

# PRESS RELEASE

**The 15th edition of the Marvelous Film Festival celebrates imagination from around the world in Paris**

**September 18-20, 2025 at Christine Cinéma Club**

Paris, August 20, 2025 – The Marvelous Film Festival, an international event dedicated to fantastic and marvelous cinema, returns for its 15th edition from September 18-20, 2025 at Christine Cinéma Club (4 rue Christine, 75006 Paris). This unique festival offers an exceptional program celebrating imagination and cinematic creativity from over 30 countries.

## **A cinematic journey through world cultures**

For fifteen years, the Marvelous Film Festival has brought together cinema lovers around a carefully curated selection, exploring themes of the marvelous, science fiction, and fantasy. This year, the program offers a true cinematic world tour with works from Russia, Spain, Belgium, the United States, Switzerland, France, Iran, South Korea, Benin, Germany, Italy, China, and Kazakhstan.

"After fifteen years of existence, our festival continues to carry this mission of cultural exchange and discovery. We invite the public to escape for a few moments and discover the beauty of our world through meaningful stories," explain Bénédicte Beaugeois and Maureen Gerby, festival founders.

## **A new award for societal impact**

Major innovation of this 15th edition: the creation of the SDG Impact Award (Sustainable Development Goals), which will honor a film using fantasy to promote sustainable development goals in the areas of environment, equality, and cultural exchange.

This distinction joins the eight other awards presented: Best Film, Best Animation Film, Best Screenplay, Best Music, Jury Prize, Youth Prize, Best Special Effects, and Special Mention.

## **An exceptional jury chaired by Florent Lamy**

The 2025 jury is chaired by Florent Lamy, founder and CEO of Elevate Management, recognized expert in transatlantic talent strategy and producer. Named "Future Leader" by Screen International in 2016, he will be accompanied by Christine Mazereau, director of RECA (Animation Cinema Schools Network) with 30 years of experience in European audiovisual, as well as Joan Bohan (ex-Walt Disney Company), Christophe Fustini (screenwriter), and Fabien Houssaye (actor).

## **Three exceptional evenings**

The program is structured around three thematic sessions:

**Thursday, September 18 - Session 1: "Distorted Realities & Identity Quests"** Opening cocktail at 7:30 PM, screening at 8:00 PM 11 short films exploring distorted realities and identity quests, between Soviet mysteries, emotional artificial intelligence, and unexplained phenomena.

**Friday, September 19 - Session 2: "Broken Dreams & Unexpected Encounters"** Screening at 8:00 PM 9 films questioning broken dreams and life-changing encounters, between French social realism and twisted tales.

**Saturday, September 20 - Session 3: "Ghosts of the Past & Metamorphoses"** Screening at 8:00 PM, followed by closing cocktail at 10:00 PM 8 works on transformation and memory, exploring love that transcends borders, from Kazakh steppes to scientific experiments and fantastic metamorphoses.

### **A festival with international reach**

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### **A commitment to new generations**

True to its educational mission, the festival also offers the "Kaleidoscope" program with educational activities around science, environment, and media literacy, particularly aimed at young audiences.

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION** Dates: September 18, 19 and 20, 2025 Location: Christine Cinéma Club, 4 rue Christine, 75006 Paris (Odéon Metro) Schedule: Screenings at 8:00 PM each evening.

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