## FILM O'CLOCK INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL #5

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**Join Us: Empower Stories, Connect Communities!** 

### APRIL 3-6, 2025 Time to meet. It's Film O'Clock.

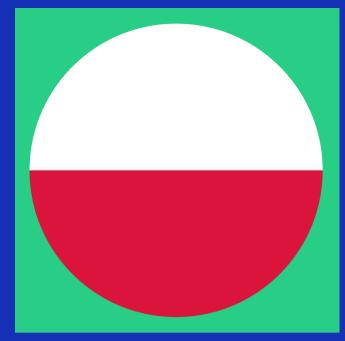


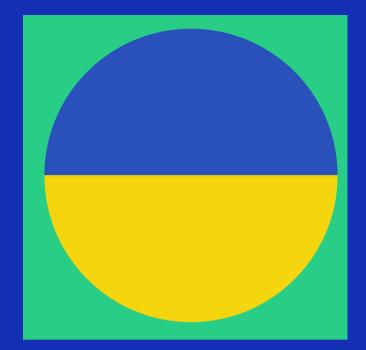
### What is Film O'Clock?

## **ONE FESTIVAL ELEVEN COUNTRIES**

From 5 countries in 2021 to 11 today, our festival has become a global bridge uniting Europe and Africa. Through simultaneous screenings, live Q&A sessions, and online conferences and masterclasses, we connect audiences across the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Celebrating contemporary and classic cinema, we bring together Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Moldova, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Egypt, and South Africa, in a unique cross-cultural experience.







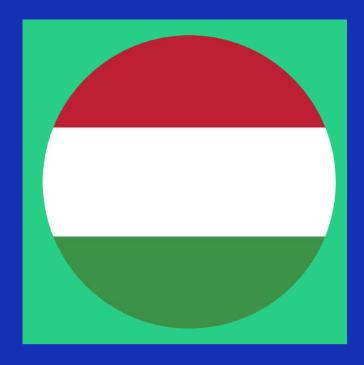


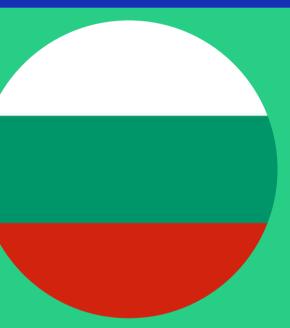




## 1 FESTIVAL 11 COUNTRIES















Shared cinema, cultural unity, and emotional connection across time zones, around the Globe.

## MISSION

Organizing synchronized film screenings and discussions that connect audiences and promote cross-cultural understanding.



Cultural diversity, acceptance, collaboration, excellence, and innovation.



## OUR AUDIENCE IN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



#### **Cinephilles of all ages** Celebrating art, heritage, and bold contemporary films while building lasting connections.



#### Film Professionals and Students

An international platform for networking, sparking friendships, and fostering lifelong creative partnerships.



#### Film Educators

Inspiring a love for film that unites and transcends generations.

## FESTIVAL CURATORS



#### Mirona Radu

Filmmaker & Researcher Romania

### Andrew Mohsen

Film Critic & Script Consultant Egypt



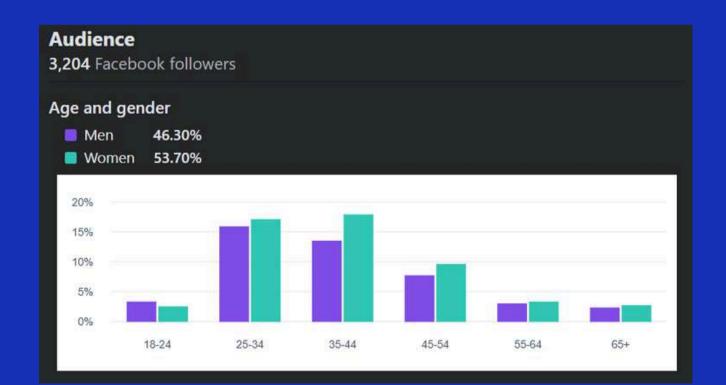
#### Zhana Kalinova

Producer & Sales Agent Bulgaria / Germany

### FILM O'CLOCK IN NUMBERS

4 completed editions, 8 countries along 2 continents

23 physical venues & 1 online platform more than 55 producers and directors
70 special guests
8 film industry conferences
7 international online cocktails more than 40 Q&A sessions with >15k views
9.1K website views monthly





### INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION For All Ages Filmmakers, Students and Professionals

- CLASSIC CINEMA SECTION
   Exploring Film Heritage Across Borders
- **INDUSTRY TALKS / CONFERENCES** Fostering Dialogue on Cinematic Heritage & Collaboration
  - MASTERCLASSES

Empowering Teachers with Film Education Tools

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE COCKTAIL
 Connecting Film Enthusiasts in a Global Celebration



## FILM O'CLOCK CONTENT





### JURY AWARD - Recognizing Excellence, decided by Experts

Jury Members Over Time: Radu Jude (Romania), Ada Solomon (Romania), Vasilis Vafeas (Greece), Ludi Kraus (South Africa), Tharaa Goubil (Egypt), Marius Panduru (Romania), Zornitsa Sophia (Bulgaria), Yana Titova (Bulgaria), Marouan Omar (Egypt), Aly Kaseem (Egypt).



2022 Love Stories on the Move r. Carina Gabriela Dașoveanu Romania

2023 Dad's Sneakers r. Olha Zhurba Ukraine

2021 The Promise r. Ahmed Elghoneim Egypt



2024 Suruaika r. Vlad Ilicevici, Radu Pop Romania

### AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

Celebrating the films that captured the hearts of audiences across all participating countries, where every viewer's voice matters.



2021 Ex-Aeqvo Award **Sunday at Five** directed by Sherif El Bendary Egypt



2021 Ex-Aeqvo Award **The Mouse Story** directed by Miltiades Christidis Greece



2023 **Theatrical Romance** directed by Teodora-Kosara Popova Bulgaria 2024 Ex-Aeqvo Award A Void directed by Jordy Sank South Africa



2024 Ex-Aeqvo Award **Bad News** directed by Liviu Rotaru Moldova



2022 <mark>Nexting</mark> directed by Karina Logothetis Greece



2024 Ex-Aeqvo Award Mama directed by Naji Ismail Egypt



# INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM COMPETITION

3-6.04.2025 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 2, 2025

foc-iff.com Film O'Clock International Festival #5

Submissions: <u>https://foc-iff.com/open-call/</u> Rules: <u>https://foc-iff.com/rules-regulations/</u>

AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD - €1,000 Gross JURY AWARD - €1,000 Gross

Lithuania Poland Ukraine Moldova Hungary Romania Serbia **Bulgaria** Greece Egypt **South Africa** 



Timeless productions that have stood the test of time, offering cinephiles a unique opportunity to explore different eras, witnessing the evolution of style, themes, and cultural values.



1929, Ukraine Man with a Movie Camera directed by Dziga Vertov



1972, Greece **Anna's Engagement** directed by Pantelis Voulgaris



1982, Greece Day Off directed by Vasilis Vafeas



1997, Egypt Four Women Of Egypt directed by Tahani Rached



1970, Romania **Black Buffalo Water** directed by I. Demian, A. Băleanu, P. Bokor, S. Gulea, R. Pană, D. Pița, D. Tănase, M. Veroiu, Y. Aidaby



1967, Bulgaria The Tied Up Balloon directed by Binka Zhelyazkova



1966, Moldova Fountain directed by Vlad Ioviță



1969, South Africa Katrina directed by Jans Rautenbach



1991, Lithuania Children from the Hotel "America" directed by Raimundas Banionis



2004, Ukraine The Tuner directed by Kira Muratova

## INDUSTRY TALKS / CONFERENCES

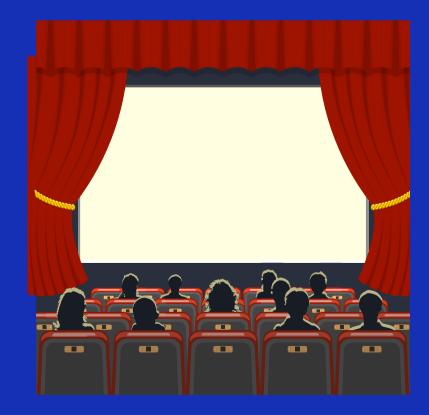


### **Building the Future of Cinema: Opportunities for Film Schools**

This conference will explore the evolving role of film schools in shaping future filmmakers, highlighting innovative educational models, international collaboration, and the skills needed to succeed in a globalized film industry. Speakers: Film school directors, educators, and industry professionals from participating countries.

#### **Cinema as Cultural and Collective Memory**

This conference will delve into the importance of film archives in preserving cultural heritage and collective memory, exploring their role in shaping our understanding of history and identity in a globalized world. Speakers: Archivists, historians, and film experts from leading cultural institutions.





## **EDUCATION O'CLOCK** Online Masterclasses for Teachers



In 2025, we introduce online masterclasses to meet the growing demand for film education. Led by experienced professionals from Greece, these sessions will equip educators with creative tools to inspire children through film, promoting intergenerational connections and a deeper love for cinema.





## **INTERNATIONAL ONLINE COCKTAIL** Connecting Film Enthusiasts in a Global Celebration



An engaging online cocktail where festival curators, special guests, industry professionals, and audiences unite to exchange ideas, discuss trends, explore cultural influences, and brainstorm new perspectives on cinema, creativity, and the future of film.

### What Our Participants Are Saying

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about the Festival is "good quality time".

Lena, Romania

I had the great pleasure of watching the films presented during the Festival and attending the activities organized by the team. I admired the professionalism and punctuality of the organizers and the participants!

Ala Spînu, Romania



I really enjoyed the discussions, which allowed us not only to share our perspectives with other institutions of common interest but also to reflect more on the challenging conditions that the cinema world is facing during the pandemic.

> Angeliki-Lina Milonaki, Head of Film Office-Central Macedonia



# KEY PARTNERS FOR 2025

### Institutional Partners

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Film O'Clock International Festival

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