

BFF

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SCREENING SCHEDULE

● Press & Industry Screening ● Official Screening



	WED. 30 th	THU. 31 st	FRI. 1 st
CITY OF WIND	7:45 PM @ SALA CASINO	2:15 PM @ SALA DARSENA	12:45 PM @ PALABIENNALE
	10:00 PM @ SALA VOLPI		



	THU. 7 th	TUE. 12 th	WED. 13 th	THU. 14 th	SUN. 17 th
CITY OF WIND	9:15 AM @ SCOTIABANK 13	6:45 PM @ SCOTIABANK 9	6:45 PM @ SCOTIABANK 14		4:30 PM @ SCOTIABANK 7
BANEL & ADAMA	3:35 PM @ SCOTIABANK 11	4:30 PM @ SCOTIABANK 12		11:45 AM @ SCOTIABANK 3	



— CITY OF WIND

Directed By
Lkhagvadulam
Purev-Ochir

Previous films:
(*Mountain Cat* Short Film –
Cannes Competition 2020,
Snow in September Short Film
– Golden Lion for Best Short in
Venice & Best Short in Toronto
2022)



CAST

Tergel Bold-Erdene
Nomin-Erdene Ariunbyamba

DOP

Vasco Carvalho Viana
(*The Nothing Factory*)

EDITING

Matthieu Taponier
(*Son of Saul, Beginning*)

PRODUCERS

Aurora Films
(*Return to Seoul, Angry Annie*)
Guru Media
Uma Pedra No Sapato
(Miguel Gomes' films)
Volya Films (*A Land Imagined*)
27 Films Production
VOO by mobinet

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Arizona Distribution

LANGUAGE

Mongolian

Ze is a timid 17-year-old shaman. He studies hard at school to succeed in the cold, callous society of modern Mongolia, while communing with his ancestral spirit to help those in his community.

But when Ze encounters Maralaa, his senses are awakened and another reality manifests.

**WORLD PREMIERE.
FRANCE, MONGOLIA,
PORTUGAL,
NETHERLANDS,
GERMANY, QATAR.
103 MIN.**





FESTIVAL DE CANNES
COMPÉTITION
SÉLECTION OFFICIELLE 2023

OFFICIAL SELECTION

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TORONTO INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL 2023



— BANEL & ADAMA

Directed by
Ramata-Toulaye Sy

Previous films:
(*Astel* – Short Film awarded
at TIFF 2021 & Clermont ISFF
2022, Femis alumna)

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CAST

Khady Mane
Mamadou Diallo

PRODUCERS

La Chauve-Souris (*The Pirogue, Wulu*)
Take Shelter
Astou Production

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Tandem (*August 30, 2023*)

AFRICAN DISTRIBUTOR

Pathé BC Afrique

LANGUAGE

Pulaar

A small and remote village in northern Senegal today.

Banel and Adama are fiercely in love. Longing for a home of their own, they have decided to live apart from their families and that Adama will not accept his blood duty as future chief.

But when Adama informs the village council of his intentions, the whole community is disrupted. The rain that is supposed to come does not come and the star-crossed lovers learn that where they live, there is no room for passions, let alone for chaos.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE. FRANCE, SENEGAL, MALI. 87 MIN.

*"This is an impressive piece of work
from a natural film-maker."*

**The
Guardian**

*"Ramata-Toulaye Sy's debut film is
striking and sophisticated. It's as a
performance piece that it really gets
under your skin."*

DEADLINE

*"Gorgeous Senegalese debut, the combination of ethereal
voiceover with nature at its most breathtaking evokes our
cinema's philosophical high priest, Terrence Malick."*

Indiewire

*"A dreamlike debut. Banel, beautifully played by Mane who,
even when we don't, seems to perfectly understand her
character's joys and miseries and her flashes of prideful
feminine ego."*

VARIETY





— KEEPING MUM (MAMAN DÉCHIRE)

Directed by
Emilie Brisavoine

Previous films:
(*Oh La La Pauline !* – Acid
Cannes 2015, *Pauline s'Arrache*)



EDITOR
Karen Benaïnous (*Makala*)

PRODUCER
Bathysphere Productions (*Onoda:
10,000 Nights in the Jungle, Makala,
Treasure Island*)

LANGUAGE
French

Emilie attempts to understand the mystery of her universe: her mother Meaud. Magical grandmother, broken child, punk mother, spontaneous feminist, she fascinates as much as she disrupts.

How do you give your children the love that you were denied yourself?

How do you nurture your inner child when having gone through childhood trauma?

Jump into an intimate odyssey, an intergalactic journey into our own common psyche.

**WORLD PREMIERE.
FRANCE.
80 MIN.**

"Director Emilie Brisavoine goes from fear to maternity in this emotionally raw but generally compelling documentary about the mother who abandoned her in childhood."

"As she unravels the string of toxic relations passed down from one generation to another, Emilie Brisavoine not only proves the purifying power of art-therapy, she also delivers an original, fascinating, moving, and superbly high-quality documentary"

THE FILM
VERDICT





QUINZAINÉ
DIRECTORS' FORTNIGHT
CANNES 2023

— THE OTHER LAURENS (L'AUTRE LAURENS)

Directed by Claude
Schmitz

Previous films:
(*Carwash* Medium length
feature - Jean Vigo Award)



CAST

Olivier Rabourdin
(*Benedetta, Taken, Of Gods and Men*)
Louise Leroy
Kate Moran (*Kife + Heart, Planetarium*)
Marc Barbé
(*Paris Police 1905* – TV Show)

PRODUCERS

Wrong Men
(*Annette, Zero Fucks Given, Our Men*)
Chevaldeuxtrois
(*Our Men, Cargo, Baden Baden*)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Arizona Distribution

LANGUAGES

French, English, Spanish

Gabriel Laurens is a private detective. When his niece, Jade, asks him to investigate her father's death, the detective must confront the ghosts of his past. Gabriel finds himself caught up in a strange investigation mixing pretense, fantasy, and drug trafficking.

**NORTH AMERICAN
PREMIERE.
BELGIUM, FRANCE.
117 MIN.**

*"Its teasing irony and deliberate
artificiality have a Lynchian feel."*

THE FILM
VERDICT

*"The film's cool vibes and stylish visuals, accompanied
by an eclectic, mainly electronic soundtrack, are striking.
Louise Leroy, making a vivid impact in her screen debut.
Dollops of deadpan humour in the Coens' vein."*

SCREENDAILY

*"Plays out like a neo-noir directed by Aki Kaurismaki or a Belgian Big Lebowski with New Wave
aesthetics (...), with theatrical lighting and primary and neon colors, The Other Laurens has the look
and feel of highly stylized 1980's New Wave aesthetics".*

SCREENANARCHY





— MUTT

Directed by
Vuk Lungulov-Klotz
(Sundance Institute Labs
and Tribeca Film Institute
alumnus)



CAST

Lio Mehiel

(*WeCrashed* – Apple+ TV Show,
Tales of the City – Netflix TV Show)

Cole Doman (*Gossip Girl*, *Modern Family*,
Shameless TV Shows)

MiMi Ryder

(*Matilda The Musical* – Broadway show)

Alejandro Goic (*Blanquita* – Chile
contender for Oscars 2023)

Feña, a young trans guy bustling through life in New York City, is faced with an increasingly challenging day. Over 24 hours, his foreign father, his straight ex-boyfriend, and his 13-year old half-sister thrust back into his life.

Having lost touch since transitioning, Feña must navigate the new dynamics of these old relationships while tackling the day-to-day challenges that come with living a life in-between.

PRODUCERS

Alexander Stegmaier

Stephen Scott Scarpulla

Vuk Lungulov-Klotz

Jennifer Kuczaj

Joel Michaely

NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTOR

Strand Releasing

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Sophie Dulac Distribution

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish

**ON RELEASE.
USA.
87 MIN.**

“A true movie of the moment, and suggests a filmmaker with more stories to tell. Endearing and heartfelt.”

Indiewire®

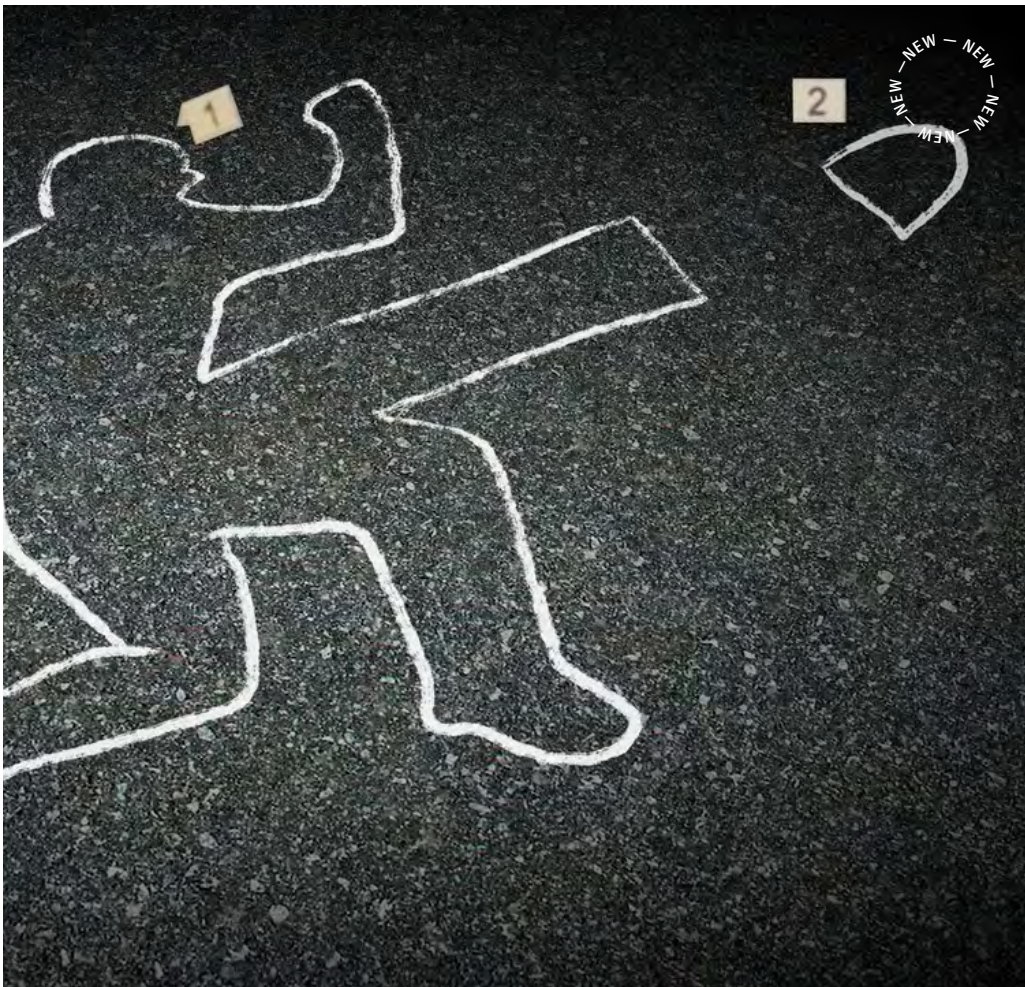
“Remarkable. Featuring a pitch-perfect performance from Lio Mehiel, Mutt feels like an important film in the history of LGBTQ+ cinema. Quietly emotional...rings soft and true without ever tugging at the heartstrings.”

“Depicted with honesty, tenderness and wit. Mehiel’s performance in particular is so grounding, expressive and compelling to watch that the film doesn’t need any other bells and whistles.”

DEADLINE

**Hollywood
REPORTER**





— ZENITHAL

Directed by
Jean-Baptiste Saurel

Previous films:
(*The Dickslap* Short Film –
Cannes Critics' Week 2012,
Parallels – Disney + Show,
upcoming *Zorro* - France TV
Show)



CAST

Vanessa Guide (*30 Days Left, The Brand New Adventures of Aladin*)

Franc Bruneau

Cyril Guei (*Full Time, How I Became a Superhero*)

Xavier Lacaille (*Parliament* – France TV Show)

Bruno Gouery (*Emily in Paris* Netflix Show, *White Lotus* HBO Show)

DOP

Yann Maritaud (*The Big Hit, Slalom*)

STUNTS COORDINATOR

Samuel Kefi Abrikh (*Valerian, Dunkirk, Mission: Impossible – Fallout*)

PRODUCERS

Kazak Productions (*Titane* – *Palme d'or* 2021, *Corsage, Arab Blues*)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

The Jokers Films

LANGUAGE

French

Ti-Kong, the famous Kung-fu master, is found dead. Could the assassin be the Machiavellian doctor Sweeper? Insecure Francis falls into his clutches as he becomes a crucial part of Sweeper's scheme to preserve absolute male domination over the globe.

That is unless Sonia, Francis' girlfriend, decides to take action to save him, restore their relationship, and establish peace between the sexes.

**IN POST-PRODUCTION.
FRANCE.
SCRIPT AND TEASER
AVAILABLE.**





— THE FANTASTIC THREE (LES TROIS FANTASTIQUES)

Directed by
Michaël Dichter

Previous films:
Pollux Short Film – Nominated
for Cesar Awards 2020



CAST

Diego Murgia (*Love According to Dalva*)
Emmanuelle Bercot (*Goliath, School's Out, Mon Roi*)
Raphaël Quenard (*Final Cut, Family Business* Netflix TV Series)
Jean Devie
Benjamin Tellier

PRODUCERS

Rectangle Productions (*Happening, Aline, Vortex*)
Les Films Norfolk

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Zinc (*First Semester 2024*)

LANGUAGE

French

East of France, today.

Max, a witty and brave 12-year-old, feels like he has two families instead of one. In and after school, he spends all of his time with his two best friends Tom and Vivian, who are always there to make life easier for each other. Together, they are the Fantastic Three. His real family on the other hand, is messy, with a depressed single mother and a brother in jail.

When Max's brother returns home, more trouble arises. To save his brother from his own downfall, Max drags his friends with him into a seemingly inevitable spiral.

**WORLD PREMIERE.
FRANCE.
95 MIN.**





CAST

Louise Bourgoïn (*Adèle Blanc-Sec, I am a Soldier*)
Samy Belkessa

PRODUCERS

Kazak Productions (*Titane – Palme d'or 2021, Arab Blues, Corporate*)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Diaphana (*September 6, 2023*)

LANGUAGE

French

Paris, today.

38 y.o Inès is threatened with eviction from the apartment she shares with her teenage son. She desperately needs the new job Anti-Squat is willing to offer her after a two-month trial. This start-up offers an economical alternative to private security companies for corporate owners: offering precarious workers a low rent in exchange for occupying and taking care of empty office buildings.

As she starts as manager of a building, Inès discovers the residents are deprived of their basic rights. She is taken into a system that tears her apart between her own moral values, and the necessity to provide financial stability to her son.

**WORLD PREMIERE.
FRANCE.
90 MIN.**

— ANTI-SQUAT

Directed by
Nicolas Silhol

Previous films:
(*Corporate – Karlovy Vary*
IFF 2017)

Corporate:
more than 260.000 admissions
in France, B.O: 2 M\$.





— RAPTURE (PAULA)

Directed by
Angela Ottobah

Previous films:
Blood River – Arte TV Series in
production, *Mars* – Short Film



CAST

Finnegan Oldfield (*Final Cut*, *Gagarine*,
Nocturama)
Aline Hélan-Boudon
Océan

EDITOR

Ael Dallier Vega (*Atlantics*, *The Ties*)
& Raphaeëlle Martin Holger (*Diaman-
tino*)

PRODUCERS

Kidam (*Zero Fucks Given*, *Hunted*)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Arizona Distribution
(July 19, 2023)

LANGUAGE

French

Paris, today.

Paula, 11 years-old, lives with her father. She is smart,
full of energy, but school bores her and she only has one
friend. To cheer her up, her father decides to take her to a
beautiful lake house for the summer.

But what was supposed to be a relaxing get-away, slowly
turns into a suffocating experience of isolation. Paula's
father becomes more and more oppressive, radical.

If she wants to go back to a normal life, she will have to
enter in resistance.

**WORLD PREMIERE.
FRANCE.
98 MIN.**

*"A horrific tale of power and control, with riveting
performances by Aline Hélan-Boudon and Finne-
gan Oldfield. the young Aline Hélan-Boudon and
Finnegan Oldfield".*

*"An immense film for the horror
it manages to tell without showing."*

CAHIERS
CINEMA





— STAMPEDE (RODEO)

Directed by
Joëlle Desjardins
Paquette

Previous films:
(*Flots Gris* – Short Film IFFR
2016)



CAST

Maxime Le Flaguais
Lilou Roy Lanouette

EDITOR

Véronique Barbe (*Big Little Lies* and
Sharp Objects TV Series)
Elric Robichon

PRODUCERS

Colonelle Films (*A Colony* – Crystal Bear
Berlinale 2019)

CANADIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Entract Films (*Triangle of Sadness, The
Whale*)

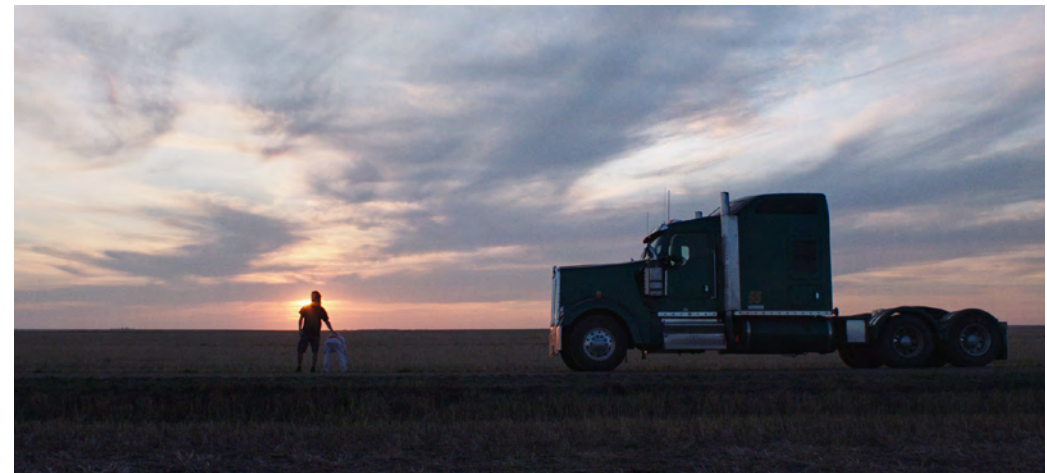
LANGUAGES

French, English

Lily, 9 years-old, is torn by her parents separation. Her few joyful moments with her father, Serge Jr, are the truck races and rodeos in his big Kenworth W900 truck.

When she is taken on a surprise road trip to the biggest Rodeo in the Badlands, far west of Canada, the adventure starts out as a party. But it turns ominous as the landscape changes and police gets closer. Lily soon realizes that there may not be a way back...

**COMPLETED.
CANADA.
80 MIN.**





— TO THE NORTH

Directed by
Mihai Mincan

Previous films:
(*Love Bus* & *The Comet* Short Films)



CAST

Soliman Cruz, Niko Becker, Bart Guingona, Olivier Ho Hio Hen (*Stillwater*)

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

George Chiper-Lillemark
(*Immaculate, Touch me Not*)

SOUND DESIGN

Nicolas Becker (*Sound of Metal* -
Oscar for Best Sound)

SOUND MIX

Cyril Holtz (3 Cesar awards,
latest for *The Sister Brothers*)

PRODUCERS

De Film Production
(*Alis* – Crystal Bear and Teddy
Award Berlinale 2022)
Remora Films
Studio Bauhaus
Screening Emotions
Background Films

LANGUAGES

English, Tagalog, Spanish,
Romanian, Bulgarian, Mandarin

Based on a true story. 1996, open sea.

During his shift on a transatlantic ship's deck, Joel, a religious Filipino sailor, discovers Dumitru, a Romanian stowaway hidden between some containers.

If he is spotted by the Taiwanese officers running the vessel, Dumitru is at risk to be thrown overboard. Joel decides to hide him, as a sign of his gratitude towards God.

Soon, a dangerous cat and mouse game begins. When his crew, his own friends, even God itself start to turn their backs on him, Joel learns that he has to face his cruel destiny alone.

ON RELEASE.
ROMANIA, FRANCE,
GREECE, BULGARIA,
CZECH REPUBLIC.
123 MIN.

"Captivates from start to finish because Mincan knows exactly what he is doing, slowly tightening his grip on his audience."

"It is a story as old as time itself, but Mincan has found a new, compelling way to tell it."

iCs international cinophile society

Ccineuropa





— DAUGHTER OF RAGE (LA HIJA DE TODAS LAS RABIAS)

Directed by
Laura Baumeister

Previous films:
(*Isabel im Winter* Short Film
- Cannes Critics' Week 2014
- *Ombigo de Água* Short Film -
IFFR, Clermont-Ferrand 2018)



CAST

Ara Alejandra Medal
Virginia Sevilla
Carlos Gutierrez

PRODUCERS

Rossana Baumeister
Bruna Haddad
Laura Baumeister
Martha Orozco

COPRODUCERS

Halal
Heimatfilm
Promenades Films
Cardon Pictures
Dag Hoel Filmproduksjon
Nephilim Producciones

SPANISH DISTRIBUTOR

A Contracorriente Films
(April 21, 2023)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Tamasa Distribution
(September 13, 2023)

LANGUAGE

Spanish

*"Impressive film debut, a critical and
compassionate portrait, operating with a
potent immediacy, Daughter of Rage
vibrates with a fervent sense of injustice."*

THE FILM
VERDICT

Nicaragua, today.

11-year-old Maria lives with her mother Lilibeth at the edge
of a garbage dump. Their future depends on selling a litter
of purebred puppies to a local thug. When the deal falls
through, Lilibeth must go to the city and drops Maria off at
a recycling center where she must stay and work.

But days pass and she doesn't return. Maria feels lost,
bewildered and angry. One night, Maria meets Tadeo, an
imaginative new friend who is determined to help her to
reunite with her mother.

**ON RELEASE.
NICARAGUA, MEXICO,
NETHERLANDS,
GERMANY, FRANCE,
NORWAY, SPAIN.
91 MIN.**

*"Tense, assured, compassionate and
admirably clear-eyed feature debut."*

SCREEN DAILY





—RAMONA

Directed by
Andrea Bagney

Previous films:
(Max: A Doha Story Short Film)



CAST

Lourdes Hernández (aka Russian Red)
Francesco Carril
Bruno Lastra

PRODUCERS

Tortilla Films
Sergio Uguet de Resayre

SPANISH DISTRIBUTOR

Filmin (November 25, 2022)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

UFO Distribution
(May 17t, 2023)

LANGUAGE

Spanish

Ramona has just moved to Madrid with her boyfriend, hoping to get a fresh start. She wants to be an actress, a mother, and live in the city's best neighborhood. The day before her first audition, she meets an older man, Bruno, with whom she feels an instant connection.

**ON RELEASE.
SPAIN.
80 MIN.**

"An enjoyable work benefitting from a sparky central turn from Lourdes Hernández... It's easy to make a favorable comparison to 'The Worst Person In The World'... A hispanic 'A Bout De Souffle'... a sharp, urban character portrait...."

"The spirit of the French New Wave lives on in Andrea Bagney's Ramona... Eye-catching performance from Spanish multi-hyphenate Lourdes Hernandez... Editing is snappy and eye-catching."

Redolent of the early Almodovar."

DEADLINE

SCREENDAILY



CATALOGUE



COMA

2022 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 80 MIN.

A teenager has a special power: she can bring us into her dreams – but also her nightmares. Locked in her room, her only relationship to the outside world is virtual. She begins to go back and forth between dreams and reality, guided by a disturbing and mysterious youtuber, Patricia Coma.

DIRECTOR

Bertrand Bonello

CAST

Louise Labeque
Julia Faure

"Coma is a neo-Lynchian slow burn masterpiece. It should obtain cult status."

— INTERNATIONAL CINEPHILE SOCIETY

"Bonello calls this film a 'little gesture,' and in many ways it feels like an intimate story. But its wider resonance makes it a topical and quietly thought-provoking watch."

— DEADLINE

"Bonello offers up a spellbinding film of creative genius made very freely. Those baffled by Coma, will no doubt get another chance in the future to rewatch what will inevitably become a cult film."

— CINEUROPA



PERLIMPS

2022 / BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE / ANIMATION / 80 MIN.

Claé and Bruô are secret agents from enemy Kingdoms sent in a world controlled by Giants that is in the imminence of a terrible war. They must overcome their differences and combine forces to find the Perlimps, mysterious creatures who can ultimately find a way to peace.

DIRECTOR

Alê Abreu

CAST

Stênio Garcia
Giulia Benite
Lorenzo Tarantelli

"Perlimps could be seen as a dazzling love letter for children (...). It encourages kids' awareness of social, ecological issues and a taste for art, while delivering a film of artistic ambition and visual complexity."

— VARIETY

"The film is simply gorgeous. It's both a pacifist and ecological fable, a film aimed at the whole family that leaves the audience in a state of wonder. It is a pure gem."

— Marcel Jean, artistic director at Annecy IFF



CATALOGUE



ISLAND

2022 / ENGLISH / ANIMATION / 84 MIN.

Robinson is a doctor and his solitude is voluntary in an island invaded by migrants, NGOs and guards. He saves Friday, a castaway, the only survivor of his illegal refugee boat. During his journey on the island, Robinson encounters extraordinary beings and events. He will confront current affairs through visual poetry and symbolism in a world where everybody looks for its own paradise.

DIRECTOR

Anca Damian

"A lavish, political, symbolic and poetic animated work. A contemporary and timeless visual whirlwind."

— CINEUROPA

"Mesmerizing to listen to and watch, music is almost nonstop, but so smoothly integrated into the story that it is never too much. The gently accented English dialogue is poetically rendered by the actors led by Balanescu, whose Robinson hovers between abstraction and reality, his illusions a sad reflection on Western intellectuals."

— THE FILM VERDICT

"Bonello offers up a spellbinding film of creative genius made very freely. Those baffled by Coma, will no doubt get another chance in the future to rewatch what will inevitably become a cult film."

— CINEUROPA



THE STRANGE CASE OF JACKY CAILLOU

2022 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 92 MIN.

Small village, high in the French Alps, today. Jacky Caillou lives with his loving grandmother Gisele, a magnetic healer respected by all. Elsa, a young woman comes from the city to consult: a strange hairy dark stain grows on her back... When the village starts to suffer herd killings, and his grandmother pass away, Jacky urgently needs to understand if he inherited the ancestral gift. Will he manage to save both Elsa and his village?

DIRECTOR

Lucas Delangle

CAST

Thomas Parigi
Lou Lampros

"Near-documentary realism is married to something altogether more otherworldly in Lucas Delangle's engagingly offbeat debut."

— SCREENDAILY

"Atypical, poetic, captivating."

— SOFILM



CATALOGUE



MAGDALA

2022 / ARAMAIC / DRAMA / 77 MIN.

Since the death of Jesus, Mary Magdalene has withdrawn from the world. Her hair has turned white, she eats berries, drinks water from the rain and sleeps among the trees. Alone in the heart of the forest, she remembers her lost love. She looks for a way to find him.

DIRECTOR

Damien Manivel

CAST

Elsa Wolliaaston
Aimie Lombard
Olga Mouak
Saphir Shraga

"A dreamy masterpiece."

— LE MONDE

"A mystic and sensorial cinematic experience that is both radical and nourishing."

— SCREENDAILY



A FRENCH REVOLUTION

2022 / FRENCH / DOCUMENTARY / 104 MIN.

October 2018, France. A wave of protests starts to grow. Citizens mobilize throughout the country: this is the beginning of the Yellow Vests movement. In Chartres, a group of men and women gather daily. Like a whole nation, they discover that they have a voice to be heard...

DIRECTOR

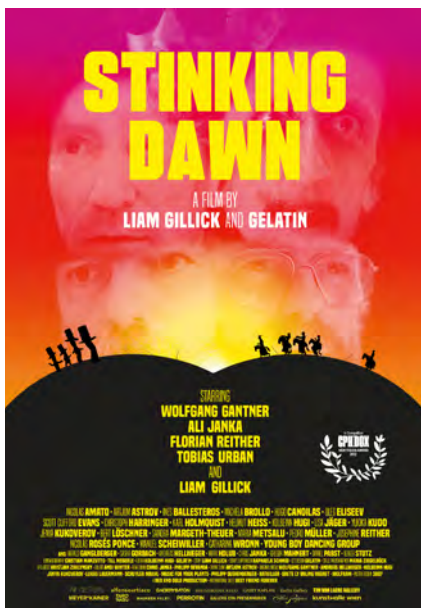
Emmanuel Gras

"No longer a journalistic, historical or sociological response to the Yellow Vest Movement, but a properly cinematographic response." — CAHIERS DU CINEMA

"Emmanuel Gras shows what cinema can bring to a topical subject. A fascinating film." — OUEST FRANCE



CATALOGUE



STINKING DAWN

2022 / AUSTRIAN / ART FILM / 92 MIN.

Four pathetic snobs and entrepreneurs, Gelatin, try to keep afloat in a 'post-leftist' capitalist dystopia by spending their spare time in a rock band. Manipulated by a shadowy nightclub owner, Liam, they succumb to lives of narcissism and delusion.

—

DIRECTOR

Liam Gillick & Gelatin

ARTISTS REPRESENTED BY

Perrotin

Kunsthalle Wien

Air de Paris

Massimo De Carlo



A CHANGE OF HEART

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 112 MIN.

Calais, French border with the UK. Béatrice's beliefs and her very life are shaken when she meets Mokhtar, an Iranian teacher who recently illegally fled to Europe. Her love for him pushes her to challenge the laws of her country.

—

DIRECTOR

Jérémie Elkaïm

CAST

Marina Foïs

Seear Kohi

Laetitia Dosch

"Holds as much of Pialat as of Bruno Dumont... Succeeds in a major challenge, that of accuracy, which allows it to never betray either its story or the viewer." — LIBERATION

"A film of impressive strength and realism about a carnal revelation. Sequences of physical love that focus, in a rare mixture of audacity and elegance, on female pleasure." — TELERAMA



CATALOGUE



BOOTLEGGER

2021 / FRENCH CANADIAN / DRAMA / 80 MIN.

Today. Northern Quebec. Mani returns to her remote Indigenous reserve and realizes that many outdated paternalistic laws are still in force. She campaigns for a referendum on allowing the free sale of alcohol on the reserve. This is catastrophic for Laura, a 45-year-old bootlegger, who has been smuggling illegal alcohol onto the reserve for years...

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DIRECTOR

Caroline Monnet

CAST

Devery Jacobs
Pascale Bussières

"Caroline Monnet really succeeds in making us live and feel this reality that we don't know very well." — ICI – RADIO CANADA

"An excellent film with a lot of sensitivity and humanity." — LE MATIN DU NORD



EL GRAN MOVIMIENTO

2021 / SPANISH / DRAMA / 85 MIN.

Bolivia. Elder and his miner companions arrive in La Paz to demand for the reinstatement of their job. Suddenly, Elder starts to feel sick... Mamá Pancha sends him to Max - a witch doctor, hermit and clown - who may be able to bring the young man back to life.

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DIRECTOR

Kiro Russo

CAST

Julio César Ticona
Max Bautista Uchasara

"It's a small miracle that such a stylistic pick and mix should cohere into something satisfying, but it does." — SCREENDAILY

"Kiro Russo imposes his brilliant cinematographic personality... A striking level of chemistry between profound documentary realism and mesmerising fiction." — CINEUROPA



CATALOGUE



MEDUSA

2021 / BRAZILIAN-PORTUGUESE / DRAMA / 127 MIN.

Mariana belongs to a world where she and her girlfriends try their best to control everyone around them. And that includes the town sinners.

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DIRECTOR

Anita Rocha da Silveira

CAST

Mari Oliveira
Lara Tremouroux
Joana Medeiros

PRODUCERS

Bananeira Filmes (Zama, Jauja, Kill Me Please)

“An original, provocative voice (...), satirical, amusing, stylish and strange, a nod to Kubrick, Argento and John Carpenter, all at once.” — SCREENDAILY

“The audacity of de Silveira’s concept and her deliberately over-the-top aesthetic render “Medusa” a compelling mixed bag.” — VARIETY

“A rising talent and a bold and imaginative filmmaker who manages to re-engineer genre norms.” — SCREENANARCHY



I COMÈTE

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 127 MIN.

It is summer in a small Corsican village in the middle of the mountains. But as life goes on, old grudges resurface.

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DIRECTOR

Pascal Tagnati

CAST

Jean-Christophe Folly
Pascal Tagnati
Cédric Appietto

PRODUCERS

5à7 Films – Martin Bertier (Isadora’s Children, Takara)
& Helen Olive (Los Conductos)

“An ambitious debut.” — SCREENDAILY

“Intricate and riveting piece of cinema (...), the performances of non-professional actors add to the higher quality of realism and reality drama.” — SCREENANARCHY



CATALOGUE



LOULOUTE

2021 / FRENCH / FAMILY DRAMA / 86 MIN.

Louise revisits her childhood when her family decides to sell their farm. 20 years ago, she was Louloute, a mischievous and exuberant little girl...

DIRECTOR

Hubert Viel

CAST

Laure Calamy
Alice Henry

"The film captures, between candor and emotion, the ambivalence of certain images, which slip away, only to come back to strike us in the heart."

— LES CAHIERS DU CINEMA



HONEY CIGAR

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 100 MIN.

Selma, 17, lives in a bourgeois and secular Berber family. When she meets Julien, a provocative young man, she realizes for the first time how the heavy rules of the patriarchy affect her intimacy.

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY

Kamir Aïnouz

CAST

Zoé Adiani
Amira Casar
Lyes Salem

"In the headstrong Selma, viewers may see shades of Lady Bird. In the plight of a young woman seeking liberation, Mustang might also spring to mind. Honey Cigar should earn a continued audience."

— SCREENDAILY

"Adjani is Impressively natural."

— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



CATALOGUE



MOTHER SCHMUCKERS (FILS DE PLOUC)

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 70 MIN.

Issachar & Zabulon are two supremely stupid brothers living in Brussels with their mother. When they lose January-Jack, her beloved dog, they have 24 hours to find it.

WRITTEN & DIRECTED

MOTHER Lenny and Harpo Guit

CAST

Harpo Guit
Maxi Delmelle
Mathieu Amalric
Claire Bodson

*"A stinky shot of John Waters recklessness...
You have to be there to get it." — VARIETY*



ALL EYES OFF ME (MISHEHU YOHAV MISHESHU)

2021 / HEBREW / DRAMA / 90 MIN.

Tel Aviv, today. Danny is looking for Max through a party to share that she's pregnant with his child. But Max just started a new relationship with Avishag and attempts to realize her rough sexual fantasy. Truth is, Avishag actually has someone else in mind.

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY

Hadas Ben Aroya

CAST

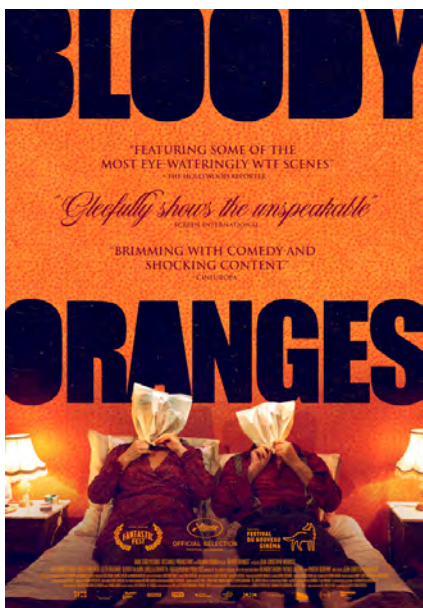
Elisheva Weil
Leib Lev Levin
Yoav Hait

*"If there is one thing that All Eyes Off Me, captures
really, really well, it's that divide between trying to be
liberated versus actually, truly being so."*

— CINEUROPA



CATALOGUE



BLOODY ORANGES

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 102 MIN.

Different characters of different ages and social backgrounds draw a portrait of today's France in this political comedy.

DIRECTOR

Jean-Christophe Meurisse

CAST

Denis Podalydès Christophe Paou
Blanche Gardin

PRODUCERS

Rectangle Productions (Aline, It Must Be Heaven, Climax)
Mamma Romant

"A bracing provocation of a film." — SCREENDAILY

"The perfect movie for a Midnight Screening, which is brimming with comedy and shocking content."
— CINEUROPA

"The most eye-wateringly WTF scenes to be seen on the Croisette this year"
— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



SOUAD

2020 / ARABIC / DRAMA / 96 MIN.

Souad leads a double life. While remaining conservative among her family and society, Souad is obsessed with her image on social media.

DIRECTOR

Ayten Amin

CAST

Bassant Ahmed
Basmala El Ghaiesh
Hussein Ghanem

"Souad feels like a window into a world we might never otherwise see." — SCREENDAILY

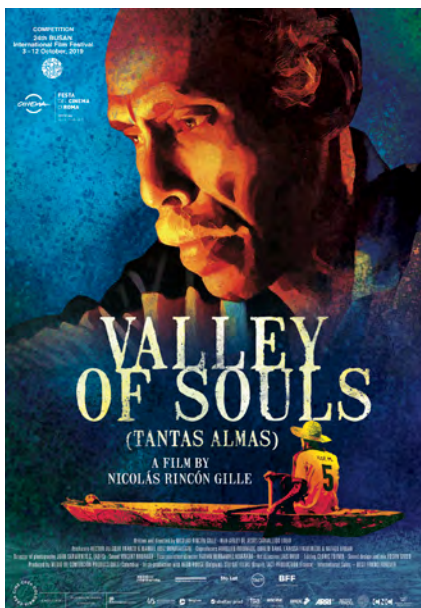
"Razor-sharp, nonjudgmental insight, which captures lives as well as environment with a clear-eyed neorealist sensibility... flowing dialogue that feels unscripted and true..." — VARIETY



Best Actress Award

BFF

CATALOGUE



VALLEY OF SOULS

2020 / SPANISH / DRAMA / 137 MIN.

A man returns to his home in the Colombian countryside after a long fishing night and discovers that paramilitary forces have killed his two sons and thrown their bodies into the river.

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DIRECTOR

Nicolas Rincón Gille

CAST

Arley de Jesús Carvallido Lobo

"An immersive, riveting, exceptional debut, (...) a film of astonishing power. The way the swampy air feels thick with faith, phantasm and fear recalls fellow Colombian Cirio Guerra's masterful Embrace of the Serpent."
— VARIETY

"Arresting and accomplished, (...) striking widescreen cinematography."
— SCREENDAILY

"Valley of Souls manages to find beauty and even tragicomedy amid the darkness"
— THE GUARDIAN



UPPERCASE PRINT

2020 / ROMANIAN / DOCUMENTARY / 128 MIN.

The story of Mugur Calinescu, a Romanian teenager who wrote graffiti messages of protest against the regime of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and was subsequently apprehended, interrogated, and ultimately crushed by the secret police.

—

DIRECTOR

Radu Jude

CAST

Bogdan Zamfir
Șerban Lazarovici
Ioana Iacob
Șerban Pavlu

"A fierce and impassioned denunciation of evil." — THE GUARDIAN

"Accessible and involving."
"Visually striking."
— SCREENDAILY

"Kafka meets Brecht with a splash of Pop Art (...). It delivers a quietly devastating emotional punch."
— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



PREVIOUS FILM FROM 2021
GOLDEN BEAR WINNER



CATALOGUE



LOS CONDUCTOS

2020 / SPANISH / DRAMA / 90 MIN.

A man comes to terms with his past after satiating his greatest desire: assassinating the leader of the sect of which he was a part for many years.

DIRECTOR

Camilo Restrepo

CAST

Luis Felipe Lozano
Fernando Úsuga Higuíta

"Striking and evocative. A fever-dream. An arresting, committed performance from newcomer Luis Felipe Lozano."
— SCREENDAILY

"Restrepo's scintillating first work is a medicinal film. A cathartic antidote designed to heal a man's soul."
— CINEUROPA



SAINT-NARCISSE

2020 / ENGLISH, FRENCH / COMEDY / 101 MIN.

Dominic's fetish is... himself. That's why discovering that he has a twin brother causes him major consternation. Fate brings the two young men back together again, and their fraternal relationship is torn between sex, revenge and redemption.

DIRECTOR

Bruce LaBruce

CAST

Felix-Antoine Duval
Tania Kontoyanni
Alexandra Petrachuck
Andreas Apergis

"Saint-Narcisse is a handsomely produced film with sincere performances, lush cinematography and a classical score... it never fails to follow through on its scandalous promise." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

"A wild ride that's enjoyable in all its B-movie glory while also titillating the intellect." — THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



CATALOGUE



IF IT WERE LOVE

2020 / FRENCH & ENGLISH / DANCE DOCUMENTARY / 82 MIN.

Fifteen young dancers of different origins and horizons are on tour with 'Crowd', Gisèle Vienne's epic dance piece exploring the 90's rave scene. From theatre to theatre, the work mutates into strange, intimate relationships. Is the stage contaminating real life – or the opposite?

—

DIRECTOR

Patric Chiha

CAST PRODUCER

Aurora films

DOP

Jordane Chouzenoux

EDITING

Anna Riche

"A sensational journey, widening our perception of time, space, movement and emotion (...), an extremely powerful work."

— CINEUROPA

"If It Were Love is a delicate mixture of sensuality and creativity." « A dazzling piece, transfixing and strangely resonant. » on 'Crowd'

— THE GUARDIAN



WINNER



OLEG

2019 / ENGLISH & RUSSIAN / DRAMA / 108 MIN.

Oleg, a young man from Latvia, travels to Brussels in search of a better life, however, a series of misfortunes causes him to fall into the hands of an unscrupulous criminal.

—

DIRECTOR

Juris Jursietis

CAST

Dawid Ogrodnik

Anna Prochniak

"A timely and impressive second feature. The screenplay is a particular strong point." — SCREENDAILY

"A sharp, scorching, surprisingly raucous social thriller (...), 'Oleg' would be politically essential even if it weren't so cinematically exciting." — VARIETY

"Thanks to welcome flecks of comic relief, Oleg is consistently watchable as well as illuminating about an emerging social problem."

— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



CATALOGUE



ATLANTIS

2019 / UKRAINIAN / DRAMA / 108 MIN.

A soldier suffering from PTSD befriends a young volunteer hoping to restore peaceful energy to a war-torn society.

—

DIRECTOR

Valentyn Vasyanovych

CAST

Andriy Rymaruk
Liudmyla Bileka
Vasyl Antoniak

"Atlantis is stunning to watch." — SCREENDAILY

"A strong piece of poetically pure Cinema." — VARIETY

"Vasyanovych's style is informed by both Kubrick and early Jim Jarmusch." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Dazzling, strange, tragic, comic, touching and eventually optimistic. Immensely compelling. Masterful." — Los Angeles Times

"One of the most jaw-dropping shots of the year... absolutely deserving of the biggest canvas possible — it's a world you want to live in." — INDIEWIRE



UKRAINE'S OFFICIAL
OSCAR SUBMISSION 2021.



A COLONY

2019 / FRENCH / KIDS & YOUTH / 102 MIN.

Between high school pressure and family disorganisation, Mylia is trying to find her bearings. Meeting Jacinthe and Jimmy will lead her to outline a new life.

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DIRECTOR

Geneviève Dulude-De Celles

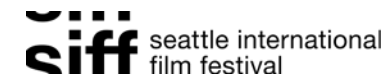
CAST

Emilie Bierre
Irlande Côté
Jacob Whiteduck-Lavoie
Cassandra Gosselin-Pelletier
Robin Aubert
Noémie Godin-Vigneau

"Award-Winning crowd-pleaser." — VARIETY

"A Colony showcases an emotional sensitivity and cultural specificity that gives it a strong individual identity, (...), handled with a quiet dignity by both writer/director De Celles and her accomplished young star Emilie Bierre." — SCREENDAILY

"Berlin hidden gem." — THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



CATALOGUE



THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

2019 / ENGLISH / COMEDY / 90 MIN.

Toronto, in 1899, a young man aspires of becoming the Prime Minister of Canada to satisfy the unreasonable expectations of his mother. Who is William Lyon Mackenzie King?

—

DIRECTOR

Matthew Rankin

CAST

Dan Beirne
Mikhail Ahooja
Sarianne Cormier
Catherine St-Laurent

"Feel like both a throwback to an MGM weepie and a colorized acid trip through historic hell (...). So enjoyable." — THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

"A twisted, cult atmosphere." A compelling pastiche of German Expressionism, early melodrama, science fiction, disturbing midnight madness situations, Monty Python." — VARIETY

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