iRoDi Festival

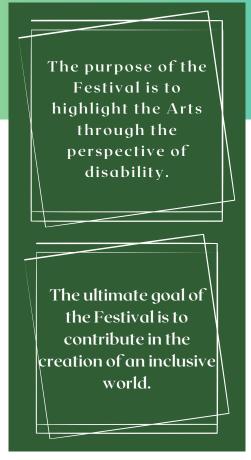
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The International Festival «Reflection of Disability in Art – iRoDi Festival» is a festival that takes place every December at the University of Macedonia.

The iRodi Festival is part of the Laboratory of Applications for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Individuals with Learning and Behaviour Difficulties (LAESI).





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6th iRoDi Festival

In A Few Words

Once again, this year's iRoDi Festival was held in a hybrid format (in-person and online), allowing a broad and diverse audience to participate. Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy morning, afternoon, and/or evening artistic and other innovative events, as well as film screenings covering a wide range of themes.

The total number of attendees reached 3.380, highlighting the festival's dynamic character and steadily growing appeal, which contributes to raising social awareness and promoting inclusion.

Film Categories:

- Opening Ceremony
- Social Support Social Networks
- Family Relationships I & II
- Aspects of Life Sensory Disabilities
- Disability & Art
- Aspects of Life
- Aspects of Life Blindness & Deafness
- Motor Impairment/Disability
- Mental & Developmental Disabilities
- Sports & Disability
- Paralympic Sports
- Disability: A State of Being I & II
- Interpersonal Relationships I & II



For more information click here.

Some comments from our audience:

"Disability was represented in aspects of life that I had never considered it might affect."

"My perspective on people with disabilities changed."

"I was pleasantly surprised that I watched short films instead of films with regular duration, because each film focused on a different disability. In this way, we received insight into many individuals' daily lives, thoughts, and feelings."

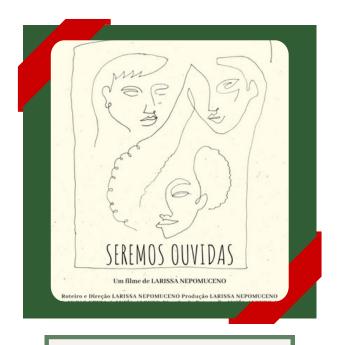


FILM AWARDS 🛓





1st prize: "Typical" Sarah Leigh



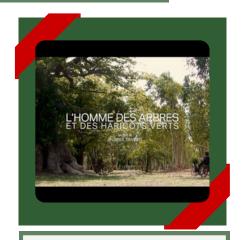
2nd prize: "We will be heard" Larissa Nepomuceno



3rd prize: "Black rain in my eyes" Amir Athar Soheili & Amir Masoud Soheili



Student award: "Phoenix" Nan Chen



Audience award: "The man of the trees" Andrea Trivero

Artistic Performances

RoDi Music Orchestra - Music Performance for the 6th iRoDi Festival



RoDance (inclusive dance group) - Dance performance



23rd Primary School of Thessaloniki - Short film: "Blue cocktail without alcohol"



Center of Creative Activities for People with Disabilities of Neapolis & Sykeon - Theater performance: "The birds of Aristophanes" (adaptation) -



Special Junior High and High School of Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Thessaloniki -Interpretation of songs in Greek Sign Language, discussion on issues of deafness and daily life



Artistic Performances

Centre of Creative Activities for people with disability "PROSVASI" of Peraia - Music performance: "Pame tsarka"



Special Workshop of Ptolemaida – Theater performance: "The Happy Meadow"



Poems by Fani Athanasiadou accompanied by RoDi Music Orchestra & the students of special EKEK of Thessaloniki



Felix Röper - Dance Perfomance: "SENZA MASCHERA"





Special Workshop of Kozani - Center of Vocational Training and Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities of the Regional Unit of Kozani - Dance performance "Dance and Movement"

Sports Activities & Paralympic Committee



From right to left: Christina Gentzou, Diria Aretaki (coordinator), Theodora Paschalidou Discussion "PARALYMPIANS"

Theoklitos
Papachristos &
Theodora
Paschalidou – Blind
Judo or Para Judo

Evangelia
Vangeloglou,
Christina Gentzou
& Raphael Maretis
- Para Taekwondo

Meni Kessanopoulou, Evlampia Mavrovounioti, Eugenia Stamati, Rundina Debrova & Gogo Chatzipantou (assistant) – Goalball







NOTES OF VOLUNTEERING

"Share Books, Share Knowledge, Share Entertainment"

Book collection for the School of Greek Language of the Municipality of Neapoli-Sykies.

For more information click here.





"Tree of Wishes"

Symbolic decoration of the "Tree of Wishes", aiming to promote social inclusion.

For more information click here.

"LOVE"

Charity Music and Dance
Event "LOVE" in memory of
Giorgos Valavanidis,
organized by the "LOVE"
Association of Vasiliki
Komnou

For more information click here.



Actions of Awareness

As part of the ongoing efforts of the festival to inform and raise awareness in society about supporting and promoting the social inclusion of the disabled, two events were organized:

World Down Syndrome Day 26/3/2025

Ceremonial Hall of the University of Macedonia

Program:

- Dance performance by the inclusive dance group "RoDance".
- Screening of the documentary "Loxi".
- Discussion with parents, representatives, teachers, and students.

World Autism Awareness Day 2/4/2025

Ceremonial Hall of the University of Macedonia

Program:

- Theater performance: "The Birds of Aristophanes" (adaptation) - KDAP of Neapolis & Sykees.
- Short film: "Blue cocktail without alcohol"
- Discussion with parents, representatives, teachers, and students

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OPEN CALLS

Open Call for Film Submissions

OPEN CALL 7th iRoDi

28th November-5th December 2025

The iRoDi Festival calls for any interested parties to submit their work to join the activities of the 7th Festival.

For more information click here.

Open Inclusive Photography Competition

The iRoDi Festival invites people, with or without disabilities, to participate in the open and inclusive photo competition themed "In Search of Meaning:

Symbolism Through the Photographic Lens".

For more information click <u>here</u>.



Open Call for Participation of Artistic Groups



The iRoDi Festival calls for any interested artistic groups to submit their proposals to participate in the activities of the 7th Festival.

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