

Festival du film

Merveilleux *et* Imaginaire

16th
EDITION

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16 – 18 September 2026

Christine Cinéma Club · 4 rue Christine — 75006 Paris

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OFFICIAL SELECTION 2026

The films in competition

26 short films · 3 sessions · 12 countries

For its **16th edition**, the Festival du film Merveilleux & Imaginaire unveils the films selected in competition, screened from **16 to 18 September 2026** at the Christine Cinéma Club in Paris. Three evenings celebrating the marvellous, the imaginary and the power of the short film.

The festival is held **under the patronage of the French National Commission for UNESCO**, whose values it shares: education, equality, peace, health, climate and inclusion.

A reading through the Sustainable Development Goals

For the first time, the selection is read through the lens of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, echoing UNESCO's values. Each film that lends itself to it is paired with the goal it illuminates most naturally; purely artistic or humorous works are deliberately left without an SDG.

SDG 2 Zero Hunger **SDG 3** Good Health and Well-being **SDG 4** Quality Education **SDG 5** Gender Equality
SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities **SDG 11** Sustainable Cities and Communities **SDG 13** Climate Action
SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

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Official Competition

PROGRAMME · 16 → 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Christine Cinéma Club
4 rue Christine, 75006 Paris
Screenings at 7:30 p.m.

SESSION 1 “What We Carry Within Us”

Wednesday 16 September 2026

Cocktail 7:00 p.m. · Screening 7:30 p.m. · 8 films · 1 hr 30

Grown Up Day <i>Le jour des adultes</i>	David Caspir	France	22'08 MIN	SDG 4
At Night	Pooya Afzali	Iran	5'00 MIN	SDG 16
Gian	Hamed Yousefi	Iran	13'00 MIN	SDG 3
La Reine	Anaëlle Perthuis, Jeanne Trupin, Nour Baz, Mathilde Le Men, Liam Pavie, Lauryne Grisin	France	6'25 MIN	SDG 16
The Skin I'm In	Elena Vialykh	United Kingdom	14'32 MIN	SDG 5
Our Fleeting Soul <i>Nos âmes fugitives</i>	Marin Caquez, Eva-Louise Moreau, Nour Kharraz	France	8'06 MIN	SDG 3
No Wind to Hold <i>Le vent se lève</i>	Mickaël Abbate & Chris Conti	France	14'35 MIN	SDG 3
Bourreau des Cœurs	Inès Moussard, Antoine Genza, Ilian Belkilani, Sam Ripart, Alexandre Julhe, Camille Duvere	France	6'00 MIN	SDG 11

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SESSION
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“Looking It in the
Face”

Thursday 17 September 2026

Screening 7:30 p.m. · 9 films · 1 hr

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Hope	Jamal Ademola	USA · Nigeria	3'55 MIN	SDG 13
Above	Dmitry Borzykin	Russia	19'49 MIN	SDG 4
The Cloud Herder	Aidan McAteer	Ireland	7'05 MIN	SDG 13
Sulaimani	Vinnie Anne Bose	France	19'49 MIN	SDG 4
Immigrant	Nilram Ranjbar	Iran	1'40 MIN	SDG 10
Omnivore	Daria Garonika	Russia	14'00 MIN	SDG 16
Share the Happiness	Azimjon Rahimjonov	Uzbekistan	8'00 MIN	SDG 10
Lifelines <i>Lignes de vie</i>	Bruno Richaud	France	12'57 MIN	SDG 3
BRIDGE — My Little Friends	Kazuyuki Ishihara	Japan	9'30 MIN	SDG 3



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SESSION 3 “The Imagination and Its Shadows” **Friday 18 September 2026** Screening 7:30 p.m. · Cocktail
10:00 p.m. · 9 films · 1 hr 36

A Brushstroke <i>Un coup de pinceau</i>	Stéphane Martinet	France	19'33 MIN	SDG 3
El Din	Julien Regnard & Pascal Giraud	Belgium · France	5'14 MIN	SDG 11
What Keeps Us Together	Sergei Annenkov	Russia	13'00 MIN	—
La ferme de papi	Elise Coupet, Matthis Acker, Yseult Duval, Yves Dubois, Anaïs Mulier, Camille Majorczyk	France	6'17 MIN	SDG 2
Strive	Jussi Rautaniemi	Finland	14'50 MIN	SDG 3
The Dracula Secret — Piwooz Music-Hall <i>Le secret de Dracula</i>	Giovanni Gasparetto	France	2'30 MIN	SDG 3
Sequential	Bruno Caetano	France · Italy · Poland · Portugal	12'05 MIN	SDG 4
Don't Dust Up	Anastasia Pastory	Russia	10'06 MIN	SDG 3
Les bottes de la nuit	Pierre-Luc Granjon	France	12'22 MIN	SDG 4



Sustainable Development Goals

PRESS MEMO • UNITED NATIONS 2030 AGENDA

17 goals

2030 Agenda • UN
8 in the 2026 line-up

The Festival reads its selection through the lens of the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations member states as part of the 2030 Agenda. This memo gathers the 17 goals and what each stands for. The marked goals are those that one or more films of the **2026 selection** illuminate most

naturally. ● Goal illuminated by a film in the 2026 selection

1	No Poverty End poverty in all its forms everywhere.	2	Zero Hunger ● End hunger, achieve food security and sustainable agriculture.
3	Good Health and Well-being ● Ensure healthy lives and well-being for all, at every age.	4	Quality Education ● Ensure inclusive, equitable education and lifelong learning.
5	Gender Equality ● Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.	6	Clean Water and Sanitation Ensure access to water and sanitation for all.
7	Affordable and Clean Energy Ensure access to affordable, reliable, modern energy.	8	Decent Work and Economic Growth Promote inclusive growth and decent work for all.
9	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure Build resilient infrastructure and foster innovation.	10	Reduced Inequalities ● Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11	Sustainable Cities and Communities ● Make cities safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable.	12	Responsible Consumption and Production Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
13	Climate Action ● Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.	14	Life Below Water Conserve and sustainably use the oceans and marine resources.
15	Life on Land Protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.	16	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions ● Promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies.
17	Partnerships for the Goals Strengthen the means and global partnership for the goals.		