

New talent cooperation brings Chinese filmmakers to Odense

Odense Film Workshop launches a new Danish-Chinese Film Talent Camp, where Danish and Chinese film talents will produce films together in Odense and Chengdu.

At the end of August, Odense is host to 10 Chinese film talents aged 18-28. Here they will meet 10 Danish film talents, participate in master classes, network and produce short films together in small groups.

The Talent camp is being carried out for the 9th time this year but where the camp has been to European film talents so far, the camp is this year a Danish-Chinese collaboration between Odense Film Workshop, Lifelong Learning and ALLAB in Chengdu. It is also new that the camp is expanded to two, one in Odense and one in Chengdu.

Odense Film Workshop's manager Mette Bihl welcomes the cooperation that, in the light of the new Danish-Chinese film agreement, falls at a good time:

"Our cooperation started already during last year's talent camp, where Lifelong Learning put us in touch with ALLAB in Chengdu. The two camps and the new cooperation are a win for Odense Film Workshop and our international profile and for the participants we know that there is a great value in meeting across cultures. "

The goal is to make the Danish-Chinese talent collaboration permanent and see it manifest in the professional film industry.

Last year, Lifelong Learning and ALLAB arranged a seminar on Chinese short films in collaboration with the Odense International Film Festival.

"We are pleased that the cooperation has developed into two talent camps. The Chinese film industry is developing very quickly. Hopefully the camps will offer the young film talents good opportunity to meet, network and maybe result in new collaborations", says Lisa Johansen, Lifelong Learning.

The Danish and Chinese participants are selected through an application process. Their background, language and culture are different, but everyone is dedicated and has experience in making films. The teaching is in English, the key focus is storytelling and the method is pitching, coaching and feedback. The participants' development and cooperation are closely followed by Odense Film Workshop who has also engaged former Oscar winner Martin Strange-Hansen for the project.

The young talent's productions are presented on Friday, September 1 at 9.00 in 'Cafébiografen' and is part of the program during the Odense International Film Festival.

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FACTS

- Camp in Odense: August 25 - September 2: Fiction
Camp in Chengdu: October 22 - October 31: Documentary
- In Odense, participants will receive coaching and education from professionals, including photographer Manuel Alberto Claro, scriptwriter Linda Aronson, director Martin Strange-Hansen and many more.
- Badminton player Viktor Axelsen is ambassador of the Danish Chinese Talent Camp. He knows China, speaks Chinese and knows what it takes to develop your talent.
- Initiator is Lifelong Learning in collaboration with the ALLAB Chengdu Culture Platform. Both camps are organized and facilitated by Odense Film Workshop and are offered in cooperation with the Odense International Film Festival (OFF 2017).
- The talent camp is funded partly by participants themselves, as well as Odense Film Workshop, Lifelong Learning and ALLAB. In addition, the two camps are supported by a number of funds and companies; including Den Obelske Familefond, S.C. Van Fonden, FilmFyn, SDU, Normans, Festbus.