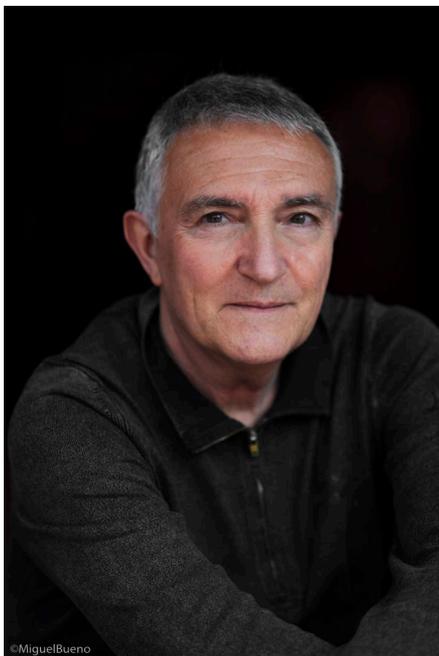


Visions du Réel @Locarno**Confirmation of Visions du Réel's success and the final stretch for Luciano Barisone**

7 August 2016, Nyon (Switzerland) – During the now traditional event in Locarno, the President and the management of Visions du Réel, Festival international de cinéma Nyon, confirmed the excellent results of its 2016 edition, both on a qualitative as well as quantitative level, emphasising among other things that since 2011 the number of spectators has increased by 91%. The President, Claude Ruey, was particularly pleased about the renewal of the agreement with the Swiss government concerning its financial support, as it foresees an annual subsidy of CHF 530,000, thereby placing Visions du Réel in second position after the Locarno film festival.

During this event it was also confirmed, that the 2017 edition, held from 21 to 29 April 2017, will be the last for Luciano Barisone, something he had already announced when Visions du Réel brought him from Florence to Nyon. At the helm of the Festival since 2010, he will have successfully run it for seven years. The position will be advertised in September 2016 and the successor announced before the end of the year.



With more than 39,000 spectators in 2016, an increase of 91% since 2011, Visions du Réel confirms its success and its ever-increasing recognition on both levels, quantitative as well as qualitative, and in addition with its film selection having an excellent international reputation. This recognition of the Festival's importance has been confirmed by the Swiss Federal Office of Culture and its experts, as it renewed its service agreement two months ago with the Swiss cinema festivals. It granted Visions du Réel a yearly subsidy of CHF 530,000, thereby confirming its role as a leader festival in Switzerland, placing it in second position of the Swiss festivals after the Locarno film festival.

«This success is a direct result of the excellent work done by our artistic director Luciano Barisone», mentioned Claude Ruey, President of the Festival and he added: «It is with great regret that we announce that Luciano, as he had announced when he joined us, will not continue after the next edition.»

«In 2010, when I arrived in Nyon it was agreed that I would head the Festival for seven years. I can now leave with confidence and with the feeling of having accomplished what I came here to do, because Visions du Réel is doing very well. I fully intend to stay in close contact with the Festival», announced Luciano Barisone, Director of Visions du Réel.

«The entire Visions du Réel staff will miss this generous and passionate man, tireless cinema-lover and avid explorer that was constantly looking for that rare gem. We are already looking forward to the next Festival as we expect fireworks to crown his seven year reign.» pointed out Claude Ruey.

Visions du Réel's Foundation Board will advertise the position of Artistic Director in September 2016 and a choice will be made before the end of the year.

Save the date

22 March 2017 – Press conference and Festival programme

21 to 29 April 2017 – 48th edition of Visions du Réel, Festival international de cinéma Nyon

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