



Über uns/Chronologie

1954

Founding of the “Westdeutsche Kulturfilmtage” (West German Educational Film Festival) by Hilmar Hoffmann

1958

Introduction of the motto “Weg zum Nachbarn” (Way to the Neighbour)

1959

Festival renamed “Westdeutsche Kurzfilmtage” (West German Short Film Festival)

1960

Accredited by The Fédération Internationale des Associations de Producteurs de Films (FIAPF)

1962

Oberhausen Manifesto

1963

The venue of the Short Film Festival is relocated from the “Europa” cinema in the city centre to the newly opened Oberhausen Civic Hall (later: “Luise-Albertz-Halle”)

1968

Walkout by German filmmakers in protest against the banning of Hellmuth Costard's film **Besonders wertvoll** by the festival direction

1969

Founding of the "Informationstage für Filme aus der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und West-Berlin" (Information Festival for Films from the Federal Republic of Germany and West-Berlin), founding of the “Filmothek der Jugend” (Youth Film Festival)

1970

The Festival shows a computer-generated animation for the first time; Hilmar Hoffmann leaves the Festival to go to Frankfurt am Main

1971

Will Wehling becomes Festival director

1975

Following the death of Wehling, Wolfgang J. Ruf becomes festival director

1978

Founding of the Children's Cinema

1985

Karola Gramann becomes festival director



Internationale Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen

1989

Establishment of a “video section” and the film market, which grows rapidly in the following years

1990

Angela Haardt becomes festival director

1991

The festival is renamed “International Short Film Festival Oberhausen”, the “Information Festival” is transformed into the first West German short film competition, and the retrospectives are expanded into subject-related special programmes

1993

Video works are admitted to all competitions on an equal basis with films

1997

Lars Henrik Gass becomes festival director

1998

After 34 years, the Festival moves to a new venue, the “Lichtburg Filmpalast”

1999

Umwandlung der Kurzfilmtage, die Teil der städtischen Verwaltung waren, in eine gemeinnützige GmbH

1999

Conversion of the International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, previously part of the municipal administration, into a non-profit limited liability company

2001

Introduction of the world’s first festival music video award

2002

Co-founder of the German short film association AG Kurzfilm e.V., the lobbying body for German short films

2019

Co-founder of the film festival association AG Filmfestival, the lobbying body for filmfestivals in Germany

2020

Due to the Corona pandemic the festival will be held entirely online for the first time.