

ANNEX A

EUFF 2021 FILM PROGRAMME

1. Portugal – EUFF 2021 OPENING FILM

PARQUE MAYER

Portuguese w/English subtitles, 2018, 134 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Drama

Director: António-Pedro Vasconcelos

Cast: Francisco Froes, Daniela Melchior, Diogo Morgado, Miguel Guilherme, Alexandra Lencastre

Lisbon, 1933. Get ready for a roller coaster of emotions, amusement and entertainment with EUFF's opening film this year. In a theatre in Parque Mayer, during rehearsals for a new variety show, there are all kinds of goings-on: unrequited love, personal dramas and a constant battle against censorship, accompanied by skillful attempts to circumvent it.

Sophia Awards 2019: 13 nominations including: Best Film and two wins including *Best Make-up and Hairstyling*

2. Finland – EUFF 2021 CLOSING FILM

MASTER CHENG

Finnish w/English subtitles, 2019, 114 minutes,

Rating: PG | Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance/Cooking

Director: Mika Kaurismäki

Cast: Pak Hon Chu, Lucas Hsuan, Vesa-Matti Loiri, Anna-Maija Tuokko, Kari Väänänen

Life's many twists and unexpected turns come to the fore in this evocative drama by director Mika Kaurismäki. Following the death of his wife, professional chef Cheng travels with his young son to a remote village in Finland to connect with an old Finnish friend he once met in Shanghai. Upon arrival, nobody in the village seems to know his friend but local café owner Sirkka offers him accommodation. In return Cheng helps her in the kitchen surprising the locals with the many delights of Chinese cuisine. Gradually his cooking encourages these vastly different cultures to connect and Cheng is soon a celebrated member of the community. Unfortunately, time on his visa is running out and it is up to the villagers to come up with a plan to help him stay.

Luebeck 2019 - Nordic Film Days *Winner Audience Award*

Mill Valley Film Festival 2020 World Cinema *Winner Audience Favourite*

3. Austria

ANGELO

German & French w/English subtitles, 2018, 111 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Drama/History/Romance

Director: Max Schleinzer

Cast: Makita Samba, Alba Rohrwacher, Larisa Faber, Gerti Drassl, Michael Rotschopf

Inspired by true events, Angelo tells the story of an African born in the 18th century, who is brought to Europe at the age of 10. Becoming a servant at the court of enlightened nobility, he soon achieves prominence and became the Viennese court mascot. Things take a dramatic twist when he falls in love and secretly marries a white woman. That is when Angelo has to confront his otherness.

Best Sound Design & Best Production Design (Graz/Diagonale)

Austrian Film Award: Best Costume Design + Best Makeup + Best Production Design

4. Belgium

YOUNG AHMED

French w/English subtitles, 2019, 90 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Drama

Director: Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne

Cast: Idir Ben Addi, Olivier Bonnaud, Myriem Akheddiou, Victoria Bluck, Claire Bodson, Othmane Moumen, Amine Hamidou, Yassine Tarsimi, Cyra Lassman, Karim Chihab, Nadège Ouedraogo, Frank Onana, Laurent Caron, Annette Closset, Madeleine Baudot

Directors Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne take on the touchy and hot-button issue of radicalisation with sensitivity so rare that it has been applauded by critics. Young Ahmed - aged barely 13 - is caught between his imam's ideals of purity and life's temptations. At odds with his loved ones and despite the protestations of his single mother, the Belgian teenager hatches a plot to kill his beloved teacher. Essaying the role of Ahmed, Idir Ben Addi makes his impactful screen debut.

Cannes Film Festival – Official Selection

Best Director – Cannes Film Festival

5. Czech Republic

THE DEVIL'S MISTRESS

Czech w/English subtitles, 2016, 106 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Biography, History, Drama

Director: Filip Renc

Cast: Tatiana Pauhofová, Karl Markovics, Gedeon Burkhard, Simona Stasová, Martin Huba, Pavel Kríz, Zdenka Procházková, Anna Fialová, Lenka Vlasáková, Jirí Mádľ

Lida Baarová, the ravishing and ambitious Czech beauty who became one of the most renowned actresses in the German Reich, turned down a career in Hollywood to become Joseph Goebbels mistress. This biographical film looks at her doomed love affair with the Minister of Propaganda, who was among the Third Reich's most powerful men. The film shines a light on her questionable choices.

6. Denmark

THE GOOD TRAITOR

Danish w/English subtitles appearing only during foreign language dialogue, 2020, 115 minutes

Rating: PG13 with some coarse language and sexual references | Genre: Drama / War

Director: Christina Rosendahl

Cast: Burn Gorman, Zoë Tapper, Ross McCall, Ulrich Thomsen

On April 9 1940, Denmark is invaded by Nazi Germany with demands for immediate and unconditional surrender. The government surrenders after a few hours and begins cooperating with the Nazis. On the other side of the Atlantic is Denmark's Ambassador to the United States of America, a daredevil and a man of the world - Henrik Kauffmann, who is willing to put everything on the line. He refuses to follow the German directives and engineers a rebellious plan to defeat Hitler and give the Danish people their freedom back. Inspired by real events, *The Good Traitor* is the thrilling story of an unsung hero's impassioned resistance to the Nazis as World War II threatens to engulf all of Europe.

Winner of Best Cinematography, Best Costume Design and Best Production Design at Danish Film Awards 2021.

7. Estonia

CHASING UNICORN

Estonian w/English subtitles, 2019, 107 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Comedy, Drama, Road-movie

Director: Rain Rannu

Cast: Liisa Pulk, Henrik Kalmet, Johann Urb, Rogelio Douglas Jr

Drawing on real-life stories of start-ups, this semi-satirical narrative tells the story of a female founder from rural Estonia trying to make it big in male-dominated Silicon Valley. *Chasing Unicorns* follows a young start-up entrepreneur Õie who stumbles into her country's dynamic start-up scene quite by accident. At a hackathon she meets serial failure Tõnu who has gone bankrupt with each one of his

companies. Inspired by dreams, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, the duo embark on a hilarious journey driven by the intent to take on the tech world.

France

8. THE BEARS' FAMOUS INVASION OF SICILY

French with English subtitles, 2019, 82 minutes

Rating: PG, some violence | Genre: Animation

Director: Lorenzo Mattotti

Cast: Thomas Bidegain, Jean-Claude Carrière, Thierry Hancisse, Leïla Bekhti

To find his long lost son and food to survive the winter, the great bear king leads his clan down from the mountains and into the world of men. After escaping terrible monsters and defeating an evil duke, the bears and men live together in peace – for a while.

Nominated for Best Animated Film, Cesar Awards, France 2020

Nominated for Cristal award at Annecy International Animation Film Festival, France, 2019

Nominated for Un Certain Regard Award, Cannes International Film Festival, France 2019

9. Germany

GUNDERMANN

German with English subtitles, Year 2018, 127 minutes

Rating: M18 | Genre: Feature Film, Biopic

Director: Andreas Dresen

Cast: Alexander Scheer, Anna Unterberger, Eva Weißenborn, Benjamin Felix Kramme, Kathrin Angerer, Hilmar Eichhorn, Milan Peschel, Axel Prahl, Thorsten Merten, Bjarne Mädel

With sensibility, affection and humour, multi award-winning director Andreas Dresen presents this moving and endearing portrait of the beloved East German folk singer and songwriter Gerhard Gundermann. Politically active and passionate, digger driver Gundermann's music career took off in 1986, capturing the hearts of the people with his clever, often melancholy lyrics imbued with social commentary. A poet, a clown, a loyal husband and an idealist, Gundermann lived a multi-faceted life as a rebel and a spy who was spied on.

German Film Awards 2019: Outstanding Feature Film, Best Direction, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Production Design, Best Costume Design

10. Greece

MYTHOPATHY

Greek with English subtitles, 99 minutes, 2016

Director : Tassos Boulmetis

Rating: M18 | Genre: Sarcastic comedy

Director: Tassos Boulmetis

Cast : Yiannis Niarros, Themis Panou, Maria Kallimani, Taxiarchis Hanos, Argyris Xafis, Errikos Litsis, Omiros Poulakis, Chara Mata Giannatou, Dimitris Imellos, Panagos Ioakeim, Melissanthi Mahut, Christina Mitropoulou, Zozo Sapountzaki, Titika Sarigouli, Foivos Tarabikos, Antonis Tsiotsiopoulos, Giorgos Vourdamis

In the early 1970s, with Greece under the rule of a military junta, pre-teen Stavros discovers a strange accompaniment to the awakening of Eros: he subverts the meanings of classical myths, creating strange physical symptoms in those around him. Stavros' conservative parents, perplexed and flustered, take him from specialist to specialist. Diagnoses vary, until a fortune-teller deems that the boy is a victim of a rare, ancient disease, which exhibits himself when he is in love. After the collapse of the junta, as Stavros meets the toils of love and politics in university, the influence of his strange affliction extends from his immediate environment into the political arena.

11. Hungary

THE TROUPE – RELISH YOUR LIFE!

Hungarian w/English subtitles, 2018, 102 minutes

Rating: NC16 | Genre: Feature

Director: Pál Sándor

Cast: Gerő Botond, Jazmin Gonzales, Sándor Gáspár, Géza D. Hegedüs, Attila Ifj. Vidnyánszky, Krisztián Kovács, Dorina Martinovics, Tamás Mohai, Eszter Nagy-Kálózy, Péter Rudolf, Péter Végh

A young soldier sides with a group of travelling actors when an angry fist fight erupts. After he is forced to flee, the eclectic troupe takes him in and together, they move from village to village in a shaky cart. On the surface it seems like a lucky escape, but little does he know what awaits him. A hanging, a seduction, a duel and love – maybe on and off stage.

Golden Aphrodite Grand Prix - VÁRNA Love Is Folly International Film Festival, 2018

Festivals

Shanghai International Film Festival, 2018

12. Ireland

WOLFWALKERS

An Apple Original Film

English w/English subtitles, 2020, 103 minutes

Rating: Genre: Family/Adventure/Fantasy/Animation

Director: Tomm Moore, Ross Stewart

Rating: <Pending>

Cast: Honor Kneafsey, Eva Whittaker, Sean Bean, Simon McBurney, Tommy Tiernan, Jon Kenny, John Morton, Maria Doyle Kennedy

Recently honoured with an Oscar nomination for Best Animated Feature, this magical Irish film tells the story of a young apprentice hunter, Robyn Goodfellowe, as she journeys to Ireland with her father to wipe out the last wolf pack. While exploring the forbidden lands outside the city walls, Robyn befriends a free-spirited girl, Mebh, a member of a mysterious tribe rumored to have the ability to transform into wolves by night. As they search for Mebh's missing mother, Robyn uncovers a secret that draws her further into the enchanted world of the WOLFWALKERS and risks turning into the very thing her father is tasked to destroy.

Nominated for Best Animated Feature Film, 93rd Academy Awards

Nominated for 10 categories including Best Animated Feature - Independent, Annie Awards

Winner, Best Irish Film, Dublin Film Critics' Circle

Winner, Best Animated Film - New York Film Critics Circle Awards; Hollywood Critics Association Awards;

Chicago Film Critics Association Awards

Nominee, Best Animated Film, British Academy Film Awards

13. Italy

ALL MY CRAZY LOVE

Italian w/English subtitles, 2019, 97 minutes

Rating: NC16 | Genre: Drama

Director: Gabriele Salvatores

Cast: Claudio Santamaria, Valeria Golino, Diego Abatantuono, Giulio Pranno, Daniel Vivian, Marusa Majer, Tania Garribba

This heart-warming drama by Oscar-winning director Gabriele Salvatores stars Italian icon Valeria Golina. Based on real life events, the contemporary road movie chronicles a difficult reunion between a troubled teenager and his long-absent father. 16 years after the birth of his autistic son Vincent, Willi returns and breaks into the home of Elena, his ex-girlfriend and her partner Mario. Willi, a boozing lounge singer, wants to connect with the boy, but Elena is furious and throws him out. When Willi discovers Vincent has hidden away in the back of his pick-up truck an emotional journey begins.

14. Luxembourg

FUNAN

French w/English subtitles, 2019, 86 minutes

Rating: PG13 | Genre: Drama/Animation

A film by Director: Denis Do

Cast: The voices of Bérénice Bejo, Louis Garrel, Colette Kieffer, Aude Laurence Clermont Biver, Brice Montage, Franck Sasonoff, Hervé Sogne, Eugénie Anselin, Jérôme Varanfain, François Baldassare, Nilton Martins

The story of a young woman who, under the Khmer Rouge regime, has to learn how to fight back and exist. To survive. To find her son who was taken from her during the exile from Phnom Penh. Funan chronicles one family's desperate attempts to survive. In addition to being a rigorously written and directed personal account of a specific war, this film illustrates the sheer possibilities of artistic expression and animation.

Nominated for Best Animated Film - Lumières Awards 2020

Cristal for the Best Animated Feature - Annecy International Animated Film Festival 2018

Best Sound Design in a Feature Film Production - Emile Awards 2018

Nominated for Best Film - Montréal Festival of New Cinema 2018

15. The Netherlands

THE CONDUCTOR

Dutch w/English subtitles appearing only during foreign language dialogue, 2018, 137 minutes

Rating: PG13 | Genre: Biography, Drama

Director: Maria Peters

Cast: Christanne de Bruijn, Benjamin Wainwright, Scott Turner Schofield, Seumas F. Sargent, Annet Malherbe, Raymond Thiry, Gijs Scholten van Aschat, Richard Sammel, Sian Thomas, Tim Ahern, Sara Visser, Michael Watson-Gray, James Sobol Kelly, Anja Antonowicz

This film is based on the true story of the Dutch born Antonia Brico, who was a child when she and her parents immigrated to the United States. In the late 1920s, she became the world's first woman who successfully conducted a large symphony orchestra. After the two-year study at the State Academy of Music, she went on to become the first woman to conduct the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. However, emotional strain threatened to overwhelm her, when the love of her life put her in a difficult position. What choice did Antonia make? The Conductor tells all.

16. Norway

BEFORE SNOWFALL

Kurdish and German w/English subtitles, 2013, 105 min

Rating: TBC | Genre: Drama

Director: Hisham Zaman

Cast: Hassan Demirca, Bahar Ozen, Naseradeen Mohammed Kaheleel, Billey Dimirtas, Suzan Ilir, Birol Unel, Taher Abdullah Taher, Nazmi Kirik

The hunt for his sister becomes a dangerous journey from east to west, where the collision of tradition bound cultures and modern western living challenges Siyar to find out who he really is. In Istanbul he meets the young girl Evin, who is also lost between borders in Europe. They experience a budding friendship and an infatuation. Evin chooses to travel with him, not knowing his plan.

Dragon Award for Best Nordic Film at the Gothenburg Film Festival, 2013

Best Cinematography in a Narrative Feature Film at the Tribeca Film Festival, 2013

17. Poland

JACK STRONG

Polish w/English subtitles, 2014, 122 minutes

Rating: PG13 | Genre: Action, Crime, Biopic, Thriller

Director: Władysław Pasikowski

Cast: Marcin Dorocinski, Maja Ostaszewska, Patrick Wilson

Based on the real-life story of Colonel Ryszard Kukliński

Based on a true-story, this edge-of-the-seat Polish thriller tells one of the world's most fascinating spy stories. Colonel Ryszard Kukliński risked his life to keep the world from destroying itself by single-handedly waging a battle against the Soviet Union from deep within its ranks. The Polish colonel and anti-Soviet spy passed thousands of top-secret military documents between 1972 and 1981. He cooperated with the CIA for many dangerous and emotionally-draining years where one wrong move could mean a tragic fate for him and his family.

Polish Film Festival in Gdynia 2014: Winner, Amber Lion for the highest-grossing movie, Winner of Best Director, Winner of Best Costume Design

Polish Film Awards (Eagles) 2015: Winner, Best Actress

18. Romania

QUEEN MARIE OF ROMANIA

Romanian w/English subtitles, 2019, 110 minutes

Rating: | Genre: Drama

Director: Alexis Cahill

Cast: Roxana Lupu, Daniel Plier, Richard Elfyn

Devastated by the First World War and plunged into political controversy, Romania's every hope accompanies its queen on her mission to Paris to lobby for international recognition of its great unification at the 1919 peace talks.

19. Spain

THE INNOCENCE

Spanish and Catalan, w/English subtitles, 2019, 92 minutes

Rating: R21 | Genre: Drama

Director: Lucía Alemany

Cast: Carmen Arrufat, Laia Marull, Sergi López, Joel Bosqued

Lis enjoys one more summer with her friends. The town's lack of intimacy, coupled with nosy neighbours, means she keeps her relationship status secret. But the end of summer presents an unpleasant surprise. Filmed in Alemany's home-town in the Valencia region, with local residents cast as extras, *The Innocence* is a note-perfect and authentic portrayal of small-town life on the east coast of Spain.

Cinema Writers Circle Awards, Spain 2020

Gaudí Awards 2020: Several nominations and winner

Best Supporting Actress (Millor Actriu Secundària)

Goya Awards 2020: Several nominations and winner

Best New Actress (Mejor Actriz Revelación)

Best Original Song (Mejor Canción Original)

Turia Awards 2020

Winner

Best Actress: Carmen Arrufat

Best Director: Lucía Alemany

Nominations at the Miami Film Festival 2020 and San Sebastián International Film Festival 2019

20. Sweden

AND THEN WE DANCED

Swedish w/English subtitles, 2019, 113 minutes

Rating: R21 | Genre: Drama, Romance

Director: Levan Akin

Cast: Levan Gelbakhiani, Bachi Valishvili, Ana Javakishvili, Kakha Gogidze, Ana Makharadze, Nino Gabisonia, Levan Gabrava

Critics have hailed director Levan Akin's passionate coming-of-age story set amidst the conservative confines of modern Tbilisi as "exceptional," "revolutionary," "urgent." A male dancer and his partner have been training for years for a spot in the National Georgian Ensemble. The arrival of another dancer throws him off balance, sparking both an intense rivalry and romantic desire that may cause him to risk his future.

Chicago International Film Festival 2019 – Gold Q-Hugo

Czech Gay and Lesbian Film Festival 2019 – Audience Award

Guldbagge Awards 2020

Best Film

Best Actor

Best Screenplay

Best Cinematography

LesGaiCineMad, Madrid International LGBT Film Festival 2019

Best Feature Film

Best Film

Best Performer

21. Switzerland

PARADISE WAR – THE STORY OF BRUNO MANSER

English & German w/English subtitles appearing only during foreign language dialogue, 2019, 141 minutes

Rating: M18 some mature content and nudity | Genre: Drama

Director: Niklaus Hilber

Cast: Sven Schelker, Nick Kelesau, Elizabeth Ballang, Matthew Crowley, David Kse, Benjamin Mathis

Based on a true story, Paradise War adapts to screen the life story of Swiss environmental activist Bruno Manser (1954-2000). 1984: Searching for an experience that goes deeper than the superficiality of modern civilisation, Manser travels into the jungles of Borneo and finds it with the nomadic Penan tribe. It is an encounter that changes his life forever. When the existence of the Penan is threatened by relentless deforestation, Manser takes up the fight against logging with a courage and determination that makes him one of the most renowned and credible environmentalists of his time. Eventually, it costs him everything.

22. Turkey

The Butterfly's Dream

Turkish w/English subtitles, 2013, 138 minutes

Rating: PG | Genre: Biography, Drama, History

Director: Yılmaz Erdoğan

Cast: Kivanç Tatlıtuğ, Belçim Bilgin, Mert Firat, Farah Zeynep Abdullah, Yılmaz Erdoğan, Ahmet Mümtaz Taylan, Adem Atbas, Taner Birsnel, Selman Ünlüsoy, Mücahit Avcı, Alper Baydar

Love and poetry intertwine in this hauntingly beautiful Turkish period drama by multi-hyphenate Turkish actor-director-poet Yılmaz Erdoğan. Set in early 1940s Turkey, the story revolves around two friends, Rüştü Onur and Muzaffer Tayyip Uslu who have a shared passion for poetry. The story takes a dramatic turn when both fall in love with the stunning Suzan (Belçim Bilgin), a rich industrialist's daughter. Up against the odds, they risk everything for love – even their long-standing friendship.

Kemal Sunal Culture and Art Award 2013 – Winner, Best Music

Milano International Film Festival Awards 2014 – Winner, Best Music

Moondance International Film Festival 2014- Winner, Film Music, Feature Narrative Film & Male Actor

World Soundtrack Awards 2013 – Winner Public Choice Award

23. Ukraine

THE INFERNAL KHORUGV

Ukrainian w/English subtitles, 2019, 102 minutes

Rating: NC16 | Genre: Adventure, Fantasy, Comedy, Family, History

Director: Misha Kostrov

Cast: Diana Rozovlyan, Hryhoriy Baklanov, Kostyantyn Linartovych, Oleksandr Pozharskyi

This fairy tale tells us about famous Ukrainian warriors, Cossacks, about Paradise and hell, Christmas and evil forces. The Devil makes an agreement with St. Peter. If he can capture the best Cossack warrior and hold him until Christmas night, he will be able to wipe all Cossacks off the map. The film's script is based on Sashko Lirnyk's story titled - About an Old Cossack, a Christmas devil, four horns and Cossacks.