



## Announcement of the winners in the Film Competition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Festival “Reflection of Disability in Art” organized by the University of Macedonia, Greece

The festival jury committee consists of:

1. Thanos Stavropoulos, International program collaborator of the Thessaloniki Film Festival. Thanos Stavropoulos holds a BA in Fine Arts from De Montfort University, UK (2001) and an MA in Video and Filmmaking from the University of Lincoln, UK (2003). His love for motion pictures and his long-term experience in organizing cultural events led to his cooperation with the Thessaloniki Film Festival and the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival in 2007. He has been a member of the program and organization committee of the annual activities of the Thessaloniki Film Festival organization ever since.
2. Georgia Fika, active member of the Movement of Disabled Artists <https://www.facebook.com/DisArtMove/> and
3. Professor Michael L. Wehmeyer, Ph.D., internationally distinguished scientist on issues of self-determination and special education, with more than 425 published scientific articles and 42 books on the topics, among others, of self-determination, transition to adulthood, education and inclusion of people with disabilities (<https://specialedu.ku.edu/michael-wehmeyer> and <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ilUhgNgAAAAJ&hl=en>).

In the closing ceremony on Tuesday 10/12/2019, the festival jury committee presented the awards of the Film Competition to the following films:

- *Brian Storm's short film* “THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US”, which highlights the empowerment of people with disabilities and the lifting of social exclusion,
- *Grigoris Rentis' video clip* “ IOTAPHI”, which highlights cinematic aesthetics, and
- *Spyros Dadanidis' documentary short film*, which highlights social inclusion through art.

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