

BERLINALE 2025



— TIMESTAMP

Directed by Kateryna Gornostai

Previous film: (Stop-Zemlia - Crystal Bear Berlinale Generation 2021)



PRODUCER

2Brave Productions

COPRODUCERS

a_Bahn Rinkel Docs In association with Cinephage Productions

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Osvitoria

LANGUAGE

Ukrainian

School life continues in Ukraine. Students and teachers educational experience is shaped by the war. Day-to-day life is intertwined with constant danger. They become the symbol of the courage and resilience of a society defending its own culture as a path for a brighter future.

WORLD PREMIERE. UKRAINE, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE. 125 MIN.

"A Beautifully Observed Ukrainian Doc on the Perils and Pleasures of of hope that feels both unforced and hard-earned."



"There can't possibly be a more timely film in the Berlinale lineup this year than Kateryna Gornostai's Schooltime in Wartime... A bright beam Timestamp... An extraordinary deep-cover documentary about the effects of war in everyday Ukraine... Gornostai paints a surprisingly optimistic portrait."

DEADLINE

"A powerful, fractured portrait of school days in Ukraine... An impressive and timely picture that should spark plenty of interest among distributors and could figure in awards conversations going forward... A supremely confident work from Gornostai."

SCREENDAILY





— THE THINGS YOU KILL

Directed by Alireza Khatami

Previous films: (Terrestrial Verses – Cannes Un Certain Regard 2023, Oblivion Verses – Best Screenplay award in Venice Orizzonti 2017)



CAST

Ekin Koç (Burning Days) Erkan Kolçak Köstendil Hazar Ergüçlü (The Wild Pear Tree) Ercan Kesal (Once Upon a Time in Anatolia)

PRODUCERS

Elisa Sepulveda-Ruddoff for Fulgurance & Cyriac Auriol for Remora Films Mariusz Włodarski

COPRODUCERS

Marta Gmosińska for Lava Films (The Girl with the Needle, Apples, Sweat) Alireza Khatami for Tell Tall Tale Michael Salomon for Band With Pictures Ekin Koç with Cenk Ünalerzen at Sineaktif

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

Naomi Despres and Michèle Marshall for Desmar and Ercan Kesal

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Le Pacte

LANGUAGE

Turkish

"CRITIC'S PICK. Like 'Lost Highway' directed by Kiarostami... leaves you dazed and feverish."

Indiewire

Haunted by the suspicious death of his ailing mother, Ali, a university professor coerces his enigmatic gardener to execute a cold-blooded act of vengeance. As long-buried family secrets resurface, the police tighten their noose, and doubts begin eroding his conscience. Ali has no choice but to look into the abyss of his own soul.

WORLD PREMIERE. FRANCE, POLAND, CANADA, TURKEY. 113 MIN.

"Overtones of Kafka, Dostoevsky, Lynch, and Hitchcock... It's absorbing, suspenseful, and deeply moving — a case study in how to make an effective psychological thriller."

VULTURE

"Fascinatingly heady...Front to back, 'The Things You Kill' is an astutely written exercise in paying attention to how one is perceived and using that knowledge to rewrite one's own narrative... With 'The Things You Kill' Khatami turns in an absorbing and twisty take on introspection."

VARIETY





CAST

Jayden Cheung Erfan Shekarriz Sebastian Mahito Soukup Arm Anatphikorn Zenni Corbin

PRODUCER

Jun Li (*Drifting*) Huang Yue (*The Shadowless Tower,* Some Rain Must Fall) Zenni Corbin

LANGUAGE

English, Mandarin

A gay man impersonates men he has had sex with and brings this new persona with him to his next hook-up. Only by pretending to be someone else can he be truly himself.

WORLD PREMIERE. USA, HONG KONG. 87 MIN.

QUEERPANORAMA

Directed by Jun Li

Previous film: (Drifting – Winner Best Adapted Screenplay Golden Horse Awards, Nominated for Best Picture at Hong Kong Film Awards & IFFR Big Screen Competition 2021)







- HEADSOR **FAILS** (AIMER PERDRE)

Directed by Lenny & Harpo Guit

Previous films: (Mother Schmuckers - Sundance Midnight 2021)



CAST

Maria Cavalier-Bazan

Axel Perin (Mother Schmuckers) Claire Bodson (Tori and Lokita, Young Ahmed, Mother Schmuckers)

With the participation of

Melvil Poupaud (Jeanne du Barry, One Fine Morning, Laurence Anyways) and Catherine Ringer (Lead singer of Les Rita Mitsuko)

PRODUCERS

Roue Libre Production Fair Play Production Clubb Guitos

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

UFO Distribution (March 26, 2025)

Ha meets Uncut Gems."

CINAPSE

BELGIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Galeries Distribution

LANGUAGE

French

"A masterpiece of absurdist comedy... It's basically Uncut Gems if it were directed by Quentin Dupieux."

FANDOMWIRE

"The film cements the duo from Brussels as a force to be reckoned with in the black comedic space... Frances Cavalier-Bazan is undeniably charming as Armande."







Armande Pigeon is the queen of the shenanigans. In

Brussels, she struggles to make ends meet because she

wrong side of luck. When she teams up with Ronnie one

hit a winning streak, you have to know when to stop.

night, everything changes - they win it all. And when you

can't stop gambling on everything, always ending up on the

"Masterfully absurd... Maria





- SILENT **STORMS**

Directed by Dania Reymond-Boughenou

Previous films: (Constellation de la Rouguiere Short Film - FID Marseille. Clermont Ferrand IFF 2021 and Official selection Cesar Academy Awards 2023)



CAST

Khaled Benaïssa (Papicha)

Camélia Jordana (The Things We Say, the Things We Do, Le Brio)

Shirine Boutella (Lupin - Netflix TV Series, Papicha)

Mehdi Ramdani (Until the Birds Return, Faithful)

MUSIC

Dan Levy (I Lost my Body, co-founder of The Dø)

PRODUCERS

Jérémy Forni – Chevaldeuxtrois (Our Men, The Other Laurens) Camille Chandellier - La Petite Prod

COPRODUCER

Julie Esparbes - Helicotronc (Dalva)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

The Jokers Films (November 20, 2024)

LANGUAGE

French, Arabic

"Emerges as a solid demonstration of Reymond-Boughenou's directorial chops... Magical and expressive, letting the lyricality of the story take over... A pleasant and often entrancing visual



cineuropa

Strange storms of yellow dust fall on a town. Nacer, a 45-year-old journalist, is covering the phenomenon. As he observes the appearance of supernatural events, his dead wife Fajar comes back as nothing happened.

Faced with increasingly threatening storms, Nacer must unravel a haunting past from dark years everyone wanted to forget.

WORLD PREMIERE. FRANCE, BELGIUM. **84 MIN**

"An ambitious, accomplished and serious-minded attempt to address grief, political reconciliation and the legacy of conflict in a way that fuses the real and the fantastic, the languages of political thriller, ghost story and eco-disaster spectacle – all on a tightly controlled art-cinema scale."

"A strong cast, Jordana has a compellingly enigmatic presence... DoP Augustin Barbaroux makes a virtuoso effort, especially in the dense yellow atmospherics of the final act."

SCREENDAILY





- MILANO

Directed by Christina Vandekerckhove

Previous films: (Rabot Documentary – Audience Award Film Fest Gent 2017)



CAST

Matteo Simoni (Zillion, Gangsta, Wil)
Basil Wheatley

DOP

Frederic Van Zandycke (When It Melts)

PRODUCERS

Jan De Clercq, Annemie Degryse (Close, Playground)

BELGIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Lumière

LANGUAGE

Dutch, French, Flemish sign language

"The film paints a beautiful portrait of Milano, it allows us into his sensory universe through the on-screen representation of his deafness by way of sound... A wonderful performance of the young Basil Wheatley... Soul Stirring. "



"Christina Vandekerckhove's debut is an exception, important enough to be worthy of standing alongside the classics for its depth of exploration into the human soul."

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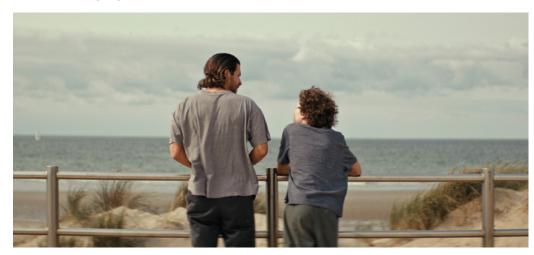
Alain raises his deaf son Milano alone and wants to give him a better life than he has, but despite the best intentions, his failure becomes apparent. Their father-son relationship comes under pressure when Milano wants to meet his biological mother.

ON RELEASE. BELGIUM. 120 MIN.

MORE THAN 60K ADMISSIONS IN BELGIUM!

"An emotional and poetic exploration of parenthood and friendship, blending the rawness of reality with the sensitivity of fiction... A debut that touches the heart and that knows how to dig into the depths of the soul... Demonstrates the power of cinema in giving voice to stories that often go unheard."

TAXIDRIVERS





— PEACHES GOESBANANAS

Directed by Marie Losier

Previous films: (Felix in Wonderland – Locarno 2019, Cassandro El Exotico! – ACID Cannes 2018, The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye – Berlinale Teddy Award 2011)



EDITOR

Ael Dallier Vega (Atlantics, Cassandro The Exotico, Felix In Wonderland)

PRODUCERS

Tamara Films (Cassandro El Exotico!)
Michigan Films (The Damned)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Norte Distribution (March 5, 2025)

LANGUAGE English For the past 17 years, Marie Losier has captured the dynamic and provocative essence of Peaches, the trailblazing feminist queer icon.

This intimate portrait offers a deep dive into the life of an inspiring, taboo-shattering artist. Discover Peaches' electrifying concerts, her close bond with her sister and how her boundless energy, fearless exploration on and off stage has transformed every phase of her life into a captivating work of art.

ON RELEASE. FRANCE, BELGIUM. 73 MIN.

"Neon-streaked brand of sex-positive feminism is celebrated by Marie Losier... An anti-biographical portrait" that doubles as a record of the decades-long friendship between the two women."

ANOTHER MAGAZINE

"An intimate and unconventional doc... Shines a new light on Peaches's own creative approach." "The most intimate and unpublished aspect of Peaches' life... A documentary with a punk inclination like that of its protagonists... Peaches Goes Bananas is also a reflection on the need to accept our body in all its transformations... Reminds us to accept the passing of time and continue to live life with a punk attitude."

MOVIEPLAYER







— 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 (August 21, 2024)

NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTOR

Dark Star Pictures

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.

ON RELEASE. FRANCE. 80 MIN.

"A wacky, accomplished and very funny comedy...
Astonishing and rather jubilant cheek into territory very
rarely explored by French cinema... Echoes of Judd Apatow's
US "rom coms" and Hong Kong films à la Tsui Hark, on a
thread of unabashed humour remotely reminiscent of a sort
of post-modern Jerry Lewis."







— 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

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

JHR Films (February 26, 2025)

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.

ON RELEASE. DOCUMENTARY. FRANCE. 80 MIN.

"An emotional odyssey of motherhood"



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

VERDICT

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







— UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Directed by Matthew Rankin

Previous films: (*The Twentieth Century* – Berlinale Fipresci Award Winner 2020 & TIFF Midnight Madness 2019, The *Tesla World Light* Short Film – Cannes Critic's Week 2017)



CAST

Rojina Esmaeili Saba Vahedyousefi Sobhan Javadi Pirouz Nemati Matthew Rankin Mani Soleymanlou

PRODUCER

Sylvain Corbeil (The Nature of Love, Falcon Lake, It's Only the End of the World, Felix and Meira)

US DISTRIBUTOR

Oscilloscope Laboratories (February 12, 2025)

CANADIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Maison 4:3

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Météore Films

LANGUAGE

Farsi, French

"The best of Iranian Cinema in absurdist Canadian comedy... Recall the locations in Jacques Tati's 'Playtime... If Rankin counts Abbas Kiarostami among his influences, this project proves he's ready for his "Close-Up."

VARIETY

In a mysterious and surreal interzone somewhere between Tehran and Winnipeg, the lives of multiple characters interweave with each other in surprising and mysterious ways. A surreal comedy of misdirection.

ON RELEASE. CANADA. 89 MIN.

#8 in the Best Films of 2024

Los Angeles Times

"The best movie at Cannes this year is an oddball Canadian comedy. Universal Language is a magnificent film."

NEW YORK MAGAZINE

"Call to mind both Wes and Roy Anders(s)on...
It's like nothing I've seen
in Cannes this year."







— CIUDAD SIN SUEÑO

Directed by Guillermo García López

Previous film:

(Even Though It's Night Short Film — Cannes Film Festival 2023 & Best Fiction Short Film at Goya Awards,

Seagulls Cut the Sky Short Film — Directors' Fortnight 2023,

Delicate Balance Documentary — IDFA Audience Award 2016 & Goya Award for Best Documentary)



CAST

Antonio "Toni" Fernández Gabarre Bilal Sedraoui Jesús "Chule" Fernández Silva

DOP

Rui Poças (Grand Tour, Tabu, Frankie, The Rye Horn)

PRODUCERS

BTEAM PRODS (Schoolgirls — Goya Best Film 2021)
Sintagma Films (Goya winners Even Though It's Night and Delicate Balance)
Buena Pinta Media (Lullaby — Goya Best First Film 2022, The Mole Agent — Oscar nominated 2021)
Encanta Film (Lullaby)
Les Valseurs (Heartless)
Tournellovision (Capernaum — Oscar nominated 2019, The Innocent)

SPANISH DISTRIBUTOR

BTeam Pictures

LANGUAGE

Spanish Arabic Toni, a 15-year-old Roma boy, lives in the largest illegal settlement in Europe, on the outskirts of Madrid. Proud to belong to his family of scrap metal dealers, he follows his grandfather everywhere. But as demolitions move closer and closer to their plot, and his grandfather is willing to do anything to stay, Toni will have to choose what to let go and what to sacrifice.

IN POSTPRODUCTION. SPAIN, FRANCE.





— DEATH DOES NOT EXIST (LAMORT N'EXISTE PAS)

Directed by Félix Dufour-Laperrière

Previous films: (Archipel – IFFR Competition & Annecy Contrechamps Jury Award 2021, Ville Neuve – Venice Days 2018, Translantique – IFFR 2015)



CAST

Zeneb Blanchet
Karelle Tremblay (*The Nature of Love*)
Mattis Savard-Verhoeven

PRODUCER

Embuscade Films (Archipelago, This House) Miyu Productions (Ghost Cat Anzu, Chicken for Lindal, Blind Willow Sleeping Woman)

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

UFO Distribution

CANADIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Maison 4:3

LANGUAGE

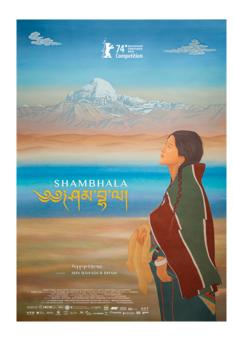
French

After young activists failed an armed attack to overthrow figures of the establishment in their sumptuous villa, Helen freezes and abandons her accomplices. Manon, another member of her group, returns to haunt her. Together, they'll go through the surrounding forest and valley, where metamorphoses and great upheavals will soon disrupt the natural order of things.

Hélène will have to revisit her intimate and political choices, and the dilemmas that surround them.

IN PRODUCTION. CANADA, FRANCE.





SHAMBHALA

2024/ TIBETAN. NEPALESE / 150 MIN.

In a Himalayan polyandrous village in Nepal, newly married and pregnant Pema tries to make the best of her new life. But soon, her first husband Tashi vanishes on the trade route to Lhasa. Accompanied by her monk de facto husband, Karma, she embarks on a journey into the unforgiving wilderness to find him, evolving into a quest of self-discovery and liberation.

DIRECTOR

Min Bahadur Bham

CAST

Thinley Lhamo Sonam Topden Tenzin Dalha Karma Wangyal Gurung

THE VISITOR

2024 / ENGLISH / LGBTQ+ / 101 MIN.

Discover Bruce LaBruce's reimagining of Pasolini's Teorema! London, today. A refugee washes up naked in a suitcase on the bank of the Thames. The enigmatic, sexually fluid stranger introduces himself to a bourgeois, upper class family. He is invited to stay on as an employee. The Visitor soon seduces each member of the family in a series of explicit sexual encounters. He will turn their world upside down as they are able to redefine themselves in new, radical ways.

DIRECTOR

Bruce Labruce

CAST

Bishop Black Macklin Kowal Amy Kingsmill "A visually magnificent piece... At once a spiritual odyssey and a more concrete journey of female self-determination... Shambhala's visual sweep and emotional accessibility deserve to bring it attention."

- SCREENDAILY

"Eye-popping compositions... It reveals a surprisingly feminist vision of contentment, spirituality and the social expectations women are forced to shoulder — the burden of proof always lies on Pema, and never on those casting aspersions on her character."

— VARIETY

"Intimate and epic... Some of the more breathtaking scenery recently captured on screen... It's as if Bham were conditioning the viewer for the type of patient, trance-like experience needed to reach a deeper level of being."

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

"Pleasure as subversive protest... Bruce LaBruce Is Back with a Spunky Call-to-Arms."

— VARIETY

"A love letter to Pasolini, penned with blood, sweat, and semen... Certainly a visit one'd have a hard time forgetting."

- THE FILM STAGE

"Makes the original look positively tame by comparison. It's hard to imagine anyone better suited to sticking two middle fingers up at contemporary Britain than LaBruce, and it's even harder to imagine anyone else doing so with such disruptive, subversive glee.

Grade: A-."

INDIEWIRE









OSCAR ENTRY: NEPAL













THE FANTASTIC THREE

2023 / FRENCH / YOUTH / 95 MIN.

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.

DIRECTOR

Michaël Dichter

CAST

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

CITY OF WIND

2023 / MONGOLIAN / DRAMA / 103 MIN.

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.

DIRECTOR

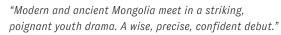
Lkhagvadulam Purev-Ochir

CAST

Tergel Bold-Erdene Nomin-Erdene Ariunbyamba







— VARIETY

"Remarkably-assured and highly accomplished debut feature from Mongolia. Fresh-faced Bold-Erdene is a real find who naturalistically conveys Ze's identity crisis."

- SCREENDAILY

"Cinematically invigorating. Can be whiplash-inducing. A powerful central performance by Bold-Erdene. It's hard to look away from him."

INDIEWIRE











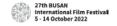


















BANEL & ADAMA

2023 / PULAAR / DRAMA / 87 MIN.

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.

DIRECTOR

Ramata-Toulaye Sy

CAST

Khady Mane Mamadou Diallo "This is an impressive piece of work from a natural film-maker."

— THE GUARDIAN

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

- INDIEWIRE

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

DFADLINE











THE OTHER LAURENS

2023 / FRENCH, ENGLISH, SPANISH / THRILLER / 117 MIN.

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

DIRECTOR

Claude Schmitz

CAST

Olivier Rabourdin Louise Leroy Kate Moran Marc Barb "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."

- SCREEN DAILY

"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









RABOURDIN



MUTT

2023 / ENGLISH / LGBTQ+ / 87 MIN.

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 halfsister 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.

DIRECTOR

Vuk Lungulov-Klotz

CAST

Lío Mehiel Cole Doman Mimi Ryder Alejandro Goic

"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 Lío Mehiel, Mutt feels like an important film in the history of LGBTQ+ cinema. Quietly emotional...rings sof and true without ever tugging at the heartstrings."

DFADLINE

"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."

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER











ANTI-SQUAT

2023 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 90 MIN.

Paris. today.

38 v.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. 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.

DIRECTOR

Nicolas Silhol

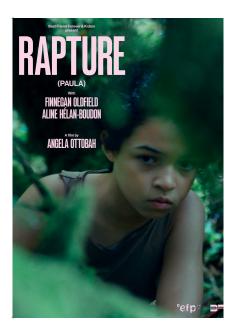
CAST

Louise Bourgoin



Samy Belkessa





RAPTURE

2023 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 98 MIN.

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.

DIRECTOR

Angela Ottobah

CAST

Finnegan Oldfield Aline Hélan-Boudon Océan



°efp ...

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

- CAHIERS DU CINEMA

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

- KONBINI







STAMPEDE

2023 / ENGLISH, QUÉBÉCOIS FRENCH / 80 MIN.

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

When she is taken on a surprise road trip by her father 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. Lily soon realizes that there may not be a way back....

DIRECTOR

Joëlle Desjardins Paquette

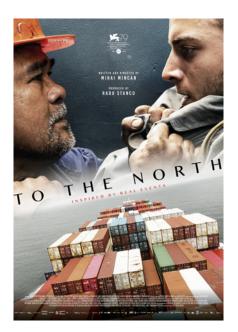
CAST











TO THE NORTH

2022/ ENGLISH, TAGALOG, SPANISH, ROMANIAN, BULGARIAN, MANDARIN/THRILLER / 123 MIN.

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. A dangerous cat and mouse game begins. When his crew, his own friends, even God itself start to turn their backs on him.

DIRECTOR

Mihai Mincan

CAST

Soliman Cruz Niko Becker Olivier Ho Hio Hen (Stillwater) "Captivates from start to finish because Mincan knows exactly what he is doing, slowly tightening his grip on his audience."

- INTERNATIONAL CINEPHILE SOCIETY

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

— CINEUROPA









DAUGHTER OF RAGE

2022 / SPANISH / DRAMA / 91 MIN.

Nicaragua, today. 11-year-old Maria lives with her mother Lilibeth. Their future depends on selling a litter of purebred puppies to a local thug. When the deal falls through, Maria is forcibly separated from her mother at the edge of a Nicaraguan garbage dump. She meets Tadeo, determined to help them reunite.

DIRECTOR

Laura Baumeister

CAST

Ara Alejandra Medal Virginia Sevilla Carlos Gutierrez "Impressive film debut, a critical and compassionate portrait, operating with a potent immediacy, Daughter of Rage vibrates with a fervent sense of injustice."

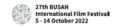
THE FILM VERDICT

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

- SCREEN DAILY











RAMONA

2022 / SPANISH / ROMANTIC COMEDY / 80 MIN.

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.

DIRECTOR

Andrea Bagney

CAST

Lourdes Hernández (aka Russian Red) Francesco Carril Bruno Lastra "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...."

- DEADLINE

"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."

- SCREENDAILY









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.

DIRECTORBertrand 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 thoughtprovoking 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

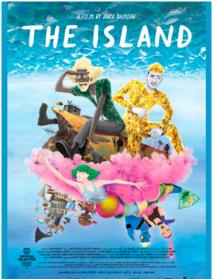
"The film is simply gorgeous. It's both a pacifist and ecological fable, a film aimed at the whole family that leaves the audience in a state of wonder. It is a pure gem."

Marcel Jean, artistic director at Annecy IFF



ANIMATION IS FILM FESTIVAL 2022





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

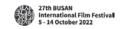
"Mesmerizing to listen to and watch, music is almost nonstop, but so smoothly integrated into the story that it is never too much. The gently accented English dialogue is poetically rendered by the actors led by Balanescu, whose Robinson hovers between abstraction and reality, his illusions a sad reflection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

- THE FILM VERDICT

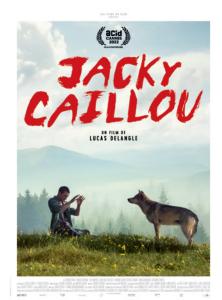
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— CINEUROPA









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



- SCREENDAILY

"Atypical, poetic, captivating."

- SOFILM











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 Wolliaston 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





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 focuse, in a rare mixture of audacity and elegance, on female pleasure."

- TELERAMA





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...

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.

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."

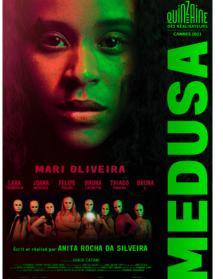
— CINEUROPA











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-thetop 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







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ICOMETE

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











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...

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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.

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WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY

Kamir Aïnouz

CAST

Zoé Adjani Amira Casar Lyes Salem "In the headstrong Selma, viewers may see shades of Lady Bird. In the plight of ayoung woman seeking liberation, Mustang might also spring to mind. Honey Cigar should earn a continued audience."

- SCREENDAILY

"Adjani is Impressively natural."

— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER











MOTHER SCHMUCKERS (FILS DE PLOUC)

2021 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 70 MIN.

Issachar & Zabulon are two supremely stupid brothers living in Brusselswith 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

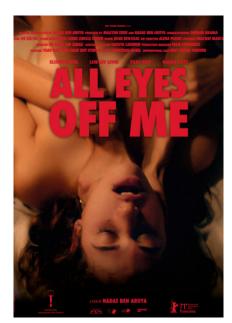












ALL EYES OFF ME (MISHEHU YOHAV MISHESHU)

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."

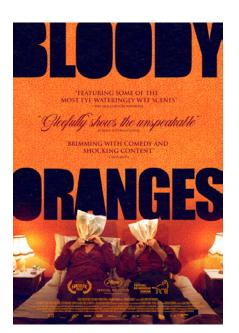
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BLOODY ORANGES

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.

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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 cleareyed neorealist sensibility... flowing dialogue that feels unscripted and true...".

— VARIETY

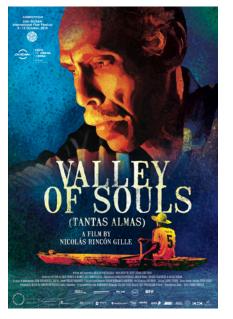








Best Actress Award



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 Ciro 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 Şerban Lazarovici Ioana Iacob Şerban 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



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 DuvalTania 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











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.

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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





The Chicago International Film Festival



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

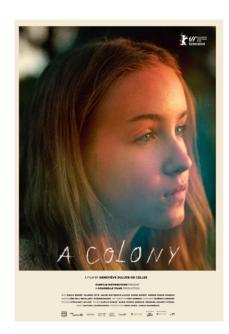






UKRAINE'S OFFICIAL OSCAR SUBMISSION 2021.





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.

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."

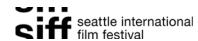
- SCREENDAILY

"Berlin hidden gem."

- THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER









THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

2019 / ENGLISH / COMEDY / 90 MIN.

Toronto, in 1899, a young men 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 Mikhaïl 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 GermanExpressionism, early melodrama, science fiction, disturbing midnight madness situations, Monty Python." — VARIETY







