

## **Report of the Polish Filmmakers Association Screenwriters Circle for 2023**

The PFA Screenwriters Circle dealt with the following issues last year:

- legal regulations regarding issues related to Polish filmmakers. On October 13, 2023, the Polish Filmmakers Association, the Screenwriters' Circle is its part, filed a lawsuit against the Polish State regarding the so-called fees on blank media. We request compensation for film creators and producers represented by PFA-ZAPA (Association of Audiovisual Authors and Producers), due to the Polish state's failure to provide fair compensation for the use of works as part of permitted personal use. The lawsuit covers the years 2020-2023 and amounts to PLN 416 mln. In cooperation with other PFA Circles, we continue works on the Professional Artist Act and the model contract between scriptwriters and producers,
- in June 2023, in the wake of the American Screenwriters' strike, we coordinated the Polish Screenwriters picket in Warsaw in front of the Prime Minister's office under the slogan: 'Screenwriters together. Together for screenwriters.' We encouraged the entire community of filmmakers to participate, to make our voice stronger. The picket was financed by PFA,
- in cooperation with other PFA Circles, we organize regular 3-day PFA Meetings near Warsaw. It aims to unite the filmmakers' community. Directors of the most important film institutions are invited, as well as all organizations apart from PFA, bringing together screenwriters, directors, cinematographers, producers, editors, music composers, etc. It is the largest event of this type in Poland. In a good atmosphere, we discuss the most important issues, incl.: legal regulations, the impact of A.I. for the film industry, Polish Film Institute operational programs, etc.,
- we are currently introducing a Scholarship Program for Polish Screenwriters, financed entirely by PFA. It will be a one-year program dedicated to the young screenwriters and their mentors for development of the feature script,
- regularly, twice a year, together with the Directors' Circle, we organize SFPitch - a public presentation of script projects for potential producers and directors.
- we are actively improving communication with members of the Screenwriters' Circle: the Facebook page is already followed by over 470 people. We conduct regular mailing to all SFP members about events related to screenwriters,
- we mediate legal interventions for members of the PFA Screenwriters' Circle,
- we cooperate with the entire film community in Poland and with the Federation of European Screenwriters.

The number of members of the PFA Screenwriters Circle increased to 128 screenwriters last year. The most important issues are gaining momentum and will be the subject of intensified work next year

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