



Programmation Long Story short 2023...  
13th FESTIVAL DU FILM MERVEILLEUX FROM 20th TO 22nd SEPTEMBER 2023

Christine Cinéma Club, 4 rue Christine 75006 PARIS every day at 8pm

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## SCREENING 1: Wednesday 20th September

### **Chronologie directed by Victor Cesca and Clémence Roscand**

**Runtime :** 7'52

**Production :** Amiel Tenenbaum

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** A look, a melody, that's how their love story begins. Suspended above the ocean, the couple progress where music, dance steps, and emotions intermingle.

Two souls, one life: this is the story of Chronologie.

### **Darb'ohra (another time) directed by Sarah Zammit**

**Runtime:** 13'33

**Production :** Jean Pierre Borg, Julian Guillaumier and Sarah Zammit

**Country :** MALTA

**Synopsis :** Ben, a young boy with a keen and curious mind, stumbles upon a charming little toyshop in the heart of a Maltese village. Intrigued by its potential mysteries, he wanders in. Among the mechanical treasures and skilled woodwork lying inside, Ben's attention lingers on a mysterious hidden object on one of the shelves. Overwhelmed by his curiosity, he discovers something he could never have imagined, that will take him on a journey into the captivating mysteries of Time and Space.

**The Call of Water directed by Kaya Tone**

**Runtime:** 19'

**Production:** David M. Night Maire, Brian Plain and Tim Preston

**Country:** USA

**Synopsis:** Flung into the astral-plane, Nadia must face ancient forces in order to realize her responsibility to her homeland.

**Mental Soirée directed by Alberto Arellano**

**Runtime:** 5'

**Production :** Jakub Laskus

**Country:** SPAIN

**Synopsis:** A Manual for a study of Telepathy in 3 steps leads the story through an evocative universe. The mind is like a shipwreck, which always leaves remains on the beach...the film tells the story of two shipwrecked people who meet in a unique soirée. "We truly recommend to the viewer to follow strictly the steps and test the experiment by themselves."

### **Hot Rod directed by Juliette Gilot**

**Runtime:** 17'02

**Production :** White Star

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Summer 2031, 104°. Saadia, 16, is oriented in mechanical school although the car industry is in crisis and there are only a few electric cars in circulation. Her friends, Charly and Titi, throw a joke to cheer her up: what if the car of the future was a horse?

Against all odds, Saadia trades her scooter for a massive workhorse which she brings back to the heart of her housing project...

### **Ana Morphose directed by Joao Rodrigues**

**Runtime:** 10'

**Production :** Rodrigo Areias

**Country:** PORTUGAL

**Synopsis:** A little girl reads herself to sleep. As she dozes off, the physical world starts melting into an alternate reality where the contents of a book rule over the laws of physics.

Ana has to escape being swallowed by the overwhelming accumulation of printed knowledge and find her own space in a world where nothing is what it seems.

### **El After del Mundo directed by Florentina Gonzalez**

**Runtime** : 11'

**Production** : Autour de minuit

**Country**: FRANCE

**Synopsis**: Mankind no longer exists, only Fluor and Carlix remain, two ghosts in sportswear. They wander among the remains of an extinct civilization, one in search of a WiFi connection, the other in search of the head of a giant cetacean. A story of encounter and friendship, punctuated by a final playlist: that of the end of the world.

### **L'Air de Rien directed by Gabriel Hénot-Lefèvre**

**Runtime** : 14'

**Production** : Folimage, Gebeka Films

**Country**: FRANCE

**Synopsis**: In a sanatorium by the sea, an old man finds his life transfigured by the arrival of a seagull, that he delicately tames. When the seagull gets wounded, the man takes care of her, and for a brief moment, he returns to boyhood again.

## **SESSION 2: Thursday 21st September**

### **Mirage de Jeanne Dressen**

**Runtime :** 17'03

**Production :** Thierry Bohnké

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Alexis Meunier, a young employee from AllisClean is on assignment to go to the Houdini housing complex to check in with Mirage, a company cleaner who has somehow disappeared. Meunier searches the building from top to bottom to find many clues that she is still around yet it is impossible for him to find her.

### **A Fairy Tale directed by Zoé Arene**

**Runtime :** 19'49

**Production :** Benoît Roland, Bastien Dare, Arthur Goisset and Robin Robles

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Apprentice filmmaker Juan makes a documentary portrait of Coco, a thirty-something-year-old marginal.

The film is quickly called into question when Juan discovers that Coco thinks she's a fairy in a disenchanted society.

### **Home of a Heart directed by Sarah Saidan**

**Runtime :** 14'32

**Production :** Camille Condemi, Jérôme Barthélemy et Daniel Sauvage

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Omid is an Iranian immigrant who came to France with his family. One evening, in the street, he is attacked and stabbed in the heart. But Omid gets back up! At the hospital, the diagnosis is formal: he has no heart. Has he left it behind in Iran?

### **Town Hall Square directed by Christian Kaufmann**

**Runtime :** 8'35

**Production :** Paulina Larson

**Country:** GERMANY

**Synopsis:** Bernard works behind the windows of a ticket booth at the Town Hall Square subway station and is waiting for something he seems to have forgotten. One day, however, a little tiger shows up and turns Bernard's orderly life upside down. A short film about an unexpected visitor, annoying radio songs and the lust for life!

### **Bad Seed directed by Nadège Herrygers**

**Runtime :** 12'

**Production :** Duno Films

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** In a city, Sadia is involved in a mysterious traffic. One of her friends, Arthur, surprises her and discovers what she is hiding. He will have to make a choice.

**Out of the Blue directed by Taya Ben Jebara, Carl Castan, Orane de Gouttes-Pegot, Camille Depay, Sana Dupont and Alice Bastien**

**Runtime :** 6'25

**Production :** Ecole Georges Méliès

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** In a monochromatic city where everybody looks like one another, a painter arrives one day with the goal of offering diversity. Carrying a gigantic trailer, she will soon disturb the peaceful harmony of the town by transforming one of its inhabitants...

**Spationautes directed by Milan Enguehard-Souc**

**Runtime :** 4'23

**Production :** Atelier de Sèvres

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** In a far future, Leto, a young human, and his elder mentor, Thir, travel across a foreign planet searching for an extremely rare flower.

**Drone directed by Sean Buckelew**

**Runtime:** 15'

**Production :** E.D. Films

**Country:** USA

**Synopsis:** An animated short about a malfunction at a CIA press event that causes a Predator drone with an ethical AI personality to go mad as it tries to understand its purpose in the world.



### SESSION 3: Friday 22nd September

#### **Kafka's Doll directed by Bruno Simões**

**Runtime :** 10'

**Production :** Humberto Santana and Roger Torras

**Country:** SPAIN

**Synopsis:** Inspired by an unproven myth, Kafka's Doll is an animated short film that blends factual research, fiction, fantasy and myth into a single heart-warming story about loss.

#### **Opulence directed by Clément Rièrè**

**Runtime :** 19'14

**Production :** Thierry Lounas

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Mathilde, a comic strip artist, lives alone in a house-studio in the country. While she's working hard on her new futuristic adventures album of Saul, her astronaut hero, she is offered a box of old pencils by her neighbor, a second-hand dealer, without imagining for a moment that they have extraordinary power. Thanks to them, everything Mathilde draws can come true.

#### **Search for the Human directed by Mélina Ienco, Lucie Juric, Caroline Leibel, Faustine Merle and Claire Pellet**

**Runtime :** 6'44

**Production :** Gobelins, l'école de de l'image

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** In a fantasy world, a griffin embraces his fate and goes on an epic journey to find a legendary creature : The Human.

### **PLSTC directed by Laen Sanches**

**Runtime :** 1'37

**Production :** Laen Sanches

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Welcome to the world of PLSTC, an undersea dystopia that submerges you in the disturbing reality of plastic pollution. Through a series of graphically confronting AI-generated and hand-composited images, this animated film confronts you with the devastating consequences of our habits on marine life and leaves you gasping for breath.

### **There is Nothing Nice Deep Within directed by Fiorella Spitzer**

**Runtime :** 7'35

**Production :** Melinda Kiss

**Country:** HUNGARY

**Synopsis:** A girl's repressed feelings burst to the surface like devastating fire, destroying reality, forcing her to flee to a subconscious world where she has to face her demons.

### **Midnight Hotel directed by Vincent ALBERT, Neïl DIEU, Malo DOUCET, May TARAUD and Marie TOURY**

**Runtime :** 6'46

**Production :** Gobelins, l'école de l'image

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** What if it were possible to meet one another in our sleep? One night, three strangers find themselves in a Hotel of dreams. They must navigate this strange world together before dawn.

**OKMO directed by Lola Dubettier and Romain Perset**

**Runtime :** 12'30

**Production :** Cyril Patin

**Country:** FRANCE

**Synopsis:** Once upon a time, a boy was born from a tree. Etan wanted to become a tree himself, like his father, but it was impossible. With his friend, the fairy Lavy, he embarks on a journey of initiation to find his own heart.

**La Calesita directed by Augusto Schillaci**

**Runtime :** 9'37

**Production :** Reel Fx Animation

**Country:** ARGENTINA, CANADA, USA

**Synopsis:** A heartfelt story of the beloved Argentinian merry-go-round operators who have dedicated their lives to providing fun and happiness to children and their neighborhoods. This is a story of perseverance and community above the individual.



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