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# — TO THE VICTORY!

Directed by  
Valentyn Vasyanovych

Previous films: (*Atlantis* –  
Best Film Venice Orizzonti  
2019, *Reflection* – Venice  
Competition 2022)

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## CAST

Valentyn Vasyanovych  
Vladlen Odudenko  
Marianna Novikova

## PRODUCER

ForeFilms (*Luxembourg, Luxembourg*,  
*Atlantis, Reflection*)  
Arsenal Films  
M-Films (*Slow, The Visitor*)

## LANGUAGE

Ukrainian

Ukraine, in the near future. The war has ended. A film director is out of work, out of luck, and out of touch with his family abroad. While his wife and daughter built a new life in Vienna, he stays behind—confused, restless, and convinced that things will get better. Eventually. Probably. Maybe.

## WORLD PREMIERE. UKRAINE, LITHUANIA. 99 MIN.

*"Valentyn Vasyanovych imagines post-war Ukraine with both hope and fear in this compellingly meta drama... The playful, meta aspects of To the Victory! are enjoyable, blurring the lines between fiction and reality, but never overwhelming the film's narrative arc."*

THE FILM  
**VERDICT**

*"Valentyn Vasyanovych reimagines the future of Ukraine, full of both bleakness and bravery... Emits a burning urgency under the cloak of daily life."*

*"Vasyanovych's latest work is reminiscent of that of Palme d'Or winning filmmaker Jafar Panahi... Stunning metafiction presents an idiosyncratic perspective on the war in Ukraine."*

FANDOMWIRE

Cineuropa

Creative  
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# — EGGHEAD REPUBLIC

Directed by  
Pella Kågerman  
& Hugo Lilja

Previous film: (*Reckless* Short  
Film – Sundance 2022 & Disney+,  
*Aniara* – TIFF 2018, *The Unliving*  
Short Film – Berlinale 2010)



## CAST

Ella Rae Rappaport  
Tyler Labine (*Tucker and Dale vs Evil*,  
*Escape Room*)  
Arvin Kananian (*Triangle of Sadness*,  
*Opponent*)

## EDITOR

Oskar Blondell (*Pleasure*)

## PRODUCER

Nina Lund  
Pella Kågerman

## SCANDINAVIAN DISTRIBUTOR

NonStop Entertainment

## LANGUAGE

English

*"Egghead Republic zips along with full energy... Captures the intoxicating, poisonous feeling of thinking you're about to break through... Powered by a breakthrough performance by an effervescent Ella Rae Rappaport, and great, commanding work by Labine in his best role in years."*

THE FILM  
**VERDICT**

An alternative reality where the cold war didn't end, and an atomic bomb has struck Soviet Kazakhstan. Sonja, a 22 y.o. Swedish club-kid, working at one of the hippest magazines in the world, is mysteriously invited to report from inside the radio-active zone, to find or debunk the rumors of mutated centaurs living there...

**WORLD PREMIERE.**  
**SWEDEN.**  
**94 MIN.**

*"Unforgettable! Egghead Republic is a film of extremes: hilarious and gruesome, incisive and idiotic, at once inspired and deranged... This cocktail of gonzo satire, indie-sleaze excess and dystopian science-fiction is as exhilarating as it is unhinged."*



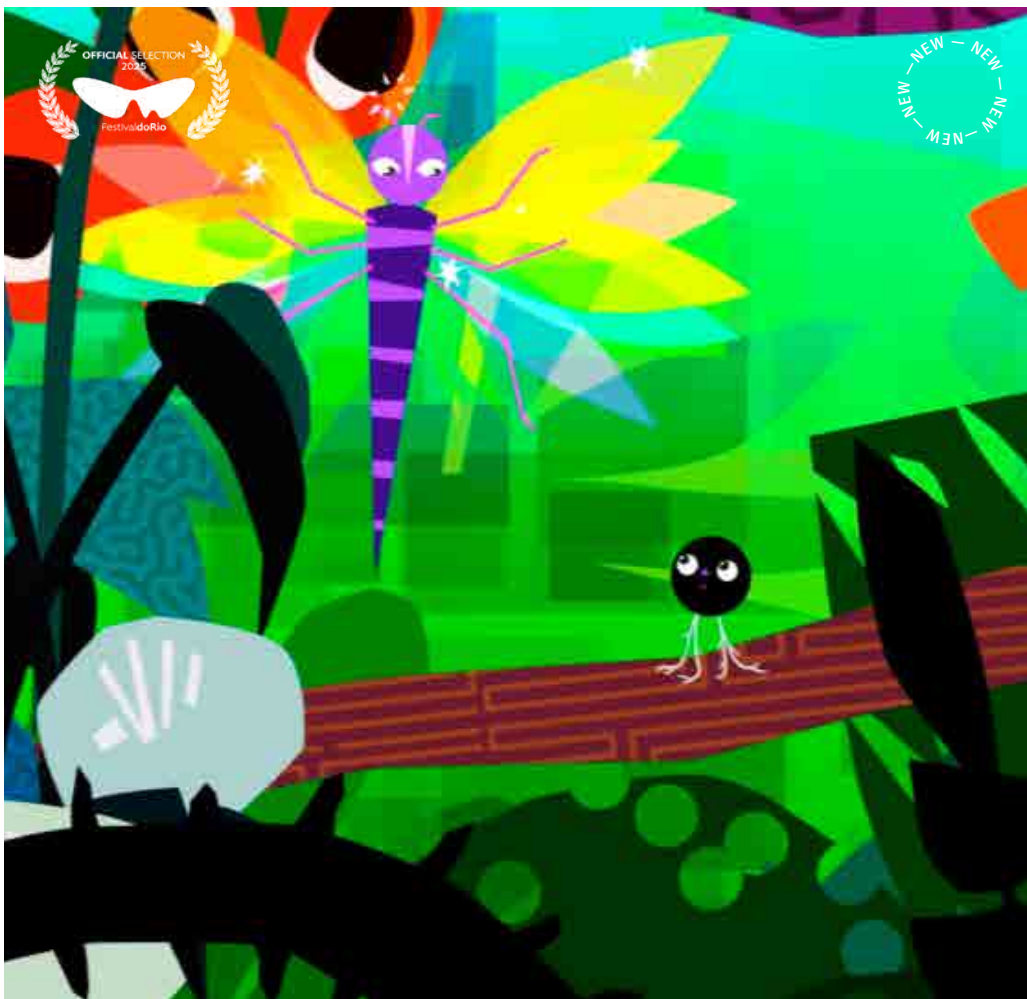
*"Egghead Republic is a bonkers ride that wants its audiences to constantly be asking themselves, 'wtf is happening', and it succeeds... Taylor Labine & Ella Rae Rappaport both deliver a pitch-perfect performance."*

**SCREENANARCHY**



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# — PAPAYA

Directed by  
Priscilla Kellen

Previous films:  
(*Vivi Viravento* TV-Series –  
Discovery Kids, *The Boy and The*  
*World* – Assistant Director)



## ARTISTIC SUPERVISOR

Alê Abreu (*Perlimps*, *The Boy and The*  
*World* – Academy Award Nominee for  
Best Animated Feature)

## ANIMATION

Birdo Studio (*Ba Da Bean* Tv-Series –  
Discovery +, *Ninjin* Tv-Series – Cartoon  
Network)

## PRODUCERS

Boulevard Filmes

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Gebeka Films

## BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Cajuina Audiovisual

## LANGUAGE

No Dialogue

Passionate about flying, a tiny papaya seed in the  
Amazonian forest must keep moving to avoid rooting.  
Through perseverance, she discovers the power of her  
roots, triggering a revolution that transforms her world and  
fulfills her dreams in an unexpected way.

**BRAZIL.**  
**WORLD PREMIERE.**  
**75 MIN.**







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# — CHAO

**Directed by**  
Yasuhiro Aoki

Previous films:  
(*Batman Gotham Knight : In the Darkness* Short Film – 2008,  
*The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim* – Key Animator 2024, *Steamboy* – Key Animator 2004, *The Animatrix: The Second Renaissance & Beyond* – Key Animator 2003)



## ART DIRECTOR

Hiroshi Takiguchi (*Your Name*,  
*Weathering with You*, *The Garden of Words*)

## MUSIC

Takatsugu Muramatsu (Ghibli's *When Marnie Was There*, *Mary and the Witch's Flower*)

## PRODUCER

Eiko Tanaka (*Children of the Sea*, *Mind Game*, *Tekkonkinkreet*. Line producer on Ghibli's *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Kiki's Delivery Service*)

## PRODUCTION COMPANY

STUDIO4°C

## JAPANESE DISTRIBUTOR

Toei (300+ prints)

## NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTOR

GKIDS

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Eurozoom

## LANGUAGE

Japanese  
English and French dub available

In a future society where humans and mermaids coexist, Stephan, a regular office worker, is suddenly proposed to by Chao — a princess from the mermaid kingdom!

With no time to make sense of what's happening, Stephan finds himself living together with Chao. As he is showered with Chao's pure and wholehearted love, Stephan gradually begins to fall for her. What will become of their unlikely romance?

**WORLD PREMIERE.**  
**JAPAN.**  
**90 MIN.**

*"Visually spectacular and energetic in style, this is a bracingly anarchic piece of storytelling that announces a distinctive new voice in Japanese anime. An absolute blast!"*

**SCREEN**DAILY



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# — A USEFUL GHOST

Directed by  
Ratchapoom  
Boonbunchachoke

Previous film:  
(*Red Aninsri*; Or, *Tiptoeing on the Still Trembling Berlin Wall* Short Film – Locarno 2020)



## CAST

Davika Hoorne (*Pee Mak*, *Heart Attack*)  
Witsarut Himmarat  
Apasiri Nitibhon

## PRODUCER

185 FILMS (*Morte Cucina*, *The Edge of Daybreak*, *Ten Years Thailand*)  
HAUT LES MAINS (*Where the Wind Comes From*)  
MOMO FILM CO (*Don't Cry, Butterfly*, *Dreaming & Dying*)

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

JHR Films (August 27<sup>th</sup> 2025)

## NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTOR

Cineverse

## LANGUAGE

Thai

March is mourning his wife Nat who has recently passed away due to dust pollution. He discovers her spirit has returned by possessing a vacuum cleaner. Disturbed by a ghost that appeared after a worker's death shut down their factory, his family reject their unconventional human-ghost relationship.

Trying to convince them of their love, Nat offers to cleanse the factory. To become a useful ghost, she must first get rid of the useless ones.

## NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE. THAILAND, FRANCE, SINGAPORE. 130 MIN.

*"A phenomenal new filmmaker has arrived from Thailand! The Most Elegant Human-Vacuum Romance You'll Ever Watch... Unlike his protagonist, Boonbunchachoke's directorial debut does not suck."*

Indiewire

*"Yorgos Lanthimos relocated to Thailand... Takes big risks and comes out swinging... A filmmaker to watch."*

SCREENDAILY

*"A tremendous achievement! One of the year's most surprising debuts, and quite possibly one of the funniest films in some time."*

iCs international cinophile society







# — 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 (July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025)

## 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.

**ON RELEASE.  
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





# — SLEEPLESS CITY (CIUDAD SIN SUEÑO)

Directed by  
Guillermo Galoe

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*)

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Pan Distribution (September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025)

## LANGUAGE

Spanish  
Arabic

*"Vibrant, melancholy and immersive... Succeeds brilliantly in bringing centre stage a small, much misunderstood world which too often remains conveniently hidden from view."*

SCREENDAILY

Toni, a 15-year-old Roma boy, lives in Europe's largest illegal settlement, on Madrid's out skirts. Proud to belong to his family of scrap dealers, he follows his grandfather everywhere. But demolitions edge closer to their plot, and his grandfather refuses to leave, no matter the sacrifice. On dark nights without electricity, as the legends of his childhood come alive, Toni must choose: face an uncertain future or hold onto a vanishing world.

**WORLD PREMIERE.  
SPAIN, FRANCE.  
97 MIN.**

*"The real deal! It's stylish and ambitious... an excellent film! This hard-edged Coming-of-Age Drama Set in Roma Shantytown Takes Notes from Fellini."*

CRITIC'S PICK.

Indiewire

*"The melancholy of an autumnal Western, a town overtaken by the sweep of gentrification, and the passing of an freer age... Sleepless City marks an auspicious feature debut for Spain's Guillermo Galoe"*

VARIETY







# — DEATH DOES NOT EXIST

(LA MORT N'EXISTE PAS)

Directed by  
Félix Dufour-Laperrière

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



## CAST

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

## PRODUCER

Embuscade Films  
(*Archipelago*, *This House*)  
Miyu Productions (*Dandelion's Odyssey*,  
*Ghost Cat Anzu*, *Chicken for Linda!*, *Blind*  
*Willow Sleeping Woman*)

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

UFO Distribution

## CANADIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Maison 4:3

## LANGUAGE

French

After a failed armed attack on wealthy landowners, Hélène abandons her companions and flees into the forest. Manon, one of her friends and accomplices, returns to haunt her. Hélène has to revisit her convictions and choices, in a valley where metamorphoses and great upheavals disrupt the natural order of things.

**WORLD PREMIERE.**  
**CANADA, FRANCE.**  
**72 MIN.**

*"Brought to life with simple yet frequently stunning animation... It bursts with layers of complex emotion and visceral, vibrant visuals."*



*"There is a hallucinogenic quality to the painstakingly hand-drawn animation... A stylised orgy of violence."*

**SCREENDAILY**

*"Echoes the thematic grandeur of Studio Ghibli's 'Princess Mononoke'... Visually arresting, 'Death Does Not Exist' is a painting in motion."*

NEXT BEST PICTURE





# — L'AVENTURA

Directed by  
Sophie Letourneur

Previous films: (*Voyages en Italie* –  
IFFR Big Screen Competition  
2023, *Enormous* – IFFR Big Screen  
Competition 2019)



## CAST

Philippe Katerine (*Sink or Swim*, Greek  
God of the Olympics Ceremony)  
Sophie Letourneur  
Bérénice Vernet  
Esteban Melero

## DOP

Jonathan Ricquebourg (*The Taste of  
Things*, *Final Cut*)

## PRODUCER

Atelier de Production (*Eat The Night*,  
Quentin Dupieux's films)

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Arizona Distribution (July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025)

## LANGUAGE

French

Summer holidays. Sardinia, Italy. A family (road) trip.  
Claudine, soon to be 11 y.o., decides to tell the story of their  
adventures as they go along. When Raoul, her 3-y.o. brother,  
doesn't bother her...

**ON RELEASE.  
FRANCE.  
108 MIN.**

*"L'Aventura, like Letourneur's precedent  
films, draws a gallery of female  
characters mutedly inhabited by the  
same anguish, that according to which  
motherhood sinks women up to their  
necks in the thick matter of reality.  
Her use of close-ups is a way of  
drinking life, drinking in the childhood  
that disappears from faces."*

Le Monde

*"A kaleidoscope of moments, a sensory tale, where life  
nibbles away at fiction all the time."*

Télérama

*"If L'AVENTURA invites references without deference,  
we should look more to a Resnais in agriturismo for its  
narrative experimentation. Or a sort of Hong Sang-soo."*

Libération







# — DRIFTING LAURENT

(LAURENT DANS LE VENT)

Directed by  
Mattéo Eustachon,  
Léo Couture  
& Anton Balekdjian

Previous film: *(Dying in Ibiza  
(A Film in Three Summers) – FID  
Marseille 2022)*



## CAST

Baptiste Perusat  
Béatrice Dalle (*Lux Æterna, Trouble Every  
Day, Bye Bye Blondie, Maldoror*)  
Thomas Daloz  
Djanis Bouzyani

## EDITOR

François Quiqueré (*Last Summer,  
This Life of Mine*)

## PRODUCER

Mabel Films

## FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

Arizona Distribution  
(December 3rd 2025)

## LANGUAGE

French

Laurent, 29 years old, is looking for meaning in his life. He ends up in a deserted ski resort in the off-season and quickly blends into the surprising lives of its few locals. When the tourists arrive with winter, Laurent can't leave anymore...

**WORLD PREMIERE.  
FRANCE.  
110 MIN.**

*"One of the most important films we've seen here so far...  
A picturesque story in the style of Guiraudie, nourished  
by the dense exchanges of Rohmer."*

CAHIERS  
CINEMA

*"We've got a crush on the amazing  
'Drifting Laurent'... A film that  
breathes freedom and audacity.  
Can't wait to see what happens next!"*

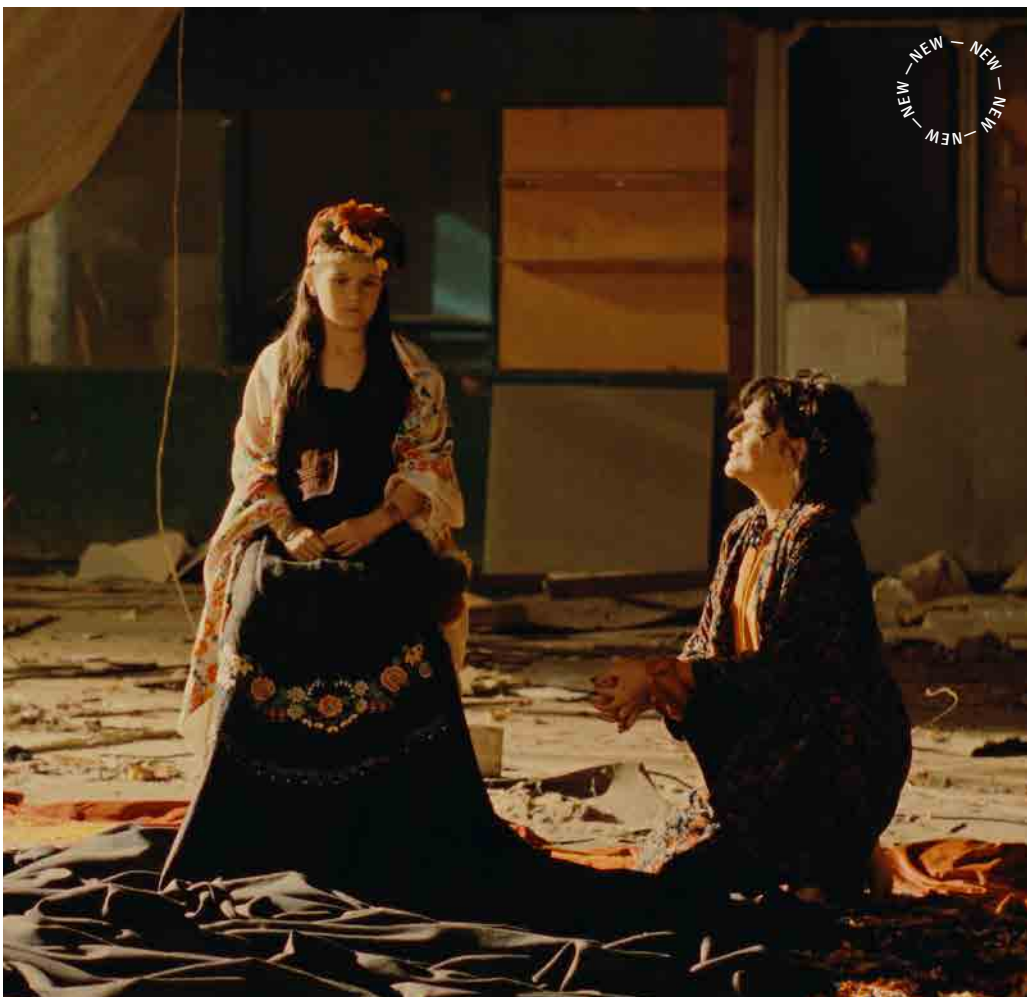
Les  
**Inrockuptibles**

*"The tone established by filmmakers Anton Balekdjian,  
Léo Couture and Mattéo Eustachon is tender, enlivened  
by comic moments of frankly confrontational social  
awkwardness... A hidden gem ripe for discovery  
in the youngest Cannes sidebar!"*

LITTLE WHITE LIES







# — NINA ROZA

Directed by  
Geneviève Dulude-De  
Celles

Previous films:  
(*A Colony* – Winner Crystal Bear  
Berlinale 2019, *Welcome to F.L.*  
– TIFF 2015, *The Cut* Short Film –  
Winner Best International Short  
Sundance 2014)



## CAST

Galin Stoev  
Ekatarina & Sofia Stanina  
Chiara Caselli (*My Own Private Idaho*,  
*Ripley's Game*)  
Christian Begin (*The Infiltration*  
*Problem*)  
Michelle Tzontchev

## EDITOR

Damien Keyeux (*Mothers' Instinct*,  
*Papicha*, *A Sister*)

## DOP

Alexandre Nour (*Invincible* – Academy  
Award Nomination for Short Film)

## PRODUCERS

Colonelle Films (*Through The Night*, *A*  
*Colony*, *Vile & Miserable*)  
Umi Films  
Ginger Light Films  
Premier Studio  
Echo Bravo

## CANADIAN DISTRIBUTOR

Entract Films

## LANGUAGE

French, Bulgarian

A viral video of an 8-year-old Bulgarian girl, a painting prodigy, is circulating online. The phenomenon catches the attention of a collector eager to acquire her work. Mihail is sent to assess the value of the young girl's paintings. He must return to his home country for the first time in nearly 30 years, and face the ghosts of his past.

**IN POST-PRODUCTION.  
CANADA, ITALY,  
BULGARIA, BELGIUM.**

**LOCARNO PRO - URBAN POST FIRST  
LOOK AWARD AND THE JANNUZZI  
SMITH AWARD**





# — 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

**FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR**  
Dulac Distribution

**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.

## NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE. UKRAINE, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE. 125 MIN.

*"A Beautifully Observed Ukrainian  
Doc on the Perils and Pleasures  
of Schooltime in Wartime... A bright  
beam of hope that feels both unforced  
and hard-earned."*

**VARIETY**

*"There can't possibly be a more timely film in the  
Berlinale lineup this year than Kateryna Gornostai's  
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**







## — 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)



### 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

### NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTOR

Dark Star Pictures

### FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR

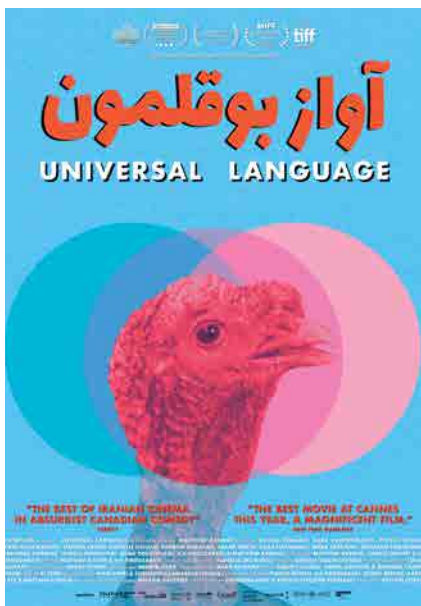
Dulac Distribution

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.**



# CATALOGUE



## UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

2024 / FARSI, FRENCH / 89 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Matthew Rankin

### CAST

Rojina Esmaeili  
Saba Vahedyousefi  
Sobhan Javadi  
Pirouz Nemati

#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

*"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



Shortlisted for Best International Feature at Academy Awards 2025

OSCARS



## ZENITHAL

2024 / FRANCE / 80 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Jean-Baptiste Saurel

### CAST

Vanessa Guide  
Franc Bruneau  
Cyril Guei  
Xavier Lacaille  
Bruno Guéry

*"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."*

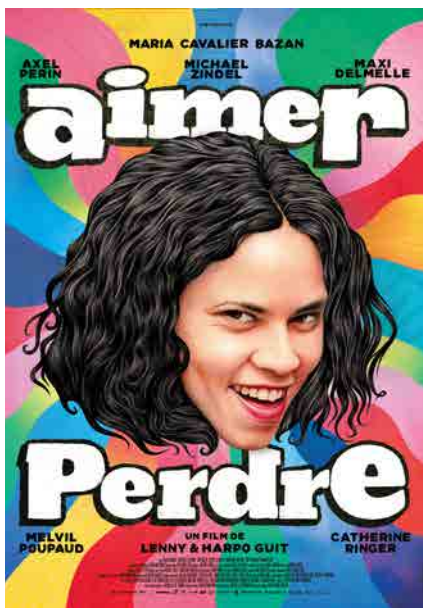
— CINEUROPA



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## HEADS OR FAILS

2024 / FRENCH / 87 MIN.

Armande Pigeon is the queen of shenanigans. In Brussels, she struggles to make ends meet because she can't stop gambling on everything, always ending up on the wrong side of luck. When she teams up with Ronnie one night, everything changes – they win it all. And when you hit a winning streak, you have to know when to stop.

### DIRECTOR

Lenny & Harpo Guit

### CAST

Maria Cavalier-Bazan

Axel Perin

Claire Bodson

With the participation of Melvil Poupaud and Catherine Ringer



*"The film cements the duo from Brussels as a force to be reckoned with in the black comedic space... Frances Ha meets Uncut Gems."*

— CINAPSE

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

— FANDOMWIRE

*"Masterfully absurd... Maria Cavalier-Bazan is undeniably charming as Armande."*

— REEL NEWS DAILY



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DE BORDEAUX

— MENTION ERASMUS —



## SILENT STORMS

2024 / ARABIC, FRENCH / 84 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Dania Reymond-Boughenou

### CAST

Khaled Benaïssa

Camélia Jordana

Shirine Boutella

Mehdi Ramdani

*"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 style."*

— CINEUROPA

*"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



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## MILANO

2024 / DUTCH, FELMISH SIGN LANGUAGE, FRENCH / 120 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Christina Vandekerckhove

### CAST

Matteo Simoni

Basil Wheatley

*"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. "*

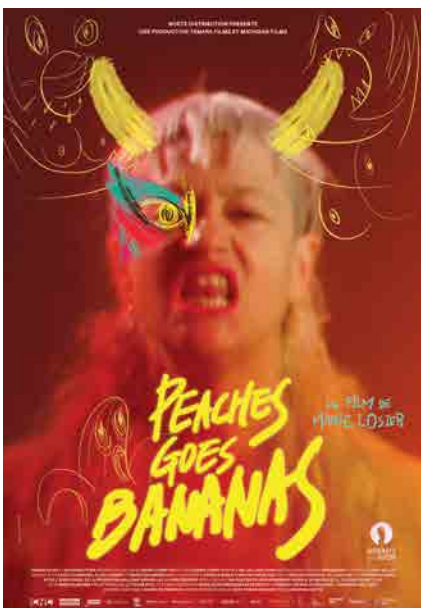
— CINEUROPA

*"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."*

— NOIDONNE

*"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 GOES BANANAS

2024 / ENGLISH / 73 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Marie Losier

*"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."*

— VARIETY

*"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





# CATALOGUE



## KEEPING MUM

2023 / FRENCH / 80 MIN.

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.

### DIRECTOR

Emilie Brisavoine

*"An emotional odyssey of motherhood"*

— LIBERATION

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

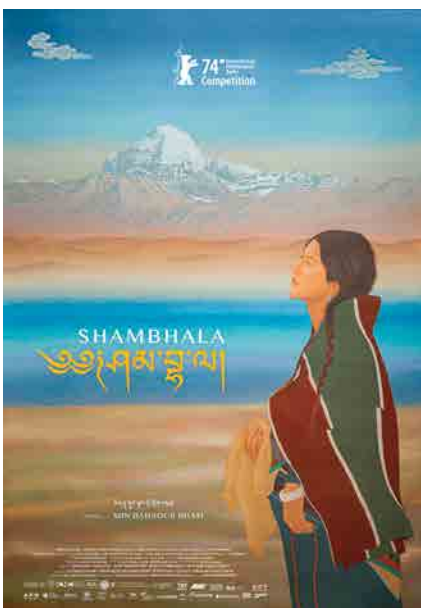
— THE FILM VERDICT

*"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"*

— CINEUROPA



— AUDIENCE AWARD —



## 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

*"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

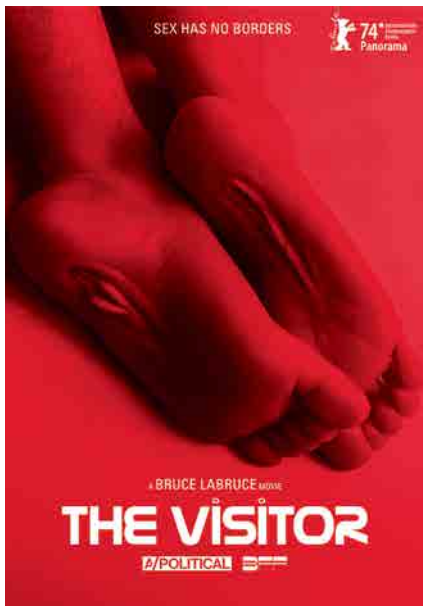
*"Intimate and epic... Some of the more breathtaking scenery recently captured on screen... It's as if Bham were conditioning the viewer for the type of patient, trance-like experience needed to reach a deeper level of being."*

— HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



OSCAR ENTRY: NEPAL

# CATALOGUE



## 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

*"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



## 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)

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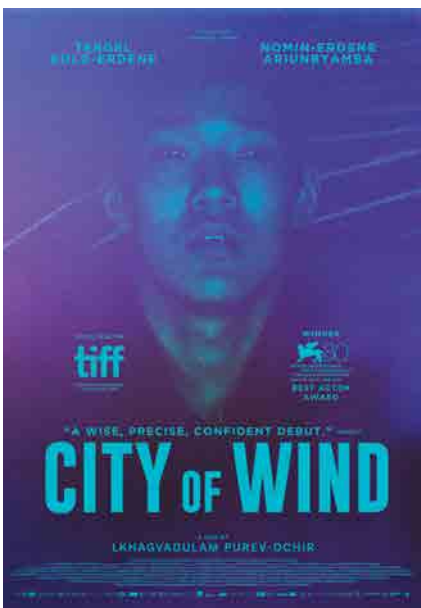
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# CATALOGUE



## 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



*"Modern and ancient Mongolia meet in a striking, poignant youth drama. A wise, precise, confident debut."*

— 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



OFFICIAL SELECTION



## 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."*

— DEADLINE

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# CATALOGUE



## 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



## 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 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.

### DIRECTOR

Vuk Lungulov-Klotz

### CAST

Lío Mehiel  
Cole Doman  
Mimi Ryder  
Alejandro Goic

*"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

*"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 soft and true without ever tugging at the heartstrings."*

— DEADLINE

*"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



# CATALOGUE



## ANTI-SQUAT

2023 / FRENCH / DRAMA / 90 MIN.

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. 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



Film Francophone  
D'ANGOULEME



## 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

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

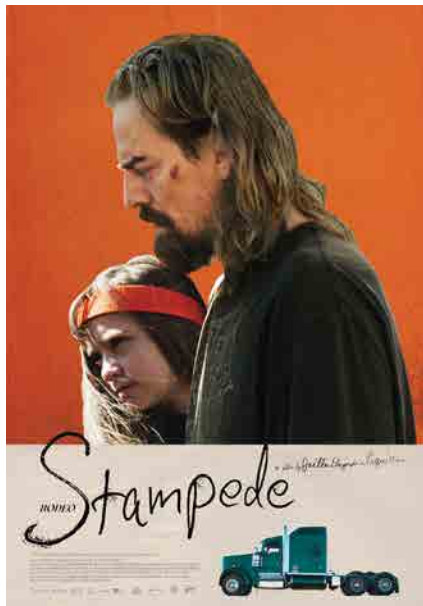
— CAHIERS DU CINEMA

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

— KONBINI



# CATALOGUE



## 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....

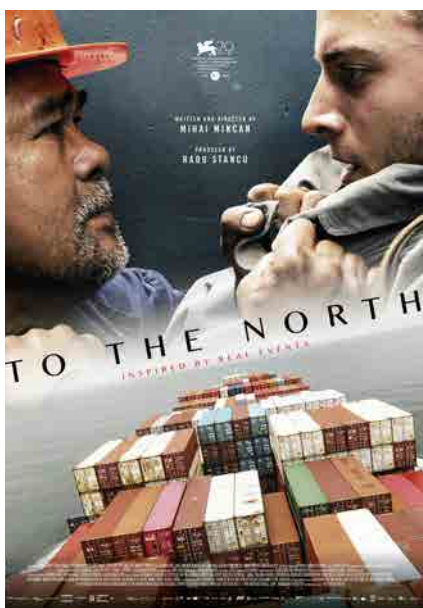
### DIRECTOR

Joëlle Desjardins Paquette

### CAST

Maxime Le Flaguais

Lilou Roy Lanouette



## 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

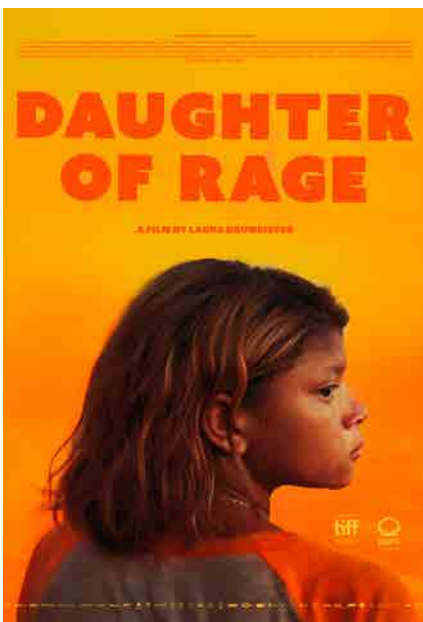
*"It is a story as old as time itself, but Mincan has found a new, compelling way to tell it."*

— CINEUROPA





# CATALOGUE



## 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

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## 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."*

— SCREEN DAILY



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## 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."*

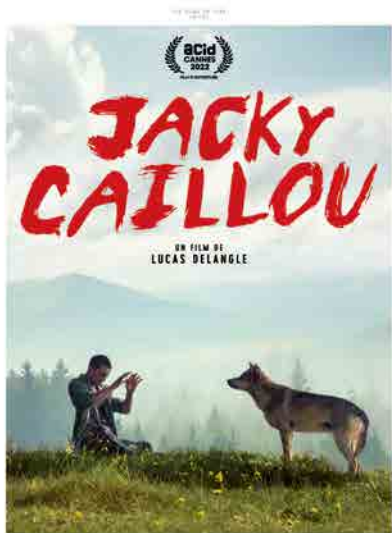
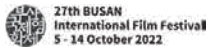
— CINEUROPA

*"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





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## 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...

### 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

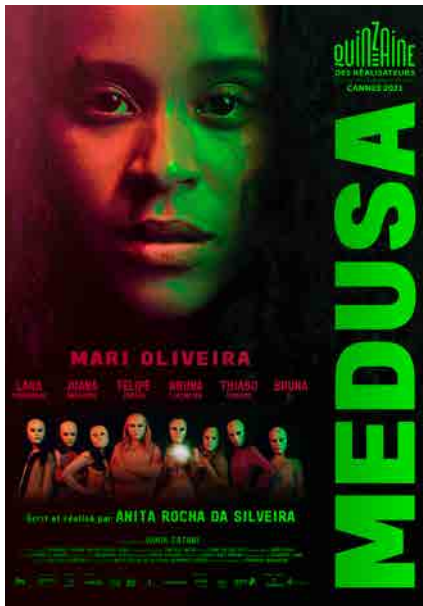
*"Kiro Russo imposes his brilliant cinematographic personality... A striking level of chemistry between profound documentary realism and mesmerising fiction."*

— CINEUROPA





# 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.

—

### 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 COMETE

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.

—

### 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

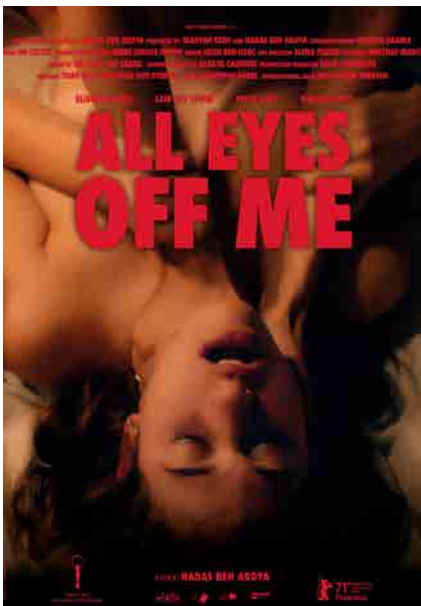
MOTHER Lenny and Harpo Guit

### 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

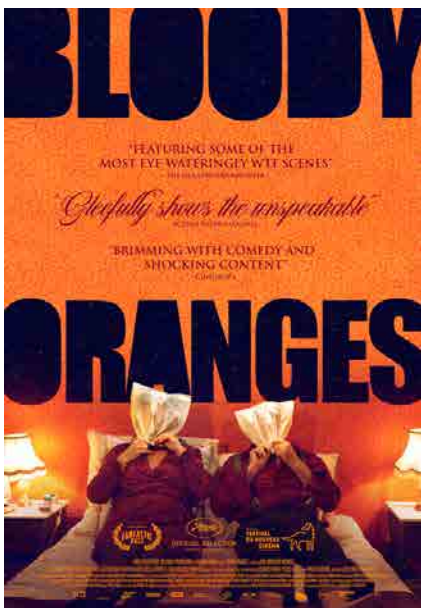
Elisheva Weil  
Leib Lev Levin  
Yoav Hait

*"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





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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.

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### 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..."*

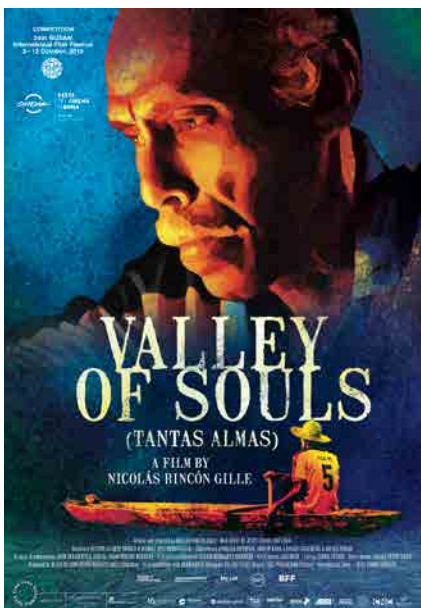
— VARIETY



Best Actress Award



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## 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.

### 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 tragedy 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



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## 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

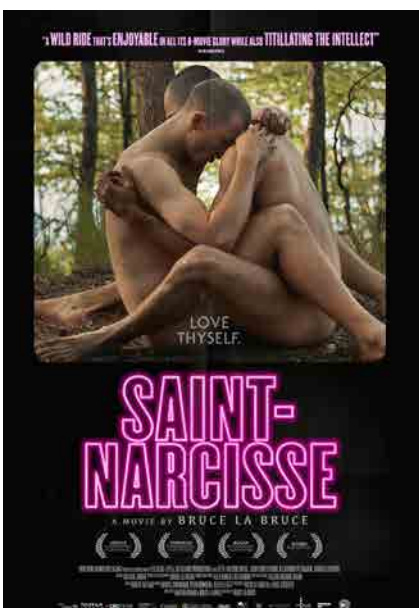
Luis Felipe Lozano  
Fernando Úsuga Higuíta

*"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

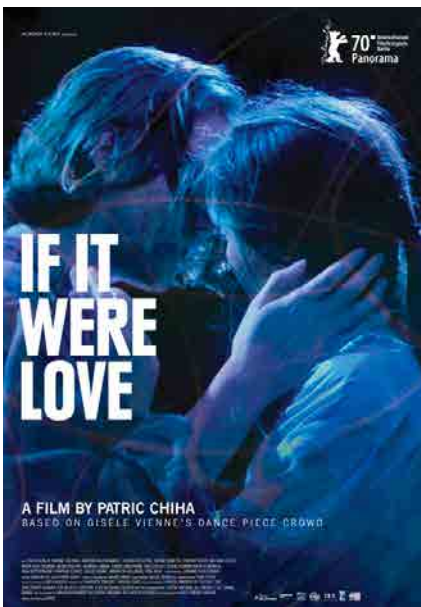


25th BUSAN  
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7-16 October 2020





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## 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."*

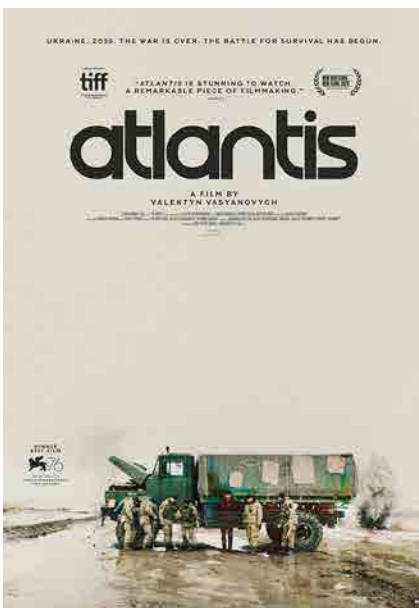
— VARIETY

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

— THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



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## 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.

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### 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."*

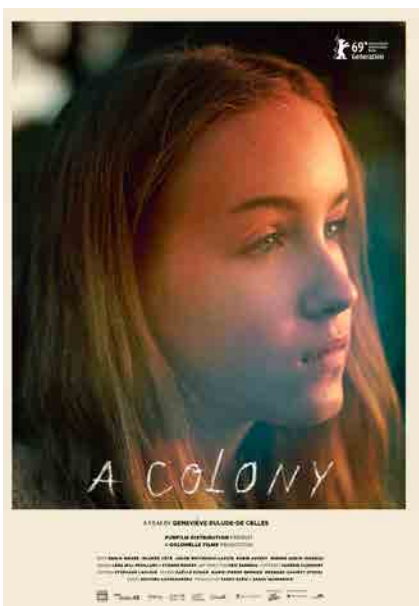
— Los Angeles Times

*"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."*

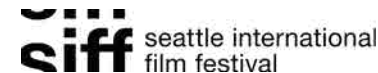
— VARIETY

*"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



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## 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  
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 German Expressionism, early melodrama, science fiction, disturbing midnight madness situations, Monty Python."*

— VARIETY

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