CLERMONT-FERRAND
INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Survival Guide for Newcomers
Just what is a short film?

**DEFINITION**

A short film is a cinematic work *less than sixty minutes in length.*

The Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival has always striven not to make a distinction among different:
- genres (fiction / documentary)
- forms (narrative / non-narrative [experimental])
- techniques (continuous shot / frame-by-frame [animation])

used in the films selected for the Festival.

That is why you’ll discover this format in all its diversity at the Festival.

*We make an exception for the International and Lab Competitions, where the maximum length is limited to forty minutes.*
The screenings

A short film program lasts on average between ninety and one hundred minutes.* Each program therefore consists of several short films.

* Excluding young audience programmes, where the length is adapted to fit each age group (see page 7 for details).

Each screening is open to anyone with a ticket, a pass or other accreditation (see page 8 for details).

All screenings are open to a wide audience (from twelve years old and up), with exceptions marked by a warning regarding sensitive films or programs.

For those with children, the youth programs are specifically designed for different age groups (see page 7).
Each year, the Festival offers over 400 short films from around the globe, divided among more than seventy programmes that are grouped into four large sections. To make it easier for you to plan your selections, here’s how our programs are organized.

### OFFICIAL SELECTION
This section presents recent films that have been selected for the current Festival.

#### COMPETITIONS
- International Competition
- Lab Competition
- National [French] Competition

#### YOUNG AUDIENCE
- Kids (4+)
- EVAC (3+ / 7+)
- Schools (3+ / 7+ / 11+)
- School Special (13+)

#### OUT OF COMPETITION
- Pop-Up
- African Perspectives
- Regional Showcase

### CURATED PROGRAMMES
This section presents showcases and retrospectives on countries, topics and filmmakers. The films present need not be from the current year.

#### COUNTRY IN FOCUS
- Taiwan (2023)

#### THEME IN FOCUS
- Libido (2023)

#### RETAKES
A look back at the career of a single filmmaker

### EVENTS SCREENINGS
This section brings together programmes that are shown only once to a specific group of guests or a specific audience, or are a part of a special event.

#### CEREMONIES
- Opening show
- Partners closing show
- Closing show

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMMES
- Bloody Night (2023)
- Thrills
- Decibels!
- Dive-in
- Looking back
- Audio Description

### INVITED PROGRAMMES
This section brings together programmes by partners or guests of the Festival. Our programming team is not necessarily involved in these selections.

#### CARTES BLANCHES
- Carte blanche to a production (Apaches Films in 2023)
- European Short Film Audience Awards
- Invited Film School (TNUA in 2023)

#### PARTNERS PROGRAMMES
- CANAL+
- Sacem
The 2023 programmes

Key
To help festival-goers plan their personal viewing schedules with the programme grid, each programme is designated by a letter or a group of letters, followed by a number if there are multiple programmes in the same sub-section. For example, designates the thirteenth programme in the International Competition.

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The 2023 programmes CLERMONT ISFF: NAVIGATION

View the programme grid (2022 version)
Getting around

The Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival has a dozen screening locations that include movie theaters, event halls, university lecture halls and even a swimming pool!

They range in size from 1,377 seats in the Salle Cocteau at the Maison de la culture to 92 seats at the La Jetée theater.

Every year we put out an interactive map that includes all the screening locations in addition to locations for professional and non-professional events, exhibitions, workshops and activities as well as the hotels, restaurants and bars partnering with the Festival.

The mobile app

Clermont Filmfest is free and essential

- See all the screenings at a glance.
- Find complete film info including trailers.
- Add your screenings to your favorites.
- Check off the screenings you’ve already attended.
- Geo-locate all places, events, exhibitions, hotels and restaurants.
- Find visiting professionals and plan your pro events.

NOTE: The app will be ready towards the end of January.
Focus on youth screenings

PUBLIC SCREENINGS FOR ANYONE WITH A TICKET (BOTH THE CHILD AND ACCOMPANYING ADULT MUST HAVE A TICKET)

- **EVAC**
  - 2 PROGRAMMES
  - **EVAC 1** 3+
    - Age: 3+
    - Duration: 50 minutes
  - **EVAC 2** 7+
    - Age: 7+
    - Duration: 1h

- **ECO**
  - 3 PROGRAMMES
  - **ECO 1** 3+
    - Age: 3+
    - Duration: 50 minutes
  - **ECO 2** 7+
    - Age: 7+
    - Duration: 1h
  - **ECO 3** 11+
    - Age: 11+
    - Duration: 1h20

- **E**
  - 1 PROGRAMME
  - Age: 4+
  - Duration: 1h30

This programme requires a special, free ticket that can be picked up at the ticket booth.

SCREENINGS RESERVED FOR SCHOOLS

Some screenings are exclusively for schools that have made reservations for their classes prior to the Festival. These screenings are not open to the public and are marked accordingly on the program grid.

- **SCHOOLS**
  - 3 PROGRAMMES
  - **SCHOOLS**
    - Age: 3+ / 7+ / 11+
    - Duration: 1h

- **SCHOOL SPECIAL**
  - 1 PROGRAMME
  - **SCO**
    - Age: 13+
The ticket booth

In 2022, the ticket booth went digital. It can be accessed online, although several physical locations will be made available before and during the Festival.

You can buy **single tickets** or **books of fifteen**. Each ticket can be used by any person for any screening*, so you can divide books of tickets among your group.

Warning: There is no assigned seating, so first come, first served!

Professionals can **apply for accreditation**. Your badge gives you access to all screenings*.

*Excluding the opening and closing ceremonies and the Kids’ programme which require special tickets.

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**Fares**

- **Single ticket**: €4,50
- **Book of 15 tickets**: €40
- **Ticket for the Opening ceremony**: €4,50
- **Ticket for the Closing ceremony**: €10
- **Kids programme tickets**: Free
- **Paper catalogue**: €5 (which is also free with a book of fifteen tickets)
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