

EVENTS, TALKS & PARTYS

FILMFEST HAMBURG



FRI 27 SEP

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN DISTRIBUTORS

27 - 30 Sep

The African-European Distribution Academy (AEDA), initiated by Neue Visionen Filmverleih and supported by Medienboard Berlin Brandenburg and MOIN Filmförderung Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein, is stopping at FILMFEST HAMBURG. The program fosters collaboration between African and European film distributors and producers.

Closed event

PANEL SPECIAL EVENT – TALK WITH MOHAMMAD RASOULOF

18:00 | Passage Kino

The renowned director Mohammad Rasoulof talks about his personal experiences and tells us what it means to make films under a repressive regime and to find ways for his own artistic freedom.

Host: Farzad Pak

The talk will be held in Farsi and will be translated into German for the audience. | With accreditation only

PARTY TAP WATER & CAVIAR

21:00

Hakim + König Film, Fortune Cookie Film, Heimathafen Film, Studio Funk, and Optical Art are hosting the Tap Water & Caviar film party for the third time, featuring over 500 guests, top cocktails, and a mix of AfroBeats, HipHop, and more to keep the dance floor lively.

Participation by invitation only / contact for the waiting list: Max König mail@hk-film.de

PARTY FILMFEST BAR OPENING: GUUC X FUEGO!

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

Guuc20459 and Fuego, key figures in Hamburg's nightlife, have hosted over 60 parties in venues like PAL, Golden Pudel Club, and Uebel & Gefährlich. Now, they're teaming up for FILMFEST BAR to provide the soundtrack for the opening ceremony with their record bags and USB sticks ready.

Free entry

SAT 28 SEP



GET TOGETHER HARBOUR BOAT TOUR

11:00 | Pier Kajen, Hohe Brücke 2, across Speicherstadt / Binnenhafen

The MOIN Filmförderung Film Commission is hosting its traditional Harbour Boat Tour at FILMFEST HAMBURG. The tour explores the historic Speicherstadt, new Hafencity developments, and scenic spots between Norderelbe and Reite, with stops at iconic locations like Övelgönne and Landungsbrücken. Guests can enjoy inspiring filming locations and network with fellow visitors on board.

Registration until 25.09.2024: location@moin-filmfoerderung.de

PARTY BRAVE NEW WORK PARTY

21:00 | Indra Club, Große Freiheit 64

Limited contingent, contact: Vivian Scheurenberg Dorsey film@bravenewwork.de

PARTY BONUS PARTY

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

BONUS is a Hamburg-based party series and DJ duo, founded by Barbaros & David Lenk, focused on house music. Their events celebrate timeless house and pay homage to the golden era of electronic music.

Free entry



MON 30 SEP

NEW TALENT #ATELIER24

30 Sep - 3 Oct | Studio Funk

At the four-day creative workspace, German film students meet international debut filmmakers for the third time. After exclusive screenings of debut films and moderated discussions, there is time at #ATELIER24 to exchange ideas with a delegate from Cannes' Semaine de la Critique, focusing on transitioning from film school to major festivals.

FILMFEST HAMBURG #Atelier24 is supported by Studio Funk, the Institut Français and THE POST REPUBLIC. | Closed event

CONFERENCE EXPLORER KONFERENZ

11:00 - 19:00 | Katholische Akademie

The theme of this year's EXPLORER CONFERENCE, kicking off INDUSTRY DAYS, is "Risk & Reward". Renowned speakers will explore how taking risks enables diverse and innovative content for cinema, TV, and streaming. Keynotes and panels will offer insights into recognizing, managing, and assessing risks and rewards in the development, production, and marketing of new films and series.

An event organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG in cooperation with Produzent*innenverband e.V. and MOIN Filmförderung Hamburg-Schleswig-Holstein

Tickets at www.explorer-konferenz.de

AWARD CEREMONY & PARTY HAMBURGER PRODUCER AWARDS & PARTY

19:00 | HALLE D, Lagerstraße 11, 20357 Hamburg

The Hamburg Production Awards, concluding Producers' Day, honor international and German cinema co-productions with €25,000 each, funded by Hamburg's Ministry of Culture and Media. The German TV Production Award (€25,000) and the special "Serial Formats" award (€10,000) are supported by the Collecting Society of Film and Television Producers (VFF).

Award ceremony for invited guests, followed by a party for everyone from 10 pm

PARTY EGYM PARTY

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

EGYM is a Hamburg-based electronic music collective. For over two years, they have shaped the city's cultural scene with diverse events, including a residency at the Golden Pudel Club featuring guests like Manoa, Dj Saliva, and Dangersmami. For FILMFEST HAMBURG, EGYM is showcasing its own members: Newinfluenzer, 11Schnull, and yamyam.

Free entry



TUE 1 OCT

WORKSHOP PROTOTYPING IDEAS IN VR – VISUALIZING STORIES IN VIRTUAL REALITY

09:30 - 11:30 | TONALI, Kleiner Kielort 3-5, 20144 Hamburg

The workshop offers filmmakers a hands-on introduction to virtual reality, focusing on how to develop stories using digital tools, from concept to visualization. Participants can use the free 3D software Blender to create scenes, experience them in VR, and refine them dynamically. Laptops can be brought for active participation, and no prior knowledge is needed.

Tutors: Dennis Reinmüller, Deborah Reinmüller, Doppel Real (Kiel) An event organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG in cooperation with MOIN Filmförderung Hamburg-Schleswig-Holstein, ENCOURAGE Film Talents and Creative Europe Desk Hamburg

Closed event

PANEL INSPIRING TALK – WOMEN IN THE LEAD

10:00 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

The male dominance in the film industry is fading as more qualified women in their 40s and 50s take on leadership roles in festivals, cinemas, production companies, and film markets. In an open dialogue, these women discuss responsibility, empowerment, and their paths to success. The conversation serves as an exchange of experiences and a source of inspiration for ideas and solutions in companies.

Wiebke Andresen, Letterbox Filmproduktion | Tanja Meissner, Director Berlinale Pro* | Malika Rabahallah, FILMFEST HAMBURG | Verena von Stackelberg, Wolf Kino Berlin

Host: Hannah Pilarczyk With accreditation only

NEW TALENTS ENCOURAGE FILM TALENTS INDUSTRY DAY

12:00 | TONALI, Kleiner Kielort 3-5, 20144 Hamburg

The first ENCOURAGE Film Talents Industry Day on October 1 will focus on networking, career development and strengthening the voices of a new generation of filmmakers. New film material for projects will also be pitched to the industry.

An event organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG in cooperation with ENCOURAGE Film Talents

Event is open to accredited festival visitors, there is a limited contingent

PANEL IMPACT STORYTELLING – EVERY CRISIS IS ALSO A CRISIS OF STORYTELLING

12:00 - 14:00 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

Every crisis is a crisis of narrative, including the climate crisis. The Impact Storytelling event explores why new narratives are essential to address this issue and how filmmakers, with their imaginative storytelling, can help overcome the climate crisis.

Speakers: Lars Jessen, Director | Nicole Zabel-Wasmuth, Planet Narratives | Samira El Ouassil, Screenwriter

Impact Storytelling is an event organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG in cooperation with Planet Narratives. Planet Narratives is a non-profit initiative that supports filmmakers in incorporating the future of the planet into their stories.

With accreditation only

GET TOGETHER INDUSTRY RECEPTION

18:00 | Café Schöne Aussichten, Gorch-Fock-Wall 4, 20354 Hamburg

Networking, exchange and reunion: FILMFEST HAMBURG and Studio Hamburg invite you to the industry reception.

With the kind support of Studio Hamburg

With accreditation only

GET TOGETHER STILL YOUR DARLINGS

19:00 | Aalhaus Hamburg, Eggerstedtstraße 39, 22765 Hamburg

Many screenwriters have projects that were rejected but still hold a special place in their hearts. This event gives selected authors the chance to pitch these projects again in five minutes, potentially gaining new industry partners or an award. We'll also discuss tough rejections and the "broad topics" currently sought by broadcasters and streamers.

Hosts: Sebastian E. Merget und Lena Krumkamp

Public event, admission free

PARTY FILMFEST KARAOKE NIGHT

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

We've shown we excel at movies and partying, and now it's time to showcase our musical talents! At the FILMFEST Karaoke Night, everyone can be a star—perform solo or in duets, with pop classics or movie songs, transforming the FILMFEST BAR into the FILMFEST OASIS.

Free entry



WED 2 OCT

PANEL OMNI INCLUSION DATA: FOCUS ON DIVERSITY

10:00 - 11:15 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theater 3

How diverse is the German film and media industry? The new OMNI Inclusion Data platform aims to provide answers. In his keynote, Hamburg's Senator for Culture, Dr. Carsten Brosda, will discuss the importance of diversity for a sustainable media landscape. Prof. Dr. Skadi Loist and MOIN CEO Helge Albers will present initial results from the OMNI pilot phase, which features an accessible, anonymized online survey tool to better capture industry diversity in the future.

Speakers: Dr. Carsten Brosda, Senator of Ministry of Culture and Media of the Free and Hanseatic city of Hamburg Prof. Dr. Skadi Loist, Filmuniversität Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF Helge Albers, MOIN Filmförderung

With accreditation only

PANEL 70X DIVERSER: FOCUS ON FILM REFORM

11:30 - 13:00 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theater 3

The new film reform could significantly transform the German film industry, emphasizing diversity—mentioned nearly 70 times in the new FFG draft compared to just once in the old law. The panel will discuss the planned measures, including a diversity advisory board, featuring key voices from various communities and representatives from the BKM and FFA.

Speakers: Faraz Shariati, Producer and director, Jünglinge Film (Black Fruit) Jan Ole Püschel, Ministerial Director of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media Nataly Kudlabor, Managing Director UFA Fiction Olaf Jacobs, Producer Hoferichter & Jacobs Gesine Cukrowski, Actress and co-founder "Let's Change The Picture" Host: Lara Sophie Milagro, Actress and moderator

The panel discussion is part of the „All You Need is Law“ series organized by MOIN Filmförderung in cooperation with the media law firms GRAEF, UNVERZAGT and VON HAVE FEY.

With accreditation only

PANEL BALANCING ACTS: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF CREATIVITY IN WORK AND LIFE

14:00 - 15:30 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

In his keynote, creative industry leader Daniel Lamarre will discuss creativity, drawing from his 2022 book, "Balancing Acts: Unleashing the Power of Creativity in Your Work and Life". As former managing director of Cirque du Soleil, he will share insights on balancing creative ambition with business needs, emphasizing the importance of fostering a creative environment for employees to explore their own ideas.

This event is organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG as part of the Strategic Partnership between the Government of Québec and the Senate of Hamburg.

With accreditation only

NEW TALENTS ALL EYES ON US – TALENT FILMS WANT TO BE SEEN!

16:00 - 17:30 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

Regional funding programs and federal film funding reforms aim to enhance talent promotion, primarily focusing on feature film development and production. However, support for the release of talent films and access to exploitation markets is often overlooked. Young filmmakers, funding representatives, and distributors will discuss key questions: What partners do talents need for film exploitation? What funding tools are required for innovative strategies and audience engagement? How do filmmakers and distributors define the success of talent films? Insights from other European countries on marketing talent films will also enrich the discussion.

Speakers: Asli Özarslan, Director | Alexandra Krampe, Julex Film / Produzent*innenverband | Hans-Christian Boese, Piffi Medien | Mariana Schneider, Kuratorium junger deutscher Film | Andreas Rothbauer, Picture Tree International

Keynote: Olivier Péliçon, Semaine de la Critique

Host: Maïke Höhne, Kurzfilm Festival Hamburg

An event organized by FILMFEST HAMBURG in cooperation with the Producers Association and the Board of Trustees of Young German Film

With accreditation only

GET TOGETHER APÉRO ARTE

17:00

For over 30 years, ARTE has initiated, organized, and co-financed international film partnerships, showcasing diverse cinematographies and cultures. Similarly, FILMFEST HAMBURG has featured films from these collaborations for 32 years.

Admission for invited guests only

PARTY .RAVE PARTY

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

A pulsating heartbeat in the night blurs the boundaries where film meets bass. We create a space where time dissolves and the city moves to the rhythm. Get ready for the unexpected soundtrack of FILMFEST HAMBURG. Welcome to .rave.

Special: Bingo! With Johannes Raum (20–21:30 Uhr)

Presented by: CURLY x OMA INGE X PORT AU PRINCE

Free entry



THU 3 OCT

PANEL DIVERSITY, PROGRAMME & NARRATIVE

10:00 - 11:30 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

After a period of growth and near full employment, we now face a decline in TV productions, cinema co-productions, and high-quality programs. Marketing-driven TV standards dominate linear programming, while innovative series are often low-budget projects aimed at young audiences in media libraries. This raises several questions: What strategies inform these decisions? What diversity and gender targets have been achieved, and how do they affect cinematic narratives and cultural change? What are best practices for handling diversity, and what should the future of television look like?

Speaker: Christoph Pellander, ARD Degeto | Christian Granderath, NDR, Lars Becker, Director | Joan Kristin Bleicher, Media scientist

Host: Bettina Schoeller Bouju

With accreditation only

PANEL CLICHÉ, SLAPSTICK & KITSCH – HOW DO WE TELL EAST GERMAN HISTORY(IES)?

A conversation with Christian Schwochow

12:00 - 13:30 | CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

Director Christian Schwochow, known for his works like Novemberkind and Bornholmer Straße focuses on East German narratives. The discussion at FILMFEST HAMBURG will explore how our East German and German-German history is represented in film, particularly in the popular genres of comedy and spy thriller.

An event organized by MOIN Filmförderung

and the German Film Academy

With accreditation only

PANEL BETWEEN HORROR AND THRILLER: FEMALE PERSPECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL GENRE FILMS

14:00 - 15:30 CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

Whether as Final Woman on screen or Lone Woman behind the camera, more women are entering the thriller genre 111 years after Lois Weber, one of the first female directors of thrillers. WIFT Hamburg will discuss the opportunities and possibilities of genre films, from horror to thriller, with female filmmakers.

Speaker: Katrin Gebbe (Writer & Director „Nothing Bad Can Happen“, „Pelican Blood“, „The Empress“) | Carly May Borgstrom (Writer & Director, „Spirit in the Blood“) | Fleur Fortuné (Director, „The Assessment“) Moderation: Frederike Dellert, Co-Director & Shareholder Fantasy Filmfest

With accreditation only

PANEL BLACK FRUIT – SCREENING & FILM TALK

16:00 - 20:15 CinemaxX Dammtor, Theatre 3

The series Black Fruit is the result of free artistic collaboration by a diverse creative team with a flat hierarchy. It tells stories beyond traditional TV standards, offering perspectives on the lived realities of queer Black people in Hamburg. Under Christoph Pellander, ARD gave head writer, creator, and actor Lamin Leroy Gibba and his team significant creative freedom to produce a series focused on the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community in Hamburg. After the screening of the first three episodes, there will be a discussion with Lamin Leroy Gibba and the cast and writers of the series. Following this, three more episodes will be shown. Black Fruit will be featured out of competition in the TV section.

Speaker: Lamin Leroy Gibba and Team

Host: Bettina Schoeller Bouju

For ticketholder

GET TOGETHER FILMFEST CIRCLE

18:00

The artists' regulars' tables from Hamburg—SHE ACTS (Cosma Dujat), Künstlersalon (Ingo Abel), and Acting Circle (Albrecht Ganskopf, Andrea Gerhard & David Wehle)—believe in creative collaboration and invite you to network.

Participation by invitation only, contact: David Wehle acting-circle@gmx.de

FRI 4 OCT

PARTY [sic]NAL PARTY

21:00 | FILMFEST BAR/Kasematte20, Alsterglaciis 20

[sic]nal broadcasts various radio programs from Uebel & Gefährlich, creating a diverse meeting space beyond a simple recording studio. The online station activates local scenes, connects creative individuals and groups, and integrates them into the local music industry. It also supports emerging artists and serves as an experimental space for established acts.

For the closing of FILMFEST HAMBURG, [sic]nal Radio will accompany the after-show party with music from its own team and stream live video during the DJ sets.

Free entry