

**We are pleased to invite you to the 8th International Underwater Film and Phot Festival**  
**WALKING BENEATH THE SEA**  
**which will take place in Slovenske Konjice (Slovenia) from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2016**

International underwater film and photography festival Walking Beneath the Sea (for the official name we are extremely thankful to professor Dušan Kuščer and Marjan Richter) is firmly holding its position in the family of bigger and older ones. It is a continuation of international diving symposium [Diving AST](#), which brought together divers and diving professionals from all over the world. The festival is an independent non-profit event whose goal is to popularize the exceptional underwater world. The festival is recognized by World Diving Federation – CMAS.

A medieval country town of [Slovenske Konjice](#) surrounded by vineyards and wineries of [Zlati Grič](#) once a year gathers scientists, artists and current top world divers. The festival strives to promote an open and nurturing environment for invited authors, divers and visitors. It gives divers, film makers, scientists, and guests the opportunity to mingle and network. We are the only underwater film festival which always includes at least one screening on diving with disabilities.

With [Diving AST - Talks](#), concerts, film projections, photography and children drawing exhibitions accompanied with local culinary delights the [8<sup>th</sup> international underwater film and photography festival "Walking Beneath the Sea"](#) is the place to be from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016.

We start on Thursday with projections for students, elderly, others and on Friday with special projections, the opening of underwater photography and children's drawing exhibitions.

The main event is held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of January, from 13.00 to 22.00. For more details please look at the included programme.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

#### **Opening of the festival with Mayor of Zreče Boris Podvršnik**

**Place:** Zreče, [Terme Zreče](#), Multipurpose hall

**Time:** 9.00 – 10.30

**Guest:** Becky Kagan Schott

Special projection for youngsters.

#### **Projection for Primary and High School students**

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Big Hall

**Time:** 9:00 – 13:00

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

#### **Projection for youngsters, elderly and others**

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Big Hall

**Time:** 9.00 – 13.00

#### **Photography and drawing exhibition and concert Janez Dovc with Guests Group**

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Big Hall

**Time:** 17.30

**Authors/artists:**

[Andreas Franke](#), AUT

[Becky Kagan Schott](#), USA

Children from Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Russia

**Concert:**

[Janez Dovč](#) – accordion

[Goran Krmac](#) – tuba

[Nino Mureškič](#) – percussion

[Vito Bejat Krajinč](#) – violin

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

### **Non-competing film selection**

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Big Hall

**Date:** Saturday, 30th. January 2016

**Time:** 13.00–15.00

### **Diving AST – Talks** (Apnea, SCUBA, Tech diving)

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Small Hall

**Time:** 15.00–17.20

**Moderate:** [Neven Lukas](#) (CRO)

15.00 **Opening and welcome**

15.05–15.35 **3D Photogrammetry**

- [Kari Hyttinen](#) (FIN), deep-sea explorer, photographer in cameraman

15.40–16.10 **Vanishing Dutchman**

- [Leigh Bishop](#) (GB), photographer and deep-sea explorer

16.15–16.45 **Back from the Abyss**

- [Herbert Nitsch](#) (AUS), explorer, innovator, current freediving world record holder

16.50–17.20 **Filming in Extremes**

- [Becky Kagan Schott](#) (USA), Emmy Award winning underwater director ,  
photographer, tech instructor and member of Women Divers Hall of Fame

### **Grand prix evening**

**Place:** Slovenske Konjice, Cultural Centre, Big Hall

**Time:** 18.00–22.00

**Projection of competing films for Grand prix, part I**

- Short interviews with the authors

**Children's Drawings : Awards for Best Artists**

**Break**

**Projection of competing films for Grand prix, part II**

- Short interviews with the authors

**Grand Prix award for Best Film**

**Additional information:**

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