

Четвер, 4 грудня 16.00

Документальний фільм від проекту Culture vs. War

Ексклюзивний показ трьох документальних історій про гурт Антитіла, письменника Сергія Жадана, а також режисера Сергія Михальчиука як художнє дослідження про українських митців, що захищають та допомагають країні та створюють нові сенси української культури.

Перед початком – включення представників проекту, не пропустіть (хто саме – уточнюється).

Ця подія – частина Фестивалю «Відкрийте Україну», повна програма тут:

<https://www.stevenskerk.nl/agenda>

Thursday January 4, 4:00-6:00 PM

Documentary Culture vs. War

We will exclusively show three stories from the Ukrainian project Culture vs. War about Ukrainians representative cultural and creative sector who decided to defend and help Ukraine – a pop-rock band Antytila, a writer Serhiy Zhadan and a film director Serhii Mykhalchuk. Through their stories, beliefs and reflection on the events, they acquaint the world and Ukrainian communities with the values and meanings of Ukrainian culture, which help Ukrainians to put up a worthy resistance to the aggressor.

Representatives from Culture vs War project (name to be confirmed) will exclusively address Nijmegen community through a video call before the screening starts!

Story 1: Culture vs War. Antytila





Antytila, a Ukrainian pop-rock band, fronted by Taras Topolia. The group was founded in Kyiv in 2008.

Before the war, the band performed in stadiums all over the country, released dozens of videos, and went on eight major tours, including those throughout Europe, the United States, and Canada.

In February 2022, at the beginning of the Russian full-scale invasion, the band's musicians Taras Topolia, Serhii Vusyk, and Dmytro Zholud voluntarily joined the Territorial Defense Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Later the band released a hit together with Ed Sheeran, **"2 step"** which has 19 million views and depicts talented children who were affected by Russian attacks.

Quotes:

We addressed the foreign media with the sole narrative: we need to support Ukraine in all possible ways because we are fighting for shared values, not only for Ukraine's but also for our common European future. If we lose, Europe will be next. But we will not lose.

Story 2. Culture vs War. Serhiy Zhadan





Serhiy Zhadan is a writer, poet, translator and a musician. Serhiy Zhadan's works are widely translated around the world and can be read in almost thirty languages. The writer has received many Ukrainian and international literary awards. Since the beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian war, he has been organizing artistic events and providing volunteer assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Quotes:

Without a doubt, what's happening between us now is a war of cultures and values, of principles, and different realities. All these beautiful things about freedom, democracy, and human dignity can easily lose their essence. But for Ukrainians who are fighting against the second army of the world, these values turned out to be alive, real, and worth dying for. Ukraine's victory in this war is an opportunity for the world to return to its values.

Story 2: Culture vs War. Serhii Mykhalchuk





Serhii Mykhalchuk, cinematographer, director of photography for about 40 films, four of which were nominated for an Oscar in Ukraine. Winner of the Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival and dozens of world awards for best cinematography. He has worked on such films as “Mamay”, “Illusion of Fear”, “Paradzhanov”, “The Guide”, “The Wild Fields”, “EKS”, and most recently, “Dovbush” (screened in the Netherlands with great success). An author of 10 personal exhibitions.

Serhii Mykhalchuk has been serving in the Armed Forces of Ukraine since the first days of the full-scale war, and documenting the crimes of Russians in Ukraine.

Quotes:

In addition to guns, we also have cameras. And we can make sure that this story, this war is remembered. For the next generations, Ukrainians will resemble Sparta: a nation that stood up and fought bravely against a much larger and stronger aggressor.

“Culture vs War” is created by the Association of Cinema Production and Assistance in Ukraine – Watch Ukrainian! with the support of the European Union in Ukraine, the MHP Gromadi Foundation, and the Babilon Company.

This event is a part of Discover Ukraine Festival. With a varied program for young and old, the Stevenskerk aims to bring the culture of Ukraine closer. Together with concerned organizations and volunteers, we express our support in the fight against Russian aggression. More information: <https://www.stevenskerk.nl/agenda/>