



The 17th edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival will take place from November 30 to December 8, 2018.

The 17th edition of the MIFF. Marrakech Rains Stars

Marrakech, November 29, 2018. A rain of stars is once again going to illuminate the sky of the Red City on the occasion of the 17th edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival, which opens this Friday, November 30. As it has every year since 2001, the red carpet of the prestigious event will witness some of the biggest names in international cinema, among them actors, directors and versatile artists from all around the world.

Festival audiences will have the opportunity to see some of the most glamorous actors of international cinema. Italian star **Monica Bellucci** will be on the red carpet and on Jamaa El Fna Square at the public screening of the celebrated *Asterix and Obelix: Mission Cleopatra*. Egyptian film diva and muse of the great director Youssef Chahine, **Yusra** also confirms her presence in Marrakech, along with Italian actor, director and producer **Valeria Golino**, who has appeared opposite big-screen greats, among them Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman.

On the male side, famous international cinema figures are coming to meet the public of Marrakech. Among them are Danish-American actor **Viggo Mortensen**, who delivers a breathtaking performance in Peter Farrelly's *Green Book*; French actor, **Gaspard Ulliel**, who incarnated Yves Saint Laurent in Bertrand Bonello's *Saint Laurent*; Mexican international star and director **Gael García Bernal**, who appears in the Festival in Gonzalo Tobal's *The Accused*; actor **Gilles Lellouche**, who directed the delightful comedy *The Big Bath*; and Swiss actor, director and screenwriter **Vincent Perez**.

For the 17th edition of the MIFF, Moroccan cinema will be honoured through the presence of several talented actors and directors, such as **Faouzi Bensaïdi**, actor and director of *Volubilis*; **Narjiss Nejjar**, director of for *Stateless*; **Meryem Ben M'Barek** with her wonderful *Sofia*; the director of *Marock* and *Rock the Casbah*, **Laïla Marrakchi**; **Hicham Lasri**, a director of

singular style; alongside actors **Younès Bouab**, **Saïd Bey** and **Ayoub Layoussifi**, who will present *Urgent*; and **Mohcine Malzi**, who received the Male Performance Award at the most recent Tangier International Film Festival.

Other famous figures of the big screen like **Abdallah Ferkous**, originating from the city, and the very popular **Aziz Dadas**, will meet their very large public at the Place Jamaa El Fna and on the red carpet.

The red carpet will also host Egyptian stars **Laila Eloui** and **Bassem Samra**, the superb French-Italian actress **Chiara Mastroianni**, and **Rossy de Palma**, the Spanish actor and muse of Pedro Almodovar.

Nadine Labaki, the celebrated Lebanese actor, director and screenwriter, returns to Marrakech to present her latest hit film, *Capernaum*. Other highly anticipated figures on this year's red carpet are **Sandrine Kiberlain**, the graceful actir and French singer; **Sarah Perles**, a young Moroccan actor noted for her role in *Sofia*; **Maiwenn**, the French director and actor who triumphed with films like *Polisse* and *Le Bal des actrices*; as well as French actor **Aure Atika**, who was seen last year in *En attendant les hirondelles* by Karim Moussaoui.

The 17th edition of the MIFF offers a warm welcome to the Mauritanian filmmaker, screenwriter and producer **Abderrahmane Sissako**, who won the César Award for Best Director for *Timbuktu*; US painter and filmmaker **Julian Schnabel**, whose most recent film *At Eternity's Gate* opens the festival this year; actor, comedian, director, and stalwart of French comedy **Laurent Lafitte**; French actor **Tahar Rahim**, who delivered an unforgettable performance in Jacques Audiard's *Prophète*; **Laurence Fishburne**, the US actor of hit films such as the *Matrix* trilogy; **JR**, the contemporary French artist known for his giant photographic installations around the world, who co-directed the film *Faces Places* with Agnès Varda; **Kevin Dillon**, the US actor who has worked with Oliver Stone and is also known from the hit series "Entourage"; and French actor **Mathieu Demy**, who has been seen in the films of André Téchiné and Céline Sciamma.

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