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# NO COUNTRY HAS A MONOPOLY ON GREAT STORIES

25 films from 17 countries are in competition at Filminute 2017. Each shortlisted one-minute film delivers on indie creativity, narrative diversity and depth.

BUCHAREST/LONDON/TORONTO, October 5, 2017 – The 12th edition of FILMINUTE, the international one-minute film festival, opened this week with a collection of the world's best ultrashort films, each delivering a complete story in exactly one minute: <http://www.filminute.com>

"It's always fascinating to see how quickly, accurately and deeply one-minute films reflect the wider world in which we live. From various human rights crises and threats, to the modern search for truth and understanding in relationships, illness and the afterlife – we see it all here expressed on film, often in fresh and unexpected ways," said John Ketchum, co-founder and executive director of Filminute. "Audiences will appreciate dramas as well as a healthy dose of edgy comedy sprinkled throughout."

The 17 countries that are represented in the competition this year are: Austria, Canada (2), Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France (2), Iran (3), Mexico, Philippines, Romania (2), Russia, Singapore, Spain (3), Turkey (3), UK, USA (3).

"The breadth of submissions we received in recent years from Iran, Colombia, Chile, Turkey, Spain and France drives growth of our online audience." said Filminute co-founder Sabaa Quao. "These films also prove our point: no country has a monopoly on great stories."

"One-minute films bring accessibility and audience reach that's perfect for this social media content-driven era."

This year the international Filminute jury consists of Ghanaian filmmaker and 2016 Tribeca film festival award-winner, **Priscilla Anany**; Santa Maddalena co-founder and president, **Baronessa Beatrice Monti della Corte**; FIPRESCI film critic, writer and PHD professor at Romania's National University of Theatre and Cinema, **Dana Duma**; Executive Creative Director at J. Walter Thompson – Vietnam, **Steve Clay**; last year's Best Filminute winner, **Rohin Raveendran**; Filminute Co-Founder, **Sabaa Quao**; Filminute Co-Founder and Executive Director and jury president, **John Ketchum**.

The "BEST FILMINUTE" prize and 5 Commendations will be awarded by the Filminute jury. The public at large is invited to view, share, comment upon, and rate all 25 films. Everyone is also entitled to a



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single vote for the film they feel deserves the People's Choice award. As well, Filminute partners CineCoup and Cineuropa will be offering their annual prizes.

Voting is open until October 25th. The FILMINUTE winners & awards will be announced October 28<sup>th</sup>

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For more information including past Filminute winners see [www.filminute.com](http://www.filminute.com) / Filminute can be followed on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/filminute> and Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/filminute>.

### About Filminute

**Filminute** is the international one-minute film festival that challenges filmmakers, writers, animators, artists, designers, and creative producers to develop and submit the world's best one-minute films.

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### FILMINUTE 2017 25-FILM SHORTLIST BY COUNTRY

COUNTRY	FILM TITLE	FILM LINK	FILMMAKER
IRAN	A SHARE OF A SHARE	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/a-share-of-share/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/a-share-of-share/</a>	KAVEH JAHED
RUSSIA	AT NIGHT	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/at-night/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/at-night/</a>	NADEZHDA KRYLOVA
FRANCE	CLARA	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/clara/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/clara/</a>	HUMAN POSTCARDS



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COLOMBIA	<b>COMIC RELIEF</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/comic-relief/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/comic-relief/</a>	CARLOS ANDRES REYES
ROMANIA	<b>CROOKED</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/crooked/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/crooked/</a>	TUDOR BOTEZATU
CHINA/USA	<b>DONNA</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/donna/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/donna/</a>	HANNA YUE
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TURKEY	<b>GOAT</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/goat/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/goat/</a>	BOĞAÇ UZUN
ROMANIA	<b>HER BIRTHDAY PRESENT</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/her-birthday-present/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/her-birthday-present/</a>	RAZVAN DÜ
USA	<b>HEY</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/hey/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/hey/</a>	JACOB TITTL
UK	<b>I PROMISE</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/i-promise/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/i-promise/</a>	AKO MITCHELL
SPAIN	<b>LA BUENA</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/la-buena/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/la-buena/</a>	ANTONIO PANTERAS
SPAIN	<b>INDIGO</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/indigo/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/indigo/</a>	IGNACIO F. RODO
USA	<b>MEGAN</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/megan/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/megan/</a>	JIN RYU
IRAN	<b>MOMENT</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/moment/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/moment/</a>	AMIR ROINI
CANADA	<b>NEON DREAMS</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/neon-dreams/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/neon-dreams/</a>	SCOTT NIHILL
FRANCE	<b>OJALA</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/ojala/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/ojala/</a>	MARIE-STÉPHANE CATTANEO



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PHILIPPINES	<b>ORLIE</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/orlie/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/orlie/</a>	LINO BALMES
CANADA	<b>RAVAGE</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/ravage/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/ravage/</a>	LEON LEE
AUSTRIA	<b>RUNNING FOR TWO</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/running-for-two/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/running-for-two/</a>	DANIEL LIMMER
DENMARK	<b>SISTERS</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/sisters/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/sisters/</a>	KADJA GULLBERG /RIE HOUGAARD
SPAIN	<b>SOFAHOLIC</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/sofaholic/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/sofaholic/</a>	NICOLÁS PETELSKI
IRAN	<b>STEALTHY FREEDOM</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/stealthy-freedom/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/stealthy-freedom/</a>	MARYAM MODARRES
CHILE	<b>THE CONFESSION</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-confession/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-confession/</a>	ESTEBAN FONT ROJO
TURKEY	<b>THE CRANE</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-crane/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-crane/</a>	MERT ARSLAN
TURKEY	<b>THE DOOR</b>	<a href="http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-door/">http://www.filminute.com/films/2017/the-door/</a>	FIRAT URAN