

Festival du film

Merveilleux & Imaginaire

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EDITION

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Festival du film Merveilleux & Imaginaire places its 2026 selection in dialogue with the Sustainable Development Goals

Held under the patronage of the French National Commission for UNESCO, 26 short films from 12 countries highlight eight SDGs across three evenings of competition.

26 SHORT FILMS	12 COUNTRIES	3 EVENINGS	4 h 43 OF SCREENINGS
DATES 16, 17 and 18 September 2026 VENUE Christine Cinéma Club · 4 rue Christine, 75006 Paris		TIMES Screenings at 7:30 p.m. HIGHLIGHTS Opening cocktail on 16 September at 7:00 p.m. · Closing cocktail and awards ceremony on 18 September after the screening	

From 16 to 18 September 2026, Festival du film Merveilleux & Imaginaire will bring together 26 short films from 12 countries at the Christine Cinéma Club. For the first time, the selection is considered through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

The approach is not intended to impose a single interpretation on the works. It highlights films that naturally engage with education, health, equality, inequality, climate, peace, sustainable cities and transmission. Works that are purely artistic or humorous may therefore remain deliberately unassigned to an SDG.

This initiative reflects the patronage granted to the 16th edition by the French National Commission for UNESCO and the Festival's mission: to make cinema a space for intercultural dialogue, exchange and reflection on major contemporary issues.

KEY POINTS

8 SDGs HIGHLIGHTED SDGs 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13 and 16 are represented in the 2026 selection.	A NUANCED READING Each film is connected only with the goal it illuminates most naturally.	A MEDIATION RESOURCE The programme can support discussions with schools, institutions and cultural networks.
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Film stories engaging with major contemporary issues

The aim is not to impose a framework on the entire selection, but to highlight the films that naturally lend themselves to this reading.

2 Zero Hunger and sustainable agriculture La ferme de papi	3 Good Health and Well-being Gian · Our Fleeting Soul · No Wind to Hold · Lifelines · BRIDGE — My Little Friends · A Brushstroke · Strive · The Dracula Secret · Don't Dust Up
4 Quality Education Grown Up Day · Above · Sulaimani · Sequential · Les bottes de la nuit	5 Gender Equality The Skin I'm In
10 Reduced Inequalities Immigrant · Share the Happiness	11 Sustainable Cities and Communities Bourreau des Cœurs · El Din
13 Climate Action Hope · The Cloud Herder	16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions At Night · La Reine · Omnivore

An invitation to schools and institutions

The Festival aims to encourage the use of short films as a starting point for conversations around the SDGs. Schools, universities, cultural institutions and organisations interested in a screening, discussion or educational activity based on a film and a goal may contact the festival team.

About the Festival

Festival du film Merveilleux & Imaginaire is a Paris-based event dedicated to short films exploring the marvellous, the imaginary and the diversity of artistic worlds. Since its creation, it has showcased French and international filmmakers and made cinema a meeting place for intercultural dialogue and exchange.

Its 16th edition brings together 26 short films from 12 countries, connecting artistic creation, a diversity of perspectives and major contemporary issues. The Festival's 16th edition is held under the patronage of the French National Commission for UNESCO.

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