infoans.org

RMG – "Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival", the wait is over: the **Closing Ceremony on Friday**

4 minuti

(ANS - Rome) - Almost a year's preparation, the involvement of thousands of young people from all over the world, the collaboration and accompaniment of hundreds of Salesians in the works of over 110 countries ... All this is about to reach its climax and find its synthesis, between Thursday and Friday, November 18-19, with the grand finale of the "Don Bosco Global Youth Film Festival", the world's first Salesian film festival.

Made as a global and digital festival - made possible thanks to the www.dbgyff.com platform - there will not be a single final celebration. Instead, in countless places, at all latitudes and across every time zone, tribute will be paid to the creativity of young people and the art of cinema, laced with a ray of hope, as "Hope" is the festival's theme and its profoundest meaning for this season.

Ceremonies have already been organized in 250 locations in 50 different countries. Among these, there are many missionary realities, where Salesian presence is relatively small, but also where the Christian community itself is a clear minority, such as the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. In countries where Don Bosco's charism is more consolidated, such as, for example, India or Brazil, everything is already set for various large-scale events, in which the direct participation - in compliance with current regulations and safety and prudence protocols - of hundreds of young people is expected.

In any case, the Closing Ceremony of the Festival will take place specifically in the Grand Theatre of Valdocco, in Turin, the city of Don Bosco, on Friday 19 November, from 6 to 7:30 pm (UTC + 1). On that occasion, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime (Rector Major), flanked by Fr Gildasio Mendes (General Councilor for Social Communication), Fr Harris Pakkam (the Director of the Festival), and Br. Alberto Rodríguez (President of the Don Bosco Nel Mondo Foundation), which supports the DBGYFF, will announce the winners in the various categories of films (and declare prizes to short films under five categories; prizes to the protagonists; and techniques related prizes).

The event will also be attended by prominent figures from the world of cinema, such as the director and producer Gjon Kolndrekaj, representative of the Grand Jury; the guest of honor, Cristina Priarone, General Manager of ROME LAZIO FILM COMMISSION; and all of Provincials of the Salesians present in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, and Syria.

The 110 finalist videos, delivered by the Preliminary Jury to the Grand Jury for the choice of the winners, will all be uploaded and visible on the website www.dbgyff.com in two parts, between Thursday 18 and Friday 19. This is yet another way to pay homage and celebrate the effort of the many young people who enthusiastically participated in the initiative.

The Concluding Ceremony in Turin will be broadcast in live streaming from 18:00 to 19:30 (UTC + 1) on the Facebook

pages of ANS <u>@agenziaans</u> and of festival's Italian page **@DBGYFFIT**.

And the final events of the DBGYFF made in the various countries will also be broadcast in the same way using, in addition to the ANS Facebook page and the festival page in Italian, the other language pages of the festival, in English @DBGYFFHOPE - and Spanish @DBGYFF.