

OPENING FILM

NOT SO FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD AFFAIR (Bosnia & Herzegovina)

Directed by Oscar-winning director Danis Tanovic. A charming comedy, full of lucid dialogues and a twisting plot. Next to the great actors like Izudin Bajrovic or Branko Djuric, there are funny cameo appearances of celebrities like Goran Bregovic.
Guest: actress Helena Vukovic.

CLOSING FILM

TOMA (Serbia)

One of the biggest Balkan hits in the last thirty years. A biopic of the famous singer Toma Zdravkovic, whose music is still being appreciated, even after his sudden death. Directed by the famous Serbian actor Dragan Bjelogrić and Zoran Lisinac.
Guest: TBA.

CURRENT RELEVANT CINEMA

WILLOW (North-Macedonia)

Skillfully directed by the renowned Macedonian director Milcho Manchevski, film Willow deals with the position of women, both mediaeval and contemporary, and their struggle to become mothers.

TEREZA 37 (Croatia)

Masterfully performed by the actress and scriptwriter Lana Baric, subtle deeply moving comment on how a middle-aged woman from South Europe is pressured by surroundings to conceive. Top winner at Pula FF. *Guest: director Danilo Serbedzija.*



FEAR (Bulgaria)

Winner of the Grand Prix at the prestigious Black Nights IF and Bulgaria's candidate for the Oscar. A highly aesthetical film that provokingly and with a great sense of humour deals with the fear of "others" and "otherness".
Guest: actor Michael Flemming.

PREPARATIONS TO BE TOGETHER FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME (Hungary)

A woman, brimming with love, travels to the man she will start a new life with. But, he reacts by saying "I don't know you". The leading role is brilliantly performed by Natasa Stork, the European shooting star 2021 at the Berlinale. Directed by Lili Horvat.



CELTS (Serbia)

After a world premiere at Berlinale, the director Milica Tomovic, an exciting female voice from Serbia, won the prestigious Heart of Sarajevo for her exquisite story of Serbia during the 1990-ties.
Guest: director Milica Tomovic.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN POLAND (Czech Republic)

Made by the well-known Czech filmmakers Vit Klusak and Filip Remunda. A comedy satire that deals with the enormous distance that faith puts between people in Central Europe.
Guest: director Filip Remunda.

HOMO SOVIETICUS (Latvia)

Is there return of the rhetoric of Soviet men? Or is it always present, just on stand-by? A journey to explore the phenomenon of "Homo Sovieticus".
Guest: director Ivo Briedis.

IN FOCUS: SLOVENIAN NEW, VIBRANT CINEMA

Young filmmakers from a dynamic film tradition are in the spotlight during our festival with a series of powerful feature-length and short films. Our selection highlights the work of many female filmmakers as well. Three features, including Slovenia's nominee for the 2022 Oscars, **SANREMO, DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE** and **ONCE WERE HUMANS**; and several shorts, including the Grand Prix winner of the Clermont-Ferrand festival, **SESTRE**.
Guest: director of Once Were Humans, Goran Vojnovic.



BETWEEN MEMORY AND HISTORY

HAVEL (Czech Republic)

A captivating portrait of one of the most exciting personalities of the 20th century, Vaclav Havel, during his dissident years.
Guest: director Slavek Horak.



NEW TALENT COMPETITION

Come and discover new, exciting voices of East-European cinema. Ten shorts, ten relevant stories. The audience's favourite will receive an award of €1000! Several film makers will be present.

SPECIAL GUESTS

New Talents Competition I: Anastasija Pirozenko, Daniel Donato, Olga Koleva

Power of Shorts: Kristina Daurova, Eliane Esther Bots, Alma Imamovic

New Talents Competition II: Marko Bicanic, Almantas Petkunas

Balkan Shorts: Ismar Vejzovic

Oskar and Lili: actress Ines Miro



As we stand in solidarity with Ukraine, we have two benefit screenings for Ukraine during our festival: **THIS RAIN WILL NEVER STOP** directed by Alina Gorlova and **THE EARTH IS BLUE AS AN ORANGE** directed by Iryna Tsilyk. With music performances by Nataliya Malhanova and vocal ensemble Chervoni Korali.

SHORTS

POWER OF SHORTS

HOW TO BE A PERFECT HUMAN (NLD/DNK)
THE STORY OF THE SUN AND THE MOON (HUN)
DOGS OF HOME (USA/BIH)
DO.JA, THE GYPSY FAIRY (HUN)
IN FLOW OF WORDS (NLD)

BALKAN SHORTS

RADIO FREEDOM (BIH/NLD)
WHEN WE WERE THEM (BIH)
THE NEWS (ALB)
MISHKO (MKD/ESP)

SLOVENIAN SHORTS

VESNA GOODBYE (SVN)
KING MATHEUS (SVN)
SISTERS (SVN)
CONCERT (SVN)
THE RIGHT ONE (DNK/GRC/SVN)
SOMA (SVN/ITA/SRB)

NEW TALENTS COMPETITION 1

TO FEATHER, TO WITHER (HUN/BEL/PRT)
BEYOND THE SEA (NLD)
DON'T HESITATE TO COME FOR A VISIT, MOM (BEL/HUN/PRT/RUS)
BLIND ALLEY (BGR)
LONG LIVE DEATH (SVK)

NEW TALENTS COMPETITION 2

LAST DAYS OF THE YEAR (HRV)
WOMAN, MAN, MAN AND ONE MORE WOMAN (RUS)
MY UNCLE TUDOR (BEL)
OTAVA (SVN)
OUTSIDERS (LTU)

SPECIAL SCREENING

QUO VADIS, AIDA?

Director Jasmila Zbanic (BIH)
LUX Audience Award Nominee

After the screening, a film talk with prof. Nenad Fiser and a cocktail.

Presented by EU Parliament and EFA

Admission gratis!



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