

Walking beneath the Sea

11th International Festival of Underwater Film and Photography

International Underwater Film & Photo Festival "Walking beneath the Sea" celebrated its 10th birthday in 2018. A walk through the decade during which we hosted in the Dravinja Valley outstanding scientists, underwater photographers, filmmakers and young artists from different parts of the world, which makes us especially proud. Our decade long story was specially presented in [this publication](#).

In 2019, we are continuing the story of WALKING BENEATH THE SEA, walks, that has a remarkable history with the name itself. The name of the festival, with permission of prof. Dusan Kuscer and Marjan Richter, originates from group Racani, that in the year 1938 recorded first underwater photos, which made its members pioneers of the world's underwater photography. In 1952, team Racani wanted to record the first 16mm underwater movie "Walking beneath the Sea", however, the camera was flooded by water and preserved footages were only published in the 1963 book.

Therefore Walking beneath the sea continues, writing new stories and creating new friendships.

The tradition of past festivals continues with events such as film projections for young, disabled and elderly people, an underwater photography exhibition, an international exhibition of children's artworks, a story in five photographs, concert, open screenings of films, professional lectures within the mini-symposium "AST Talks". With the 11th edition, the Grand Prix evening of the festival is changing into the Evening of the winners, where visitors will be able to see the latest underwater world productions, and will in short interviews get to know the outstanding people that gathered this year in Slovenske Konjice.

11th international festival "Walking beneath the Sea", which will be held between January 31 and February 2, 2019, in Slovenske Konjice, is dedicated to two exceptional people who in 2018 said farewell to us and began writing new stories somewhere else: [prof. dr. Stracimirj Gosovic, dr. med.](#), the initiator of contemporary underwater and hyperbaric medicine in the area of Yugoslavia and author of the diving Bible Diving in safety, and [Marko Krasovec](#), winner of the golden Hass prize.

11th Walking beneath the Sea brings stories of underwater photographers, cameramen, and musicians,

- [Nathalie Lasselin](#), from Canada, multiple award-winning underwater photographer and photo director, cave and tech diver, lecturer, instructor and Arctic expedition leader, member of the Famous Dive House and the Royal Geographical Association.
- underwater photographer, [Pasquale Vassallo](#), from Italy, recipient of awards and prizes from around the world, including the prestigious Plongeur d'Or in Marseille in 2011.
- one of the best Portuguese underwater photographers, [Rui Guerra](#), world champion in the category of diving ambiance with a diver and six times national champion, who as an underwater photography instructor, transfers his knowledge through many courses, workshops, and events.
- one of the most important Slovenian underwater photographers and cameramen, [Andrej Natlacen](#), a worldwide traveler, diver and cameraman, who was for 18 years an indispensable member of the broadcasting team Med valovi (Between waves) on Slovenian national television.
- a photojournalist, a professional underwater photographer and marine biologist, [Wolfgang Pölzer](#), from Austria, recipient of two gold medals from CMAS World Championships.
- two outstanding musicians, Macedonians, world famous guitarist [Vlatko Stefanovski](#), and clarinetist [Goran Bojceviski](#), recipient of bronze coat for exceptionally creative and performance achievements of MOC for 2018.

Welcome to 11th Walking beneath the Sea!

31. 1. 2019 - 2. 2. 2019

[Cultural Center of Slovenske Konjice](#)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

[Thursday and Friday, January 31 and February 1, 2019](#)

Projections for primary schools, pupils, retirees, schoolchildren with adapted program and work safety centers

Projections will be held in the large hall of the Cultural Center and at the selected primary schools of twin cities and cities, registered for the art competition, that due to the distance and costs of the festival cannot attend.

[Friday, February 1, 2019, at 17.30](#)

Opening of the underwater photography exhibition and exhibition of children's works of the international art competition "Walking beneath the sea"

- [Pasquale Vasallo](#) (Italy): **The LIFE ...**
- [Wolfgang Pölzer](#) (Austria): **Colour to Blue**
- [Nathalie Lasselin](#) (Canada): **Reflections on Being Submerged**
- Prize awards for the finalists of the International Art Competition "Walking beneath the Sea" from the European Union and outside

Concert by [Vlatko Stefanovski](#) & [Goran Bojcevski](#) with guests

Vlatko Stefanovski (guitar), Goran Bojcevski (clarinet),

Borut Mori (accordion), Jan Sever (piano), Jost Lampret (double bass), Ziga Kozar (drums)

Tickets: 12,00 €. You can buy tickets at [eventim.si](#).

[Saturday, February 2, 2019, between 14:00 and 22:00](#)

14.00–16.00 Projections for outside

[Projections of films that do not compete in the Evening of the winners](#) - small gallery

16.00–17.30 Lectures »Diving AST« (Diving AST - Talks) - small gallery

16.00–16.10 Marko Krasovec – Deep Blackness

- Moderator (Slovenia)

16.15–16.35 The Underwater Archeology Park of Baia

- Pasquale Vassallo (Italy)

16.40–17.00 A Near Fatality ... at the Surface

- Rui Guerra (Portugal)

17.05–17.30 Urban Water Odyssey

- Nathalie Lasselin (Canada)

18.00-22.00 Evening of the winners - big hall

- [Andrej Natlacen](#) (Slovenia): 20th anniversary of TV Koper's broadcast "Med valovi" (Between waves)
- Projections of films of world production
- Discussion with guests: [Nathalie Lasselin](#) (Canada) & [Rui Guerra](#) (Portugal)
- presentation of the Great Sea Horse as main award of the 11th Walking beneath the sea

Tickets: 5 €.



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