**Synopsis:**

An astral comedy that shows how to resurrect one's love for a husband, find a woman to start a family or reconcile with your father. Just go to Alaska, Greenland or Lebanon, advises Italian astrologer Luciana, who works as a psychotherapist and personal coach in her office. This touchingly real guide to emotional turmoil, human longing and hope is based on the techniques of fiction film. A layered group portrait with a polished character typology portrays a world driven by chance, disguised as mirage, self-delusion or miracle.

In Jihlava, October 30, 2024