



19th edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival
11 to 19 November 2022

MARRAKECH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL UNVEILS OFFICIAL SELECTION

Rabat, 14 October 2022 - From 11 to 19 November 2022, the Marrakech International Film Festival will present a wide selection of world cinema. Seventy-six films from 33 countries are presented in several sections: the Official Competition, Gala Screenings, Special Screenings, the 11th Continent, a Moroccan Panorama, Cinema for Young Audiences, screenings on Place Jemaa El Fna and films screened as Tributes to personalities of Moroccan and world cinema.

True to the Festival's positioning, the **Competition** presents films by directors making their first or second feature films in order to discover and promote new talents in world cinema. Among the 14 films selected, 10 are first-time features and 6 are by women directors.

It is a wide-ranging selection from 14 countries, including two from Latin America (Brazil and Mexico), three from Europe (France, Portugal and Switzerland), four from the MEA region and its diaspora (Morocco, Sweden/Somalia, Syria, Tunisia), as well as films from Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Iran and Turkey.

Exploring cinematographic genres from fantasy to film noir, and featuring period films, social dramas, thrillers and melodramas, the films competing for the Étoile d'Or address subjects that reflect the concerns of the younger generations around the world: the construction of identity, the need for role models, and the place of women in contemporary society, but also questions of passing down knowledge, whether that knowledge is of tradition, political heritage or simply love.

At the opening of this 19th edition, festival-goers will discover *Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio*, the latest wonder from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, co-directed with Mark Gustafson. This stop-motion musical animated film re-imagines the adventures of the beloved wooden puppet who dreams of becoming a real boy.

This year's **Gala Screenings** feature international premieres by respected filmmakers, such as James Gray's *Armageddon Time*, Neil Jordan's *Marlowe*, Tarik Saleh's *Boy from Heaven* and Paul Schrader's *Master Gardener*, as well as internationally acclaimed films such as the Palestinian comedy-drama *Mediterranean Fever*; *The Sitting Duck*, a captivating thriller from France starring Isabelle Huppert; and *The Swimmers*, a British-Egyptian selection that tells the true story of two sisters who fled Syria to compete in the 2016 Olympic Games.

Special Screenings include 15 contemporary films from around the world—from Iceland to India to South Korea—made by critically acclaimed filmmakers and coming from presentations at the most prestigious international film festivals. Among the directors are France's Alice Diop, the United Kingdom's Joanna Hogg, Austria's Marie Kreutzer and Iran's Jafar Panahi, as well as Fatih Akin of Germany and Philippe Faucon of France, both of whom shot their films in Morocco.

The 11th Continent section presents bold and innovative films that challenge cinematic representations. The programme of 12 fiction, documentary and archive films opens a cinematic dialogue between contemporary cinema coming from countries including Brazil, Lebanon, Paraguay, Rwanda and Spain, and two recently restored film classics that in their time were at the forefront of Arab and African cinema.

The Moroccan Panorama presents five of Morocco's recent fiction and documentary films. Opening the selection is the world premiere of *Summer Days*, the most recent film from Faouzi Bensaidi. Moroccan cinema has a strong presence this year, with a total of 15 films appearing in the various sections of the festival.

With the intent of increasing awareness among the audiences of tomorrow, the **Cinema for Young Audiences** section offers schoolchildren the opportunity to discover cinema through nine dedicated screenings.

The festival comes to life on **Jemaa El Fna** square, in the heart of the city of Marrakech, with a programme of popular films presented by international celebrities, among them Anurag Kashyap, who will present the world premiere of his most recent film, *Almost Love*.

Completing this year's rich selection of 76 films is the festival's **Tributes** programme, a presentation of films made by or starring international and Moroccan personalities, screened at the Palais des Congrès, the Cinéma du Colisée and on Jemaa El Fna square.

COMPETITION

ALMA VIVA

By **Cristèle Alves Meira / Portugal**

Principal Cast: Lua Michel, Ana Padrao, Jacqueline Corado, Duarte Pina, Catherine Salée

ASHKAL

By **Youssef Chebbi / Tunisia**

Principal Cast: Fatma Oussaifi, Mohamed Houcine Grayaa, Rami Harrabi, Hichem Riahi, Nabil Trabelsi, Bahri Rahali

ASTRAKAN

By **David Depesseville / France**

Principal Cast: Mirko Giannini Samuel, Jehnny Beth, Bastien Bouillon

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

By **Makbul Mubarak / Indonesia**

Principal Cast: Kevin Ardilova, Arswendy Bening Swara, Haru Sandra, Rukman Rosadi, Yusuf Mahardika

THE BLUE CAFTAN

(Le Bleu du Caftan/Azraq al-qaftan)

By **Maryam Touzani / Morocco**

Principal Cast: Lubna Azabal, Saleh Bakri, Ayoub Missioui

FARAWAY SONG

(Cañçao ao Longe)

By **Clarissa Campolina / Brazil**

Principal Cast: Mônica Maria, Carlos Francisco, Jhon Narvaez, Margô Assis, Matilde Biagi, Ricardo Campos

PETROL

By **Alena Lodkina / Australia**

Principal Cast: Nathalie Morris, Hannah Lynch

RED SHOES

(Zapatos rojos)

By **Carlos Kaiser Eichelmann / Mexico**

Principal Cast: Eustacio Ascacio, Natalia Solian, Phanie Molina, Irine Herrera

RICEBOY SLEEPS

By **Anthony Shim / Canada**

Principal Cast: Choi Seung-yoon, Ethan Hwang, Dohyun Noel Hwang, Anthony Shim, Hunter Dillon

SAVAGE

(Amina)

By **Ahmed Abdullahi / Sweden**

Principal Cast: Nimco Ahmed Ali, Jamilah Mohamed Kiri, Ariane Castellanos

SNOW AND THE BEAR

(Kar ve Ayı)

By **Selcen Ergun / Turkey**

Principal Cast: Merve Dizdar, Saygin Soysal, Asiye Dinçsoy, Erkan Bektaş, Derya Pinar Ak

A TALE OF SHEMROON

(Chevalier noir)

By **Emad Aleebrahim Dehkordi / Iran**

Principal Cast: Iman Sayad Borhani, Payar Allahyari, Masoumeh Beygi, Behzad Dorani

THE TASTE OF APPLES IS RED

(Ta'am al-tufah, ahmar)

By **Ehab Tarabieh / Syria**

Principal Cast: Mariam J. Khoury, Tarik Kopty, Rula Blal, Hussien Rumiah, Maisa Abd Elhadi, Suheil Haddad

THUNDER

(Foudre)

By **Carmen Jaquier / Switzerland**

Principal Cast: Lilith Grasmug, Mermoz Melchior, Benjamin Python, Noah Watzlawick, Sabine Timoteo

GALA SCREENINGS

Opennig Film:

GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S PINOCCHIO

By Guillermo del Toro / *Mexico* et Mark Gustafson / *USA*

Principal Cast: Ewan McGregor, David Bradley, Gregory Mann, Finn Wolfhard, Cate Blanchett, John Turturro, Ron Perlman, Tim Blake Nelson, Burn Gorman, Christoph Waltz, Tilda Swinton

ARMAGEDDON TIME

By James Gray / *USA*

Principal Cast: Anne Hathaway, Jeremy Strong, Banks Repeta, Anthony Hopkins

BOY FROM HEAVEN

(Walad min al-janna)

By Tarik Saleh / *Sweden*

Principal Cast: Tawfeek Barhom, Fares Fares, Mohammad Bakri, Makram J. Houry, Mehdi Dehbi

MARLOWE

By Neil Jordan / *Ireland*

Principal Cast: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger, Jessica Lange, Alan Cumming, Danny Huston

MASTER GARDENER

By Paul Schrader / *USA*

Principal Cast: Joel Edgerton, Sigourney Weaver, Quintessa Swindell

MEDITERRANEAN FEVER

By Maha Haj / *Palestine*

Principal Cast: Amer Hlehel, Ashraf Farah, Anat Hadid, Samir Elias, Cynthia Saleem, Shaden Kanboura

THE SITTING DUCK

(La Syndicaliste)

By Jean-Paul Salomé / *France*

Principal Cast: Isabelle Huppert, Grégory Gadebois, François-Xavier Demaison, Pierre Deladonchamps, Alexandra Maria Lara, Gilles Cohen with the participation of de Marina Foïs, Yvan Attal

THE SWIMMERS

By Sally El Hosaini / *Egypt/United Kingdom*

Principal Cast: Mana Issa, Nathalie Issa, Matthias Schweighöfer, Ahmed Malek, James Krishna Floyd, Ali Suleiman

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

BURNING DAYS

(Kurak Günler)

By **Emin Alper** / *Turkey*

Principal Cast: Selahattin Paşali, Ekin Koç, Erol Babaoğlu, Erdem Şenocak, Selin Yeninci

CORSAGE

By **Marie Kreutzer** / *Austria*

Principal Cast: Vicky Krieps, Florian Teichtmeister, Aaron Friesz, Katharina Lorenz, Jeanne Werner, Alma Hasun

THE DAMNED DON'T CRY

By **Fyzal Boulifa** / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Abdellah El Hajjouji, Aïcha Tebbae, Antoine Reinartz

DECLARATION

(Ariyippu)

By **Mahesh Narayanan** / *India*

Principal Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Divya Prabha, Lovleen Misra, Danish Husain, Kannan Arunasalam

THE ETERNAL DAUGHTER

By **Joanna Hogg** / *United Kingdom*

Principal Cast: Tilda Swinton, August Joshi, Carly-Sophie Davies, Joseph Mydell, Crispin Buxton

GODLAND

(Vanskabte Land | Volgaða Land)

By **Hlynur Pálmason** / *Iceland*

Principal Cast: Elliott Crosset Hove, Ingvar Sigurðsson, Vic Carmen Sonne, Jacob Hauberg Lohmann, Ída Mekkín Hlynsdóttir

LES HARKIS

By **Philippe Faucon** / *France*

Principal Cast: Theo Cholbi, Mohamed Mouffok, Pierre Lottin, Yannick Choirat, Omar Boulakirba

MONICA

By **Andrea Pallaoro** / *Italy*

Principal Cast: Trace Lysette, Patricia Clarkson, Emily Browning, Joshua Close, Adriana Barraza

NAYOLA

By **José Miguel Ribeiro** / *Portugal*

Voices: Elisângela Rita, Vitória Soares, Feliciano Délcia Guia, Marinela Furtado, José Adelino Barcelo Carvalho

NO BEARS

(Khers nist)

By **Jafar Panahi** / *Iran*

Principal Cast: Jafar Panahi, Naser Hashemi, Vahid Mobaseri, Bakhtiar Panjei, Mina Kavani

QUEENS

(Reines)

By **Yasmine Benkiran** / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Nisrin Erradi, Nisrine Benchara, Rayhan Guaran, Jalila Talemsi, Mohamed Nider Hamid

RETURN TO SEOUL

(Retour à Seoul)

By **Davy Chou** / *Cambodia*

Principal Cast: Park Ji-min, Oh Kwang-rok, Guka Han, Kim Sun-young, Yoann Zimmer, Louis-Do Lencquesaing

RHINEGOLD

(Rheingold)

By **Fatih Akin** / *Germany*

Principal Cast: Emilio Sakraya, Kardo Razzazi, Mona Pirzad, Arman Kashani, Hüseyin Top, Sogol Faghani

SAINT OMER

(Saint-Omer)

By **Alice Diop** / *France*

Principal Cast: Kayije Kagame, Guslagie Malanda, Valérie Dréville, Aurélia Petit, Robert Cantarella

UNDER THE FIG TREES

(Sous les figues)

By **Erige Sehiri** / *Tunisia*

Principal Cast: Fide Fdhili, Feten Fdhili, Ameni Fdhili, Samar Sifi, Leila Ouhebi

THE 11TH CONTINENT

BEIRUT AL-LIKA

(Beirut, the Encounter)

By **Borhane Alaouié / Lebanon**

Principal Cast: Haitham El Amine, Nadine Acoury, Renée Deek, Refaat Haidar, Hussam Sabbah, Najwa Haidar, Rafic Najem
(1981)

DRY GROUND BURNING

(Mato seco em chamas)

By **Joana Pimenta / Portugal**
et **Adirley Queiros / Brazil**

Principal Cast: Joana Darc Furtado, Léa Alves Da Silva, Andreia Vieira, Débora Alencar, Gleide Firmino, Mara Alves

EAMI

By **Paz Encina / Paraguay**

Principal Cast: Anel Picanerai, Curia Chiquejno Etacoro, Ducubaide Chiquenoi, Basui Picanerai Etacore, Lucas Etacori

FATHER'S DAY

By **Kivu Ruhorahoza / Rwanda**

Principal Cast: Mediatrice Kayitesi, Aline Amike, Yves Kijyana, Cedric Gisubizo

FRAGMENTS FROM HEAVEN

By **Adnane Baraka / Morocco**

Documentary

With: Mohamed Oubakha, Abderrahman Ibhi, Lahcen Oubakha, Youssef Oubakha

IN FIELDS OF WORDS: CONVERSATIONS WITH SAMAR YAZBEK

(As-sahel al-mumtani)

By **Rania Stephan / Lebanon**

Documentary

With: Samar Yazbek

MARINER OF THE MOUNTAINS

(Marinheiro das Montanhas)

By **Karim Aïnouz / Brazil**

MUNA MOTO

(The Child of Another)

By **Jean-Pierre Dikongué-Pipa / Cameroon**

Principal Cast: David Endéné, Arlette Din Bell, Philippe Abia, Gisèle Dikongué-Pipa, Jeanne Mvondo
(1975)

PACIFICTION

By **Albert Serra / Spain**

Principal Cast: Benoît Magimel, Pahoah Mahagafanau, Marc Susini, Matahi Pambrun, Alexandre Melo

POLARIS

By **Ainara Vera / France**

Documentary

REEL NO. 21 AKA RESTORING SOLIDARITY

By **Mohanad Yaqubi / Palestine, Morocco**

Documentary

REWIND & PLAY

By **Alain Gomis / Senegal**

Documentary

MOROCCAN PANORAMA

Opennig Film:

SUMMER DAYS

(Jours d'été)

By Faouzi Bensaïdi / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Mouna Fettou, Mohcine Malzi, Nezha Rahil, Nadia Kounda, Abdou Taleb, Faouzi Bensaïdi, Hasna Moumni, Mohamed Choubi, Saïd Bey, Nouredine Saadane, Abderrahim Samadi

ABDELINHO

By Hicham Ayouch / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Abderahim Tamimi, Ali Suliman, Ines Monteiro, Saïd Bey, Zhor Simani, Abdelislam Bounouacha

GOLDFISHES

(Asmak hamrae)

By Abdeslam Kelai / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Jalila Talemsi, Nisrine Erradi, Farida Bouazzaoui, Amine Ennaji, Mohamed Choubi

THE POSTCARD

(Fi zaouiyat omi)

By Asmae El Moudir / *Morocco*

Documentary

With: Oum Eleid, Ouardiya, Chraibi, Aicha Touda

ZIYARA

By Simone Bitton / *Morocco*

Documentary

CINEMA FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

THE BLACK PHARAOH, THE SAVAGE AND THE PRINCESS

(Le Pharaon, le sauvage et la princesse)

By **Michel Ocelot** / *France*

Voices: Aïssa Maïga, Oscar Lesage, Claire de la Rüe du Can, Didier Sandre, Serge Bagdassarian

DOUNIA AND THE PRINCESS OF ALEPPO

(Dounia et la princesse d'Alep)

By **Marya Zarif, André Kadi** / *Canada*

Voices: Rachaf Ataya, Elsa Mardorissian, Manuel Tadros, Raïa Haidar, Marya Zarif

HAWA

By **Maimouna Doucouré** / *France*

Principal Cast: Sania Halifa, Ounmou Sangaré, Yseult, Jérôme Pouly, Thomas Pesquet, Titiouan Gerbier

YUKU AND THE FLOWER OF THE HIMALAYAS

(Yuku et la fleur l'Himalaya)

By **Arnaud Demuynck** / *Belgium*, **Rémi Durin** / *France*

Voices: Lily Demuynck-Deydier, Agnès Jaoui, Arno, Tom November, Alice on the Roof, Igor Van Dessel

OUTDOOR SCREENINGS ON JEMAA EL FNA SQUARE

30 MILLION

(30 Melyoun)

By Rabii Chajid / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Driss & Mehdi, Yassar, Karima Gouit, Ibtissam Tiskat, Faty Jamali, Rabii El Kati, Rafik Boubker, Nabil Atif.

AD ASTRA

By James Gray / *USA*

Principal Cast: Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga, Liv Tyler, Donald Sutherland

ALMOST LOVE

(Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat)

By Anurag Kashyap / *India*

Principal Cast: Alaya F., Karan Mehta

DADDY OR MOMMY

(Papa ou maman)

De Martin Bourboulon / *France*

Principal Cast: Marina Foïs, Laurent Lafitte

GULLY BOY

By Zoya Akhtar / *India*

Principal Cast: Ranveer Singh Alia Bhatt, Siddhant Chaturvedi

AL IKHWANE

By Mohamed Amine El Ahmar / *Morocco*

Principal Cast: Abdelali Lahmar / Taliss, Karima Oulhouss, Saïd Halim, Wadie Erraji, Ayoub Idri, Maya, Fadila Benmoussa, Rachid Rafik, Mohamed Bassou, Youssef Azilal, Abdellatif Khamouli, Raouia, Fatima Bouchene

MINIONS : THE RISE OF GRU

By Kyle Balda, Brad Ableson et Jonathan del Val / *USA*

Principal Cast: Gad Elmaleh, Gérard Darmon, Claudia Tagbo