



5th Athens International Children's Film Festival

14 - 20 November 2022

As it was But not the same

The 5th Athens International Children's Film Festival is back in November with screenings for kids and youth, film workshops, awards and guests.

As It Was and the way we love it.

However, this edition is going to be extraordinary.

Programme will be announced on October 19th

An incredible mosaic of characters of every size, color, gender and origin, from the streets of Athens to outer space, unfolds for another year, as ATHICFF turns 5. This year's edition hosts 100 short and feature films from 34 countries, reflecting the reality and richness of society and cultures.

Like every year, the Festival programme is proud of the equal representation of male and female filmmakers who tell stories of inclusion, environmental awakening, digital awareness.

From November 14 to 20, ATHICFF invites children and young people of Athens, educators, parents and cinema lovers to the Megaron Athens Concert Hall, the Municipal Theatre of Piraeus, Kifissia Cinemax 1 & 2 and DANAOS cinemas.

This year's programme highlights:

- "Our Neighborhood", with films that open a window into the everyday life, joys, adventures and challenges of children and young people in the countries of the Mediterranean and South-Eastern Europe, presenting the narrative richness and the unexpected similarities that connect all these places, while defying borders.
- **Kids' Picks & Teens' Picks**: For the first time this year, a group of cinema-loving students from schools around Greece took on the role of festival curators. Those student





panels viewed, discussed and selected films that touched on a wide range of topics - from skating to disability, diversity and the ecology of the future.

- **Environment**: ATHICFF is committed to bringing the next generation closer to the vital importance of the environment and its ecosystems through the power of film. The films that run through the entire programme, and are addressed to all ages, contribute with optimism and passion to our mission to preserve the natural world, opening the eyes of children and young people to the ever-growing threats facing the planet while aspiring to transform these viewers into tomorrow's responsible citizens and active defenders of the future for all of us.
- Live Performance and Screening: a magical experience combining a film screening with a live performance by an actor on stage.
- Accessible Screenings for all: ATHICFF audiences will watch films adapted for people on the autism spectrum, films with Greek Sign Language interpretation and SDH subtitles for deaf and hard of hearing people and audio description for people with visual impairments.
- **Training Workshop for parents**: In addition to the film workshops for children of all ages hosted at the Megaron Athens Concert Hall, the festival is organizing a special workshop for new parents, opening the discussion on when we start setting boundaries, how we communicate them and how they affect its character and behavior.

With their unique perspective, festival viewers can gain valuable insights through favorite festival sections such as: Shorts for Tots, Digital Etiquette, Night Fright, Fluffy Friends, Live Dubbing, Around the World in 80 Minutes and many more. For the festival's very youngest fans, Baby & Me returns to the specially designed area of the Megaron Athens Concert Hall, while the lively playroom in the foyer of Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall will be filled with colors and music! Two unique musical concerts with the participation of the students of the Athens Conservatoire will be hosted there as well.

Throughout the year, the festival gives a voice to the students through School Screenings, opening the cinema halls in all schools of Attica, while at the same time, it organizes digital screenings for general and special education schools all over the country.

So connect in time by following the frequent updates on <u>Facebook</u>: https://www.facebook.com/athicff , Instagram:@athicff, www.athicff.com





Stay tuned! The 5th Athens International Children's Film Festival is already here!

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TICKETS

6€ GENERAL ADMISSION
4€ SCHOOL SCREENING
TICKET PRESALE STARTS ON OCTOBER 19th
Tickets at the box offices of the venues and online at www.athicff.com

For school screenings reservations please contact the festival team at education@athicff.com

