

Press Release



13^{ème} édition Festival du film
Merveilleux
et
Imaginaire

du **20 au 22 septembre 2023**

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13th Edition of the Festival of Wonderful Cinema at Cinema Le Christine Paris, August 30, 2023

The 13th edition of the Festival of Wonderful Cinema will take place from September 20 to 22, 2023 at Cinema Le Christine in Paris. The festival is dedicated to fantasy, fairy tale, and wonderful films. It was launched for the first time in 2010 by Bénédicte Beaugeois and her childhood friend Maureen Gerby.

Each year, the festival offers a selection of international films for the general public as well as film connoisseurs. The films are selected for their aesthetics, originality, themes, value and ability to transport viewers into magical and enchanted worlds.

The Festival du Film Merveilleux is a must-attend event for all lovers of fantasy film. It is a unique opportunity for everyone to discover unpublished films and share their passion.

This year, around thirty international short films will be presented in competition. The jury, chaired by **Jean-François Camilleri**, President of Echo Studio, Founding Partner of Pathé BC Africa and former President of Walt Disney Company France, will award the best works during the closing ceremony. The jury will award the Best Film, Best Animated Film, Best Music, Best VFX, Best Screenplay, and Jury Prize.

Joining Camilleri on the jury are several accomplished professionals from the film world:

- **Guillaume Levil**, screenwriter and director whose films have been shown on French television and nominated for Oscars. His works often explore stories of childhood and injustice.
- **Xavier Laurent**, international actor whose credits include collaborations with George Clooney, Matt Damon, Mark Rylance, Bruce Willis, Chris Hemsworth, Vanessa Kirby and Ron Howard.
- **Victoria Zadorska**, independent Ukrainian screenwriter and director. Her latest short documentary "3 Days Before" has been awarded at festivals worldwide.
- **Magdalena Korpas**, Paris-based European artist, actress, model and director. She has degrees in theater and psychology and extensive experience in film, television and theater in France, England and the United States.
- **Olfa Benarezki** who currently works at the CNRS interdisciplinary network platform (National Center for Scientific Research). Before that, Olfa was President of the New Cinemas Festival for 5 years, audiovisual and artistic cultural teacher, and started in cinema at Claude Lelouch's Films 13.

The jury will be responsible for selecting the winners of the festival's major awards, including Best Film, Best Animated Film, Best Music, Best Visual Effects, Best Screenplay, and the Jury Prize. We look forward to discovering the winners they will choose at the 13th edition of the Festival of Wonderful Cinema this year.

Several events will punctuate the festival:

- An opening and closing cocktail to celebrate the event together.
- A special audience award will be presented at the closing ceremony. The 5 nominated films were screened in June at the Institut Français in London during the "Technology on Screen" event. The screening was followed by a virtual reality workshop inviting participants to discover the view of Earth from space.
- This year, the festival will particularly honor animation cinema, with a selection of fourteen recent animated films.

Organizers and volunteers eagerly await spectators for this new edition under the sign of the magic of animation cinema.

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