



الدورة السابعة عشرة - 17ÈME ÉDITION  
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DU FILM DE  
**MARRAKECH**  
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من 30 نونبر إلى 8 دجنبر 2018

## Marrakech Unveils Its Official Selection: Films in Competition and Parallel Sections

- 14 films in Official Competition
- 7 Moroccan films screened in the framework of a dedicated section
  - The 11<sup>th</sup> Continent, a new section to discover sharp and bold cinema
  - Gala screenings, Special Screenings, and general public screenings round out the programme

Rabat, November 14, 2018, the Marrakech International Film Festival (FIFM) unveils the official selection. From November 30 to December 8, 2018, festival-goers and cinema-lovers alike will discover no fewer than 80 films coming from 29 different countries. The line-up is divided into several sections, the main ones including the Official Competition; Gala Screenings; Special Screenings; The 11<sup>th</sup> Continent; Moroccan Panorama; Jamaa El-Fna Square Screenings; Audio-described Cinema; and a Tribute section.

Fourteen (14) films are thus in the running to win the Marrakech Etoile d'Or (or, the Gold Star), in the framework of the Official Competition of the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of FIFM. In selecting these first or second feature-length films, the Festival grants priority to the discovery and consecration of new talents in world cinema. The selection is eclectic, its purpose being to showcase several cinematic universes developed in different regions of the world, with four (4) European films (from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, and Serbia); three (3) films from Latin America (Argentina and Mexico); one (1) US film; two (2) Asian films (China and Japan); and four (4) films from the MENA region (Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, and Tunisia). Of the 14 films in competition, six are directed by women.

Six great auteur films, with first-rate distribution, will be shown on the Festival's gala evenings. To open the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, the Festival presents AT ETERNITY'S GATE in the presence of a large audience and wide distribution. The remarkable biopic depicts the most celebrated period of the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh, and is directed by Julian Schnabel—one of

today's most renowned artists and directors. Also on the programme are previews of new films made by highly-esteemed filmmakers including Alfonso Cuarón (Mexico), Peter Farrelly (USA), Valeria Golino (Italy), Nadine Labaki (Lebanon), and Abu Bakr Shawky (Egypt). At the closing of the Festival, FIFM will re-screen the film that wins the Étoile d'Or of this 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Festival.

The Special Screenings section features a wide range of films coming from a variety of horizons (Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, France, Kenya, Nigeria, Norway, and the United States). In all, seventeen (17) films will be screened in the framework of this section. Their genres and the themes they deal with will certainly attract and appeal to a large public.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Continent is the appellation chosen for a new section in the Festival. It allows the intellectually curious and experiment-oriented public to engage in a journey of discovery, featuring fourteen (14) fiction films and documentaries, all characterised by special and highly innovative writing styles and visions crafted by daring filmmakers from Austria, Croatia, Lebanon, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and the United States.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival shines the spotlight on Moroccan cinema with a dedicated section. The Moroccan Panorama presents a selection of seven (7) recent Moroccan films that will enable cinema and international media professionals attending the Festival, as well as the general public, to discover the many facets of current Moroccan cinema.

Eager to initiate young audiences to the magic of cinema, the Festival inaugurates on this occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Festival a new programme devoted to pupils and the young public in general. On the bill are world-renowned animation movies as well as several classics.

As has been the tradition over the last 17 years, Jamaa El-Fna Square will be attuned to the spirit and the pace of world cinema throughout the Festival. During the Festival, hugely popular films originating from India, Morocco, the United States, and other countries, will be screened.

True to its social and civic engagement, the Marrakech International Film Festival will also organise six film screenings for the benefit of the visually impaired, thereby perpetuating a tradition pertaining to this major cinematic event. Films with audio-description, which enables people with special needs access to rewarding programming, will be presented.

Tributes are to be made to four great names in cinema, namely: Robert De Niro, Jillali Ferhati, Agnès Varda, and Robin Wright. Screenings of some of these artists' major works will be held in various venues: at the Cinéma Colisée; in the two halls of the Palais des Congrès; and on Jamaa El-Fna Square.

In sum, 80 films originating from various horizons and backgrounds will be shown on the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Marrakech International Film Festival.

**For further information, please consult:  
[www.festivalmarrakech.info](http://www.festivalmarrakech.info)**

## COMPETITION

**THE GOOD GIRLS** (Las niñas bien) / Mexico

By Alejandra Márquez Abella

Cast: Ilse Salas, Cassandra Ciangherotti, Paulina Gaitán, Johanna Murillo, Flavio Medina

**JOY** / Austria

By Sudabeh Mortezaei

Cast: Joy Anwulika Alphonsus, Precious Mariam Sanusi, Angela Ekeleme Pius, Gift Igweh, Sandra John, Chika Kipo, Ella Osagie, Christian Ludwig, Mary Kreutzer

**DIANE** / USA

By Kent Jones

Cast: Mary Kay Place, Jake Lacy, Andrea Martin, Estelle Parsons, Deirdre O'Connell, Joyce Van Patten, Phyllis Gallagher, Glynnis O'Connor et Paul McIsaac

**THE LOAD** (Teret) / Serbia, France, Croatia, Iran, Qatar

By Ognjen Glavonić

Cast: Leon Lučev, Pavle Čemerikić

**THE CHAMBERMAID** (La camarista) / Mexico

By Lila Avilés

Cast: Gabriela Cartol, Teresa Sánchez

**RED SNOW** (Akai yuki) / Japan

By Sayaka Kai

Cast: Masatoshi Nagase, Nahana, Arata Iura, Yui Natsukawa, Koichi Sato

## LOOK AT ME (Fi `ainaya / Regarde-moi) / Tunisia

By Nejib Belkhadhi

Cast: Nidhal Saadi, Idryss Kharroubi, Sawssen Maalej, Aziz Jebali, Mouna Nourredine

## IRINA / Bulgaria

By Nadejda Koseva

Cast: Martina Apostolova, Hristo Ushev, Irini Jambonas, Kasiel Noah Asher, Krassimir Dokov, Alexander Kossev

## VANISHING DAYS (Màn yóu) / China

By Zhu Xin

Cast: Jlang Li, Huang Jing as, Qiu Xiaqiu, Chen Yan, Li Xiaoxing, Lu Jiahe

## URGENT (Tafaha al-kail / Une urgence ordinaire) / Morocco, Switzerland

By Mohcine Besri

Cast: Rachid Mustapha, Fatima Zahra Benacer, Youssef Alaoui, Saïd Bey, Ghalia Ben Zaouia, Ayoub Layoussifi, Younes Bouab.

## ROJO / Argentina, Brazil, France, the Netherlands, Germany

By Benjamín Naishtat

Cast: Dario Grandinetti, Andrea Frigerio, Alfredo Castro, Diego Cremonesi

## AKASHA / Sudan, South Africa, Germany, Qatar

By hajooj kuka

Cast: Ekram Marcus, Kamal Ramadan, Ganja Mohamed Chakado, Abdallah Alnur Najla Kamal

## THE GIRAFFE (La ahdun hunak) / Egypt

By Ahmed Magdy

Cast: Amr Hosny, Shaza Moharam, Haidy Koussa, Salma Hassan, Rasha Magdy

## ALL GOOD (Alles ist gut) / Germany

By Eva Trobisch

Cast: Aenne Schwarz, Andreas Döhler, Hans Löw, Tilo Nest, Lisa Hagmeister, Lina Wendel

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## Gala Screenings

**AT ETERNITY'S GATE** / USA, France

By Julian Schnabel

Cast: Willem Dafoe, Rupert Friend, Mads Mikkelsen, Mathieu Amalric, Emmanuelle Seigner

**EUFORIA** / Italy

By Valeria Golino

Cast: Riccardo Scamarcio, Valerio Mastandrea, Isabella Ferrari, Valentina Cervi, Jasmine Trinca

**ROMA** / Mexico, USA

By Alfonso Cuarón

Cast: Yalitza Aparicio, Marina de Tavira

**GREEN BOOK** / USA

By Peter Farrelly

Cast: Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali, Linda Cardellini

**YOMEDDINE** / Egypt, USA, Austria

By A.B.Shawky

Cast: Rady Gamal, Ahmed Abdelhafiz, Shahira Fahmy

**CAPERNAUM** (Capharnaüm) / Lebanon, USA

By Nadine Labaki

Cast: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shifera, Boluwatife Treasure Bankole, Kawthar Al Haddad, Fadi Yousef, Nadine Labaki.

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## SPECIAL SCREENINGS

**THE ACCUSED** (Acusada) / Argentina

By Gonzalo Tobal

Cast: Lali Espósito, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Inés Estévez, Daniel Fanego, Ferardo Romano, Gael García Bernal

**WILDLIFE** /USA

By Paul Dano

Cast: Ed Oxenbould, Carey Mulligan, Jake Gyllenhaal

**EXT. NIGHT (Leil kharigi) / Egypt**

By Ahmad Abdalla

Cast: Karim Kassem, Mona Hala, Sherief El Desouky, Ahmad Magdy, Aly Kassem

**HER SMELL / USA**

By Alex Ross Perry

Cast: Elisabeth Moss, Cara Delevingne, Dan Stevens, Amber Heard, Agyness Deyn

**THE TOWER / Norway**

By Mats Grorud

Film d'animation

**LIONHEART / Nigeria**

By Genevieve Nnaji

Cast: Genevieve Nnaji, Nkem Owoh, Pete Edochie, Onyeka Onwenu

**REAL LOVE (C'est ça l'amour) / France, Belgium**

By Claire Burger

Cast: Bouli Lanners, Justine Lacroix, Sarah Henochsberg

**RAFIKI / Kenya**

By Wanuri Kahiu

Cast: Samantha Mugatsia, Sheila Munyiva, Jimmi Gathu, Nini Wacera, Dennis Muskoya

**POISONOUS ROSES (Ward masmum) / Egypt**

By Fawzi Saleh

Cast: Koky, Mahmoud Hemida, Ibrahim El Nagary

**BIRDS OF PASSAGE (Pájaros de verano) / Colombia,  
Denmark, Mexico**

By Cristina Gallego et Ciro Guerra

Cast: Carmiña Martínez, Jose Acosta, Natalia Reyes, Jhon Narváez, Greider Meza, José Vicente Cote

**DIVINE WIND (Rih Rabbani) / Algeria**

By Merzak Allouache

Cast: Sarah Layssac, Mohamed Oughlis, Messaouda Boukhira, Hacene Benzerari, Abdelatif Benahmed, Brahim Derris

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## THE 11th CONTINENT

### VIEWS FROM MOROCCO AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Presented by Jay Weissberg

#### BURNING / South Korea

By Lee Chang-dong

Cast: Yoo Ah-in, Steven Yeun, Jun Jong-seo

#### ANGELO / Austria, Luxembourg

By Markus Schleinzer

Cast: Makita Samba, Alba Rohrwacher, Larisa Faber, Kenny Nzogang, Lukas Miko

#### NERVOUS TRANSLATION / The Philippines

By Shireen Seno

Cast: Jana Agoncillo, Angge Santos, Sid Lucero, Cocoy Lumbao

#### HALE COUNTY THIS MORNING, THIS EVENING / USA

By RaMell Ross

Documentary

#### THE DEAD AND THE OTHERS (Chuva é cantoria na aldeia dos mortos) / Brazil

By João Salaviza, Renée Nader Messoria

Cast: Henrique Ihjãc Krahô, Raene Kôto Krahô

#### SRBENKA / Croatia

By Nebojša Slijepčević

Documentaire

#### ERASED, ASCENT OF THE INVISIBLE (Tirss, rihlat al sou'oud ila al mar'i) / Lebanon

By Ghassan Halwani

Documentary

#### ENDLESS TAIL (Beskrajni Rep) / Croatia

By Željka Suková

Cast: Julie Suková, Kašpar Suk, Prolaznici Tokijom, Željka Suková, Aleš Suk

**MANTA RAY** (Kraben rahu) / Thailand, France, China

By Phutti Phong Aroonpheng

Cast: Wanlop Rungkumjad, Aphisit Hama, Rasmee Wayrana

**THE SOUND OF MASKS** / South Africa, Portugal

By Sara CF de Gouveia

Documentary

**YESTERDAY** (Tegnap) / Hungary, France, the Netherlands, Morocco, Sweden, Germany

By Kenyeres Bálint

Cast: Vlad Ivanov, Djemel Barek, Jacques Weber, Gamil Ratib, Johanna Ter Steege

**STILL RECORDING** (Lisah'am tsajil) / Syria, Lebanon, Qatar, Germany

By Saeed Al Batal, Ghiath Ayoub

**RENAULT 12** / France

By Mohamed El Khatib

Docu-fiction

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## MOROCCAN PANORAMA

**VOLUBILIS** (Walili)

By Faouzi Bensaïdi

Cast: Mouhcine Malzi, Nadia Kounda, Abdelhadi Taleb, Nezha Rahil, Faouzi Bensaïdi, Mouna Fettou

**WE COULD BE HEROES**

By Hind Bensari

Documentary



## THE HEALER (Mbarkaa)

By Mohamed Zineddaine

Cast: Ahmed Moustafid, Fatima Atif, Mehdi Laarroubi, Hanane Elkabani, Nosrine Adam

## SOFIA

By Meryem Benm'Barek

Cast: Maha Alemi, Lubna Azabal, Faouzi Bensaidi, Sarah Perles, Hamza Khafif, Raouia

## STATELESS (Bila mawtin)

By Narjiss Nejjar

Cast: El Ghalia Ben Zaouia, Avishay Benazra, Aziz Fadili, Nadia Niazi, Mohamed Nadif, Julie Gayet

## CATHARSYS, OR THE AFINA TALES OF THE LOST WORLD

By Yassine Marco Marroccu

Cast: Mohamed Zouaoui, Aziz Dadas, Sonia Okacha, Ljubisa Ristic

## JAHILIYA

By Hicham Lasri

Cast: Mostapha Houari, Salma Eddlimi, Hassan Ben Badida, Rami Fijjaj

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## CINEMA FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

THE TOWER (Al borj) / Norway

By Mats Grorud

Animated film

**IQBAL, A TALE OF A FEARLESS CHILD / Italy, France**

By Michael Fuzellier, Babak Payami

Animated film

## THE PRINCESS BRIDE / USA

By Rob Reiner

Cast: Robin Wright, Carey Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Christopher Guest, Wallace Shawn, André the Giant, Fred Savage

## THE BIG BAD FOX AND OTHER TALES (Le Grand Méchant Renard et autres contes) / France, Belgium

By Benjamin Renner, Patrick Imbert

Cast: Guillaume Darnault, Jules Bienvenu, Augustin Jahn Sani, Violette Samama, Céline Ronté

Film d'animation

## THE BREADWINNER / Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg

By Nora Twomey

Animated film

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# LE CINÉMA EN AUDIODESCRIPTION POUR LES MALVOYANTS

## FACES PLACES (Visages villages) / France

By Agnès Varda et JR

Documentary

## THE EAVESDROPPER (La Mécanique de l'ombre) / Belgium, France

By Thomas Kruithof

Cast: François Cluzet, Denis Polalydès, Sami Bouajila, Siman Akbarian, Alba Rohrwacher

## LAHNECH / Morocco

By Driss Mrini

Cast: Aziz Dades, Majdouline Idrissi, Fadila Benmoussa, Mouhcine Malzi, Abdelghani Sannak

**BLADE RUNNER 2049** / USA, United Kingdom, Hungary, Canada  
By Denis Villeneuve  
Cast: Ryan Gosling, Robin Wright, Harrison Ford, Ana de Armas,  
Sylvia Hoeks,

**LADY BIRD** / USA  
By Greta Gerwig  
Cast: Robin Wright, Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf, Tracy Letts, Lucas  
Hedges, Timothée Chalamet

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## JEMAA EL FNA

**KORSA** / Morocco  
By Abdellah Toukouna  
Cast: Abdellah Ferkous, Bouchera Ahraich, Khouloud Batioui, Fadilla  
Ben Moussa, Omar Azzouzi

**AS LONG AS I LIVE** (Jab tak hai jaan) / India  
By Yash Chopra  
Cast : Shah Rukh Khan, Katrina Kaif, Anushka Sharma

**THE UNTOUCHABLES** / USA  
By Brian De Palma  
Cast : Robert De Niro, Kevin Costner, Charles Martin Smith, Andy  
Garcia, Sean Connery

**KUNDUN** / USA  
By Martin Scorsese

**ALEXANDRIA AGAIN AND FOREVER** (Iskandariyya Kaman wa  
Kaman) / Egypt, France  
By Youssef Chahine  
Cast: Youssef Chahine, Hussein Fahmy, Hesham Selim,  
Taheya Cariocca

**FORREST GUMP** / USA  
By Robert Zemeckis  
Cast: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise, Mykelti Williamson, Sally  
Field

**BROOKS, MEADOWS AND LOVELY FACES** (Al-ma' wal-khodra wal-wajh al-hassan) / Egypt

By Yousry Nasrallah

Cast: Laila Elwi, Bassem Samra, Menna Shalabi, Zeina Mansour, Sabreen

**HUSBAND MATERIAL** (Manmarziyaan) / India

By Anurag Kashyap

Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Abhishek Bachchan

**ANT-MAN AND THE WASP** / USA

By Peyton Reed

Cast: Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Peña, Michelle Pfeiffer, Laurence Fishburne, Michael Douglas

**ASTERIX & OBELIX: MISSION CLEOPATRA** (Astérix & Obélix: Mission Cléopâtre) / France, Italy

By Alain Chabat

Cast: Gérard Dépardieu, Christian Clavier, Jamel Debbouze, Monica Bellucci, Alain Chabat, Claude Rich, Gérard Darmon

**LAHNECH** / Morocco

By Driss Mrini

Cast: Aziz Dades, Majdouline Idrissi, Fadila Benmoussa, Mouhcine Malzi, Abdelghani Sannak

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## Tributes

### ROBERT DE NIRO

**GOODFELLAS** / USA

By Martin Scorsese

Cast: Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco, Paul Sorvino

## THE UNTOUCHABLES / USA

By Brian De Palma

Cast: Robert De Niro, Kevin Costner, Charles Martin Smith, Andy Garcia, Sean Connery

## RAGING BULL / USA

By Martin Scorsese

Cast: Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci, Cathy Moriarty, Frank Vincent, Nicholas Colasanto

## AGNÈS VARDA

### CLEO FROM 5 TO 7 (Cléo de 5 à 7) / France

De Agnès Varda

Interprétation: Georges de Beauregard, Carlo Ponti, Corinne Marchand, Antoine Bourseiller, Dominique Davray

### FACES PLACES (Visages villages) / France

By Agnès Varda, JR

Documentaire

### VAGABOND (Sans toit ni loi) / France

By Agnès Varda

Cast: Sandrine Bonnaire, Macha Méril, Stéphane Freiss, Yolande Moreau, Patrick Lepczynski, Yahiaoui Assouna

## ROBIN WRIGHT

### THE PRINCESS BRIDE / USA

By Rob Reiner

Cast: Robin Wright, Carey Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Christopher Guest, Wallace Shawn, André the Giant, Fred Savage

### SHE'S SO LOVELY / USA

By Nick Cassavetes

Cast: Sean Penn, Robin Wright, Harry Dean Stanton, James Gandolfini, John Travolta

**FORREST GUMP / USA**

By Robert Zemeckis

Cast: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise, Mykelti Williamson,  
Sally Field

**BLADE RUNNER 2049 / USA, United Kingdom, Hungary, Canada**

By Denis Villeneuve

Cast: Ryan Gosling, Robin Wright, Harrison Ford, Ana de Armas,  
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