



2^ο Φεστιβάλ παιδικού & εφηβικού κινηματογράφου

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2nd Athens International Children's Film Festival: from the SOS Children's Village in Vari all the way to Soufli and Arki

The Athens International Children's Film Festival returns for its 2nd edition, richer, more exciting and expanded. A grand celebration for all children and their families, it provides entertainment, creativity, communication, community spirit and education from 18 to 24 November at the Megaron Athens Concert Hall and Danaos Cinema, with school screenings (18-22 November) and an original and delectable screening program for everyone (22-24 November).

The Festival opens with the **Binti** by Frederike Migom on Friday 22 November, with an "away-game" premiere at the SOS Children's Village in Vari. A special cinematic experience which the Festival will share with the extended family of the SOS Children's Villages. Besides the premiere, the children are invited to watch the full screening programme and partake in all the activities of the festival at Megaron Athens Concert Hall and Danaos Cinema, and the guests will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the work of the SOS Children's Villages and find out more about how they can participate.

With COSMOTE TV as its main sponsor, the Festival presents a comprehensive cinematic programme with films for all ages: animated films for children aged 3 or older (the ideal first contact with the silver screen), short films with no dialogue or with live on-stage dubbing for children up to 8 years old, films with Greek subtitles for children who feel "older," a specially designed programme for teenagers, educational activities and workshops and two original initiatives: the Crybaby Matinee and Baby & Me.

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Ticket pre-sales start on Friday 25 October at the ticket booths of Megaron Athens Concert Hall and Danaos Cinema, and at all Public stores.

“By holding the premiere at the SOS Children’s Village in Vari and by hosting students from the island of Arki and the village of Pramanta in Ioannina, we intend to bring children’s content and the Festival experience to as many children as possible” says Festival President Amanda Livanou. “This year, among other things, we are presenting a daring programme for children 13 years or older, encouraging the parents of teenagers to watch films with their children. The *Teen Spirit* section speaks the language of the young, with themes and subjects that are not easily discussed at the dinner table,” says Festival Director Calliope Charalambous-Krief.

A roadmap to this year’s events

- **Educational field-trip for children from remote regions of Greece.** Students from the 5th and 6th grade at the primary schools of Arki and Pramanta and their guardians will be hosted for four days in Athens, to watch the Festival premiere at the SOS Children’s Village in Vari, the full screening programme and the Festival workshops. They will also be taking a tour of the Acropolis ruins and the Acropolis Museum.
This initiative is supported by the Kallisti Non-Profit Society.
- **Screenings in remote regions of Greece.** Coinciding with the main screening programme in Athens, children from ages 6+ will watch part of the Festival programme at the Silk Museum in Soufli and at the Rooftile and Brickworks Museum N. & S. Tsalapatas in Volos.
In collaboration with the Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation
- **Crybaby Matinee.** Come to the cinema with your babies in your arms to watch a film for you. The Festival, in collaboration with the Athens International Film Festival are offering an opportunity to young parents to watch **Downton Abbey: The Movie** in a child-friendly screening event! The screening room is adapted to allow prams, baby-chairs and easy movement. Experience cinema outside of the house, together with an audience equally understanding and supportive.
- Danaos Cinema, Sunday 24th November at 12:00
- **Baby & Me.** How young is too young to watch your first film? It depends on the circumstances. This year, the Festival offers infants, babies and children up to 3 years of age their first experience of cinema, through screenings specially designed for this age-group. With cute animated films playing in the background, babies will be able to crawl walk or run around in a specially prepared screening space with soft surfaces, dim lights and low volume.
In collaboration with the Czech Centre Athens
- Megaron Athens Concert Hall, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November at 11:00 (Conference Room 1)
- **Live Dubbing, again.** The presence of actors on stage performing live dubbing of films for children who are too young to read subtitles proved to be extremely popular during last year’s Festival. Once again, our favourite actors return to perform live dubbing of short films for children 6 years or older.
- Megaron Athens concert Hall, Saturday 23rd November at 12:30 (D. Mitropoulos Hall)
- **Premiere Film** Binti, Frederike MIgom, 2019, Belgium, 89’
Binti is a 12-year-old girl from the Congo, but she has lived all her life in Belgium. She likes to vlog and she wants to become famous like her idol, Tatiana, hoping to achieve this through

her vlog: Binti's Bubble. However, when the police raid her home to deport her and her father back to the Congo, she sees her dream on the verge of collapse. For Binti, there is only one solution: her father must marry the mother of her new friend, Elias, so that they can stay in Belgium. Will her masterplan be successful?

Frederike Migom and the adorable Bebel Tshiani Baloji (Binti herself) will be joining us in Athens for the premiere of the film.

- **Spotlights**

“Animanimals” ATHICFF presents a selection from the beloved popular series of short films for ages 3+ directed by Julia Ocker. The award-winning creator makes shorts starring incredible animals on entertaining and funny adventures.

- Megaron Athens Concert Hall, Saturday 23rd November at 15:45, Sunday 24th November at 15:15 (D. Mitropoulos Hall)

“Stereotypes, Spotlight on Gender Equality” A curated programme of short films for children ages 12 years or older, young girls from as far as Scandinavia and Israel stand up to a society that tries, and ultimately fails, to quash their dreams and desires.

The spotlight on Gender Equality “Stereotypes” is implemented as part of the Entrepreneurship Programme “Reform of the Public Sector” and co-financed by the European Union (European Social Fund) and by national resources. This screening is offered to the public free of charge and is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

- Megaron Athens Concert Hall, Saturday 23rd November at 19:30 (D. Mitropoulos Hall)

- **Sensory-friendly screenings** Part of the programme will be sensory-friendly for children on the autism spectrum (appropriate lighting and sound, appropriate distance between audience members. Illustrated educational materials will be made available).

The programme is implemented in collaboration with “TheHappyArt”

- **Playroom and Foyer Activities** In the foyer of Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall at the Megaron Athens Concert Hall, a specially designed playroom awaits, where children can play with educational applications on tablets, with WRO Football by Stem Education (Organisation for Educational Robotics, Science, Technology & Mathematics) and with “Building Hope,” the interactive installation / a huge toy by renowned artist Mark Hatzipateras, with brightly coloured pillows whose scale and technical specs are suitable for small children. The children and their guardians are invited to play in a creative manner, assembling, building and composing, either by themselves or all together, entire cities, buildings, bridges and all sorts of environments.

Tickets

For screenings at Megaron Athens Concert Hall (contact. +30 210 728 2333) at the Megaron ticket booths, at <http://www.megaron.gr/> and at all PUBLIC stores

For screenings at Danaos Cinema

At the venue box-office and at <http://www.danaoscinema.gr/>

For more information visit <https://athicff.com/>

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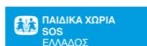
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