



Press Release

A short film to raise awareness among young people with respect to the trivialisation of violence

Produced by the Arte Libera association, the short film entitled *Né dans la lutte* (Born in battle) is distributed in schools

Rolle, 19 January 2016 - To raise awareness among young people with respect to the problem of the trivialisation of violence, the association Arte Libera is screening its new production in secondary schools. Directed by Yangzom Brauen, a filmmaker of Swiss and Tibetan origin, this short film entitled *Born in battle* recounts the story of a child soldier. It advocates communication to prevent and settle conflicts. Accompanied by a teaching kit, the film serves as a means of dialogue with the young. *Born in battle* has won awards abroad, and will be screened in particular on 16 March 2016 at the FIFF (International Film Festival of Fribourg).

Created under the patronage of the Swiss Commission for UNESCO, the short film *Born in battle* addresses the dramatic theme of the child soldier in the world. A new production from the association Arte Libera, whose mission is to speak to children of their rights through the arts, this film is distributed in secondary schools to raise awareness among the students of the problem of the trivialisation of violence. A teaching kit is made available to teachers in addressing the subject with their pupils through means of expression such as writing or painting. The DVD of *Born in battle* exists in French, German, English and Italian versions.

« The violence that is omnipresent on TV, internet and sometimes in video games conditions young people - and the public in general - to distance themselves emotionally and to disengage. The film does not intend to give lessons but rather to provoke reflection. » explains Daniel Stanca-di Marco, Founder and Chairman of the association Arte Libera. On the occasion of the launch of the project with the schools, Daniel Stanca and Jean Zermatten, former Chairman of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and founder of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE), attended the screening of the film in the secondary school of Gland. They then had a discussion with the students and teachers on this reality which affects numerous children throughout the world, as well as, more generally, on the question of the trivialisation of violence.

There are currently more than 300,000 child soldiers engaged in government armies or armed opposition groups, and their number is increasing as the years pass. For the scenario of *Born in battle*, Yangzom Brauen spent a long time seeking testimonies from former child soldiers. The film provides an insight into the dreams, desires and hopes of a child soldier with no future.

Arte Libera is a non-profit public-interest association created on 1 November 2002 in Pully, in the canton of Vaud (Switzerland). Its mission is to carry out and promote the production and distribution of cultural activities for the safeguarding of children's rights. To achieve this, Arte Libera gives artists the opportunity of expressing and living out this theme.

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