



Firenze Film Festival 2023

22 September at the Astra Cinema Firenze

The Firenze Film Festival 2023 will take place on the 22nd of September at the Astra Cinema Firenze. With a diverse selection of indie films from around the world, the Festival's 6th edition celebrates, the power of independent cinema.

Through **11 fiction films and documentaries** by talented filmmakers of different backgrounds, the FFF23 showcases various film genres, highlighting upcoming and established artists. From Denmark and Spain to Canada and Japan, the films of this year's edition compose an international screening programme with short gems that open a window to different worlds while delving into social issues.

Separated into two screening slots, the Festival opens with Martin Strange-Hansen's multi-awarded "**On My Mind**", which has won several prizes in prestigious festivals such as the LA Shorts International Film Festival, Odense International Film Festival and Flickerfest. In the same slot will also be screened the "**Coin Slot**" by Scott Jones which premiered at the BFI Flare, the biggest LGBTIQ+ film festival in Europe and "**2gether**" by Kim Ekberg (the Dragon Film Award at the 2022 Göteborg International Film Festival).

During the second part of the Film Festival will be screened short narratives and documentaries, including "Familiar Stranger" (Dir. Sara Furrer, Fabian Lütolf), a road movie about family and identity that has travelled in world-class Film Festivals such as The Norwegian Short Film Festival.

The Festival closes with Murry Peeters' "Woman Meets Girl", an emotionally charged Queer story examining the connection between two seemingly opposite protagonists. The awarded short premiered at the Toronto Black Film Festival and Queer Screen's 30th Mardi Gras Film Festival in 2023.

Programma 2023

Screening Slot 1: 18:00-19:30

- **On My Mind**, 18', Martin Strange-Hansen, Denmark, **Category**: Best Short Film
- ▶ **Takbir,** 15', Jordi Calvet, Spain, **Category**: Best Short Film
- **Coin Slot**, 17', Scott Jones (he/him), Canada, Category: Best Short Film
- ▶ The Master of Sento, 20', Yusuke Ishide, Japan, Category: Best Short Film
- ▶The Heaviest Order, 10', Peter Böving, Germany, Category: Best Short Film
- **≥2gether**, 14', Kim Ekberg, Sweden, **Categories**: Best Short Documentary Best Experimental Film

**Break: 19:30-19:45

Screening Slot 2: 19:45-21:15

- ⊳Gardez, 17', Julian Isfort, Germany, Category: Best Short Film
- ▶ Get to the Wire, 15', Paul Burns, Australia, Category: Best Student Film
- ▶ **Familiar Stranger**, 19', Sara Furrer, Fabian Lütolf, Switzerland, **Category**: Best Short Documentary, Best Student Film
- ▶ Mutual Heart, 15', Dess Atanasoff, Bulgaria, Category: Best Student Film
- ▶ Woman Meets Girl, 17', Murry Peeters, Canada, Category: Best Short Film

Award Ceremony: 21:15-21:25

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> Starting time: 18.00 Doors open: 17.30 Entrance is Free

All films will have English and Italian subtitles

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