



Independent Film Festival of Athens

KINO ATHENS
FILM SOCIETY

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The 1st Independent Film Festival of Athens (IFFA) at Serafio City of Athens.

Website: <https://www.kinoathens.org/>

Subtitles: Greek, English

Venue: Serafio City of Athens

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KINO Athens Film Society, with the support of the Municipality of Athens, is organizing the 1st Independent Film Festival of Athens, 2 – 5 March, 2023, at Serafio City of Athens.

IFFA VISION & IDENTITY

IFFA sees independent cinema as vital to activating social dialogue. For this reason, the festival focuses on innovative films that challenge viewers mind and imagination and have the power to inspire social change. IFFA is open to all creators, in an inclusive and fair manner. Through screenings, Q&As, discussions and exhibitions IFFA aims to strengthen independent filmmaking, stimulate dialogue, promote learning and create an active community, united by cinema. At IFFA we are committed to remaining open to continuous discovery. To keep looking for fresh films, visual innovations, bold experimentation and new approaches to the visual arts.

SECTIONS

The festival program for its 1st edition will be composed by two main competitive sections:

- Deer International Competition - Features
- Deer International Competition - Shorts

Both sections will present films from emerging artists from all over the world that were finalised 12 months prior to the festival's dates. IFFA does not request premieres and does not disqualify films based on premiere status.

FILM SUBMISSIONS

- Submissions are open and free.
- Submission deadline: 31.01.2023

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The complete program of this year's festival edition will be published online on **Friday February 10, 21h00** at KINO Athens website (www.kinoathens.org).

ELIGIBILITY

The following official sections accept submissions:

>> Deer International Competition – Features

Eligible are directors with no limitation to the number of films having done in the past.

To apply films must fulfil all the following criteria:

- Fiction, documentary, experimental, visual art (from 60' and over).

- All films submitted must be completed after **January 31st 2022** (12 months prior to the festival).

- IFFA considers works-in-progress provided that the film can be finalised in time for the festival.

- IFFA does not select films on premiere status.

>> Deer International Competition - Shorts

Eligible are directors with no limitation to the number of short films having done in the past.

To apply to IFFA films must fulfil all the following criteria:

- Fiction, documentary, experimental, visual art (up to 59').

- All films submitted must be completed after **January 31st 2022** (12 months prior to the festival).

- IFFA considers works-in-progress provided that the film can be finalised in time for the festival.

- IFFA does not select films on premiere status.

ENTRY FEE

- IFFA does not charge entry fees. Submissions are open and free.

HOW TO APPLY

- To complete the submission IFFA requires a preview copy of the film with English subtitles with the exception of English and Greek spoken films.

- The preview copy should be uploaded to a secured streaming platform, such as Vimeo. The URL and password should be submitted through the online entry form of the festival. The preview link should be private, downloadable and available up until the end of January 31st 2023.

- Once submitted, the preview copy will only be shared within the programming team of the festival for the purpose of deciding if and/or it will be presented.

- Submission Deadline: **31st of January 2023.**

- Submissions must be completed online via <https://filmfreeway.com/kinoathens>.

- Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be taken into consideration.

- If selected the programming department will sent you an official invitation to participate.

- IFFA is under no obligation to communicate the reasoning behind its choices with regard to films that are not selected.

JURIES & AWARDS

>> Deer International Competition - Features

A national jury composed of renowned personalities from the world of arts will select the winner from nine (9) nominees who will be awarded as the Gold Deer for best feature film of the city of Athens.

The film will receive national distribution for exhibition in Greece.

>> Deer International Competition - Shorts

A national jury composed of renowned personalities from the world of arts will select the winner of all nominees who will be awarded as the Gold Deer for best short film of the city of Athens.

The film will receive national distribution for exhibition in Greece (prior to the screening of the Feature Film).

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Information on IFFA 2023 ticketing and accreditations policy will be available later in the year.
- For more information you are welcome to visit KINO Athens website (www.kinoathens.org) at the section IFFA.
- The Festival's logo was designed by **KINO Athens' Graphic Designer & Illustrator, Aiki**

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KINO Athens, a member of the Athens Culture Net (ACN) of the Municipality of Athens, is an international society with interactive screenings, bridging cinema and visual arts by means of sound and the moving image; a film society that invites the audience, the artists and the curators in a collaborative cinematic experience. Inspired by the long history of the alternative art spaces in New York, its goal is to explore new ways of cinema (re)presentation, by bringing together elements of contemporary art, experimental film and documentary.

Thank you for your attention,

KINO Athens Film Society