



“*Brooklyn*” and “*Halal for Beginners*” among the highlights at the 9th Irish Film Days Festival

Thursday, 26 October and Friday, 27 October 2017

Elvire Popesco Cinema, Bd. Dacia, nr. 77, Bucharest

The Embassy of Ireland is pleased to announce that the ninth Irish Film Days Festival to be held in Bucharest will take place at Cinema Elvire Popesco on 26 and 27 October.

This annual event is supported by the Irish Film Institute, the Irish Film Board, Culture Ireland and the Arts Council/An Comhairle Ealaíon, in partnership with the Romanian Cultural Institute, the French Institute and the Odeon Cineplex.

This year's festival programme features *Brooklyn*, directed by John Crowley (Thursday, 26 October) and *Halal for Beginners* directed by Conor McDermottroe (Friday, 27 October). Each feature film will be preceded by a short film.

Projections start at 20.30. Entry is based on ticket (cost 10lei-15lei/entrance) on a first come, first served basis. The films, which will have Romanian subtitles, will be briefly introduced by Deputy Head of Mission Patrick Coleman, and film critic Ms. Irina-Margareta Nistor.

Brooklyn (2015) is Nick Hornby's adaption of Colm Tóibín's best-selling novel of the same name. It is the empowering story of one young woman's discovery of her own identity and how the choices you make can define the rest of your life. It explores the epic theme of 20th century emigration, adopting a new culture, how that changes you and what remains steadfastly the same.

The Great Fall (2015) directed by Gary O'Neill precedes *Brooklyn* on Thursday, 26 October, and is a fun animation film about a nervous young raindrop terrified about his first fall to earth.

Halal for Beginners (2017), partly based on true events, is a warm-hearted comedy about Ireland's first Halal meat factory. It tells the story of young Muslim, Raghdan Aziz, trying to find his place in the world - in the Irish town of Sligo. While managing a rundown abattoir, he stumbles through cultural chaos and generational conflicts, dealing with enraged fathers, stoned buddies and his girlfriend's alleged ex-lover.

Personal Development (2014) directed by Tom Sullivan precedes *Halal for Beginners* on Friday, 27 October, and is about how Fintan's already fragile relationship with his youngest daughter is put to the test with the arrival of some unexpected news.

Details: <https://eventbook.ro/film/bilete-zilele-filmului-irlandez-the-great-fall-brooklyn>,
<https://eventbook.ro/film/bilete-zilele-filmului-irlandez-personal-development-halal-for-beginners>,
<http://icr.ro/categorii/film>, <https://www.facebook.com/pg/IrishEmbassyBucharest/posts/> and
<https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/romania/news-and-events/>